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The Public Forum

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throughout the Province could not have taken a few more guests.

Coming back to the Charlottetown situation, it might perhaps be well if the public knew something of the difficulty of operating a hotel in this city where it is kept open all the year round. I speak now for the Victoria and Queen.

In the operation of the Victoria we give a first class service, as good as can be had anywhere excepting in some high priced, exclusive hotels of large cities. In giving this service we must have forty guests in order to just pay our way or break even. When we have under that number we are losing money; when over that number we make money and a good profit. If we had the same business all the year round as we have in the summer time our problem would be an easy one but, unfortunately, for the greater part of the year we are running with less than forty guests and then we lose money rapidly.

In the first six months after we bought the Victoria in 1919 we dropped just $10,000. From the 1st of December, 1925, to 1st of May, 1925, we lost just $7,000, so you can see that we must get the summer business and a lot of it if we are to keep this hotel open twelve months of the year.

With the Queen we neither lose or make much money. When we bought this hotel it was with the intention of closing it but, on a careful observation of the hotel and boarding house situation, we believed we saw the necessity of continuing this old and well known house and we did so and by so doing have provided a comfortable home for a number of people whose families are too small to warrant their keeping house and also to transients who want a good hotel at a moderate rate. We cannot make any money in the Queen under our present plan of operation.

Now, you may say "What is all this about?" Just this. The Victoria and Queen Hotels employ about sixty people twelve months in the year and distribute upwards of $100,000 annually in the city. Other hotels employ an equal number in proportion to their size.

We are always hearing the question asked why are not industries established in this Province and why do not people invest their money at home rather than abroad. The reason is obvious judging from the lessons of the past. Just as soon as new enterprises commence to make headway they become the target for the disintegrators or for those who have no investment in them and therefore nothing to lose by their demolition. Is that the case with the Charlottetown Hotels Company?

So far as the Charlottetown Hotels Company is concerned, I can say positively that if a new hotel erected and operated by government capital is established in this city, such hotel will undoubtedly so divide up the summer trade as to make it impossible to operate the Victoria Hotel in the winter months and with some doubt of being able to operate it even in the summer.

Our present proposed plan, if the Board of Trade succeed in persuading the Canadian National to erect a new hotel within the city, is to open the Victoria from the first of June to the first of December and then use the Queen all the year round for our transient and commercial trade. This would mean throwing forty employees out of work for six months of the year, something we would greatly regret doing but something that could not be avoided.

It might not be out of place to again point out to the public that in the seven years that we have been operating these hotels the shareholders have had only one dividend (1925) of six per cent. Of course, we have very much improved and enhanced the value of the property but we do feel we are entitled to some credit for this policy of providing better accommodation for the public and foregoing our dividends.

Now we honestly believe that there is at the present time ample accommodation for all the tourist trade that is coming to the province and if more is required we can assure the public that we are in a position to provide it by changing the Queen from a semi-transient to a transient hotel and, if necessary, converting the annex of the Victoria into rooms.

I do not think the management of the different hotels can be accused of not being progressive. So far as our own management is concerned, we have been most active in working through many channels to bring tourists here and we have been investing large sums of money in hotel improvement so as to take care of them when we get them here.

I am not just clear as to what extent the Board of Trade is behind this new hotel move. Out of a membership of one hundred and forty-two or thereabouts there were twenty-three at the annual meeting and I could not gather that those present were unanimously in favor of the move.

I cannot see that any harm can come of fully reviewing the hotel situation of the province and it may be that the move to bring into existence a new hotel financed by government capital which will undoubtedly seriously injure some of our present hotels which are being operated by private capital may be delayed at least until there is more need of it than at present.

I am, Sir, etc,

W. K. ROGERS,

President Charlottetown Hotel Co., Ltd.

Queen Mary Starts Big Parrot Sale In London

Carries Favorite Polly to Sandringham and British Dealers Since Are Unable to Get Enough to Supply Demand: New Bird Lacks Vim of Old One at Cheshire Cheese.

LONDON, Jan. 17. —Since it was announced that Queen Mary carried her favorite Brazilian parrot with her in a large canvas covered cage when she left for her winter holidays at Sandringham, bird dealers are unable to get enough parrots to supply the demand.

The Queen and the parrot episode, together with the wide publicity given to the death of the famous talking parrot at the "Cheshire Cheese" which had chatted with Princess Mary, the Prince of Wales and many British persons of title has created an unusual interest in talking birds.

Polly of the Cheshire Cheese has been replaced by another gray parrot which resembles the old favorite very closely, but he is younger and lacks Polly's linguistic accomplishments. The new parrot has less national spirit than his predecessor and cannot swear at the Kaiser with all the vehemence of the departed favorite.

The old gentleman was very fond of golf, but his play seemed to get worse and worse.

Finally, after missing the ball every time, he turned to his patient caddie, and remarked:—"Dear, dear! there can't possibly be worse players than myself."

"Well, perhaps there may be worse players," said the boy consolingly, "but of course, they don't play."

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The Mighty Microbe Enemy And Friend

The Mail and Empire reports as follows a lecture by Dr. William L. Holman, Bacteriologist in the University of Toronto. Dr. Holman is a son of Mrs. R. T. Holman and the late Mr. R. T. Holman, Summerside:

The one constant menace to mankind, the most potent dictator of the lives and habits of the people, the thing that must be reckoned with before all else, for in ignorance is disaster; this thing is the microbe. As Dr. W. L. Holman, professor of bacteriology at the University of Toronto, told the story, last Saturday night in Convocation Hall to the members of the Royal Canadian Institute of the effect of the microbe on human society, there was unfolded by degrees, a tremendous drama of gigantic proportions greater in effect than all the wars of all time.

"Notwithstanding the tremendous harm which microbes have done," declared Dr. Holman, "we have learned that the vast majority of them are not only harmless to man, but they are of great benefit to him and, in deed, continuous life on this earth is dependent on bacterial actions. All formed living things— insects, animals, fish and man, would, after death, in a reasonably short time, cover all the earth with their dead bodies and withdraw from circulation the necessary elements for futher life were it not for the bacteria, which break down these bodies into the simplest forms which plants can use to start the life cycle anew.

"Even this necessary function of bacteria has its drawbacks when our food becomes the material for the breakdown process and the economic loss from decaying food is, of course, very great indeed. To overcome this we have developed the canning industry and this industry, to be successful, depends upon the complete destruction of bacteria in the canned foods. The olive industry in California lost millions of dollars because a few cans out of many millions were not properly heated before closing."

Dreaded Bacteria

The bacteria that have learned to begin their activities in the living bodies, the disease—producing germs, these were the ones to be dreaded. The activities of bacteria manifested in the disease and death of human beings, despite the interest aroused by bacterial activities in agriculture and many industries, were the ones most interesting to the mass of people, said Dr. Holman.

THE RUSH TO THE CITIES.

Statistics compiled in the United States show that the trend of population of the republic is living in urban territory. That is to say 50.9 per cent. are living in incorporated places, and 49.1 per cent. in rural territory. This condition of affairs has been attracting more than ordinary interest and discussion.

In Canada also the rush to the cities has aroused concern. Not long ago the Minister of Agriculture of Quebec declared that a movement has become necessary to attract people back to the land.

Now that good roads are becoming more common and traffic between cities and country districts has become easier, it has been suggested in the United States that money shall be set aside by the Legislatures so that travelling motion picture shows can frequently visit small places.

The suggestion has also been made that the State ought to organize various country clubs in which young people can meet and enjoy the amenities of social life.

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—AT HOME.—Mrs. A. Keith Lord, Cape Traverse will be at home to her friends on Thursday the 20th from 3 to 5. and from 7 to 10. 3428

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. W. B. SMITH

The death occurred at Howser, B. C., on Wednesday, Dec. 1st after a long illness of Mary E. Smith, wife of W. B. Smith of Howser. The late Mrs. Smith was a resident with her family of Kalso, some ten years ago, going from here to the Lardeau country. She was one of the most highly respected ladies in the northern district, and had many warm friends in Kalso. She had been bed ridden and helpless for the past year, suffering from paralysis.

Besides a sorrowing husband, the late Mrs. Smith leaves to mourn their loss four daughters, Mrs. Ward Metler, Spokane; Mrs. Charles Randall, Mullan, Idaho; Miss G. Florence Smith, San Francisco; Mrs. Leonard Lamerton, Mullan, Idaho and one son Silas A. Smith, Chicago, Ill., also three sisters, Mrs. George H. Brooks, Gardner, Mass., Mrs. Annie MacGougan, Malpeque, P. E. I., Mrs. A. W. Woodside, Darnley, P. E. I., and one brother James M. Thompson, Darnley, P. E. I.

The remains were brought down from Howser to Walla Walla, where interment was made in the Oddfellows Cemetery.

JOHN P. HEGAN DIES AT OTTAWA

Many friends in Saint John will hear with great regret of the death of John Parks Hegan, formerly a prominent business man of this city, which occurred in Ottawa yesterday after a brief illness says the Saint John Telegraph-Journal. Mr. Hegan was a son of the late John and Eliza Hegan of "Westbank", Mount Pleasant avenue, in Saint John, and in early life was in the carpet business in this city. He and his brother, the late George Black Hegan were partners in the carpet enterprise which they carried on in the years just after the great fire of 1877. Later, John Hegan was the accountant with John Parks, in the Parks Cotton Mill. Some years ago he left for the west and located in Milwaukee. On his retirement he went to Ottawa to reside and had lived there ever since.

Although it was many years since Mr. Hegan made his home in Saint John, he was a frequent visitor in the city, and had been here as recently as last summer. He is survived by one sister, Miss Sarah Hegan, of Saint John, and one brother, James Hegan, of Charlottetown, P. E. I.

The body will be brought to St. John for interment and will be accompanied by John Black Hegan, a nephew, who is a member of the staff of the Bank of Commerce in Ottawa. Funeral arrangements are not yet made.

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ITALY WINS.

The Jacques Schneider maritime cup is the emblem of national supremacy in high-speed flying by sea planes. Last year the cup was won for the United States by Lieutenant Doolittle. This year the race, which was held over Chesapeake Bay at Hampton Roads, was won by an Italian, Mayor de Bernardi, who broke all existing records by flying 217 miles in four seconds less than fifty-three minutes. That means an average speed of more than 246 miles an hour. Lieutenant Schilt of the United States Marine Corps was second; he took nearly four minutes more to cover the course.

Studio-styled hats show a radical change this year over last. Norma Shearer, Gertrude Olmsted and Claire Windsor, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer players, are wearing brimless, tight-fitting shapes; sports chapeaux of various shades; double brims, and narrow brims with high crowns. Chanel red predominates the color schemes.

January Clearance Sale

Wholesale Prices all over Store

Offers Buyers all over P. E. I. a Notable Saving Opportunity

To clear our shelves and fixtures before stock taking, we are offering some most sensational values for this sale. In many departments we find that we have considerably more merchandise than we want — these offers are our method of taking you into partnership — we have the goods — you have the cash—we'll make the prices so that it will pay you well to turn some surplus cash into needed goods.

January Sale of Men's Overcoats and Suits

15 only Men's Winter Overcoats in fancy Fawn and Lovats, all wool tweeds, shield lined with plaid back cloths, half belt models, sizes 35 to 38 ..... $19 50
Child Cotton Overall Suits 79c

Boys' Fancy Grey all wool Tweed two pant suits in fancy Norfolk style, with three piece belt, full lined coats and large roomy bloomers, with TWO pairs pants all sizes $7 75

24 pairs Men's Fancy Tweed Trousers in Greys, Browns and dark tweeds $2 95

Boys' Norfolk Mackinaws $5
Boys' Dark Tweed Bloomers $1.29

Men's Fancy Tweed and Worsted Suits in all wool materials, plain blues, browns, fawns and dark mixed tweeds, full lined coats, single breasted sizes 36 to 44 ..... $15 75
Small Boys' Cotton Bib Overalls 53c
YOUNG Men's double breasted tweed suits in fancy greys, fawns and light mixed tweeds this is the very newest model and correct for the younger man who wants something smart. $11 95
Men's all wool Mackinaw coats dark fancy plaids, heavy weight shawl collar, full belt $5 75
Boys' all wool mackinaws $3.95
Boys' wool tweed Bloomers $1.69

WHOLESALE PRICES ON ALL OTHER LINES

Boys' Police Braces 19c

Boys' Police Braces with leather end and back pad 19c
All lengths Men's Police Braces, leather ends 29c
Men's Flannel Khaki or Grey Shirts, all sizes $1.49
Men's leather Muleskin Mitts 45c
Ribbed Corseted Golf Hose, Union knit,, all sizes, per pair 45c
Big showing of boys' winter caps, all kinds, wonderful winter sale bargain 50c
Big offering Men's winter Caps with inside turn down bands very special chance at 89c

Men's Broadcloth Shirts $1.79

Broadcloth shirts in blue, cream, white and Tan, 14 1-2 to 17 ..... $1.79
Boys' leather mule skin mitts 30c
THREE TIES for a dollar, in plain silk and knitted silk very special 35c each or 3 for $1
Heavy wool Sweater, Coat and pullover style, all sizes and popular colorings $3.19
Genuine PENMAN fleece lined underwear for MEN 75c
PENMAN Combinations for MEN.. $1.50
Penman's two piece underwear for BOYS all sizes 60c
PENMAN'S Combinations for Boys $1.15

January Sale Ladies' Fur Coats

2 only Ladies' French Seal Coats plain, sizes 36 and 40 ..... $80.00

1 only Ladies' Hudson Seal Coat, trimmed Sable, size 40 ..... $175.00

2 only Ladies' Southern Rat Coats plain sizes 36 and 40 ..... $90.00
1 only Ladies' Southern Rat Coat, plain 38 in sizes 36 ..... $50.00
1 only Ladies' short Beaverine Coat, size 38 ..... $60.00

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Ladies' and Misses' Dresses HALF PRICE

In this assortment which you will find conveniently arranged on one ring, there are Dresses of Flannel, Tweed and Poiret Twill as well as Silks, in many styles, clearing for this sale at

HALF PRICE

Girls' Sweaters Red, Sand and Navy, belted styles, clear $1.75

JANUARY CLEARANCE

Ladies' and Misses' Coats HALF PRICE

There are TWO large rings of handsome well tailored coats of all the popular cloths, mostly with fur collars, in all average sizes, to clear during this great January Sale at

HALF PRICE

All other coats—all new this year, offered without exception at ONE THIRD OFF.

$3.69 Splendid line of Ladies' and Misses' JUMBO sweaters in Pullover style Red, Powder Blue, Sand, Beige and White, a sensational bargain for the great JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE AT $3.69

January Sale of Ladies' Coatings Clearing at one-third off

Needlepoint Marvellas $11.50 for... $7.67
Needlepoint Marvellas $ 7.25 for ... $4.84
Needlepoint Marvellas $ 5.25 for ... $3.50
Velour Coatings $4.25 for $2.84
Chinchilla Coatings $4.25 for $2.84
Chinchilla Coatings $3.50 for $2.34
Velour Coatings $4.50 for $3.00
Velour Coatings $3.25 for $2.17

All coat clothes will be cleared at ONE THIRD OFF.

3 colours in Melton Tweed especially adapted for Children's wear January Clearance Sale 49c
54 inch Navy and Black all wool serge, special Sale bargain 93c
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Special Black Duchesse Satin, 36 inches wide, all silk heavy weight, bright finish $1 29
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Natural Pongee, 33 inches wide 45c
in white, flesh, snapdragon, sand, navy, ful fabric for dresses and lingerie, washboard," 75c

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