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THE MINTO.

People were amazed yesterday when it was learned that the S. S. Minto, after her first round trip from this port, had gone to Georgetown. Immediately on learning of this the Board of Trade wired Sir Louis Davies at Ottawa, and we are informed that he, too, signified his surprise at what had taken place. The Board were informed that Capt. Finlayson's orders from the Department were to continue his trips to Charlottetown as long as it was safe to do so. It is now hoped that the steamer will be returned to this port, as was done with the Stanley last year after she had quit us. It will be strange indeed if the new steamer cannot make this port in calm, clear weather, and while there is not ice enough to prevent the ferry steamers running.

The business interests of this port are too important to be trifled with. And now that we have a new steamer in addition to the Stanley it will be a serious reflection upon the Government if the Charlottetown-Pictou route is not kept open at least while the conditions are so favorable as they are at present.

Though British members of Parliament receive no pay, a writer in the Political Science Quarterly estimates that it costs, on an average, \$5,000 each for candidates who contest an election, and \$2,500 each yearly for the members elect in various contributions for the benefit of their constituents.

The Halifax Chronicle and Echo proposes to raise a Contingent of 1,000 men, all Nova Scotians, for service in South Africa. And men from all parts of the Province as well as Nova Scotians residing in distant parts are showing great eagerness to enlist. Evidently the two Contingents provided for by the military authorities are not nearly big enough to hold all the Canadians who want to fight the battles of the Queen.

The great newspapers of Toronto, had a big fight for their respective candidates in the mayoralty election there. The Globe and the Star backed Mr. Fleming, who was defeated. The Mail and the News supported Mr. E. F. Clarke, M. P., who was also defeated. The World supported Mr. E. M. McDonald, who was elected by a large majority. He had been several times a candidate without success in previous years, but this year polled over 11,500 votes.

Boston city council recently by a majority vote adopted a resolution of sympathy for the Boers amid a scene of great disorder. Meanwhile the Boston Herald remarks:—

"If the descendants of those who secured the independence of the United States had a half-century ago concluded to treat the immigrants who came to this country in the way that the Boers have treated those who have gone to settle in the Transvaal, these immigrants and their descendants, including those who came from Ireland, would now be looking upon the ruling American class, that excluded them from political rights, that restricted them in their trade and in the practices of their religion, as tyrants whom they were justified in overthrowing and dispossessing if they could."

The Western Mail, a prominent English paper has the following comment on the attitude of Canada:

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier is the first French-Canadian Premier Canada has ever had. The French in Quebec helped to swell his majority. This is a fact the Canadian Opposition cannot forget, but they will do no service to the Empire by anything tending to reflect upon a body of colonists we in England hold in honor. With all his love of Britain, Sir John A. Macdonald left it to his French-Canadian successor, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to formulate the policy of joining in the Empire's battles."

THE EDITOR'S MAIL.

Farm Crops and Winter Roads.

SIR,—As I write to enclose you \$1.00 this year's subscription to the GUARDIAN, I would like to make a few statements that might be helpful to P. E. Islanders. We are glad to read about the plentiful harvest at home in the Island this year, but sorry to hear of such low prices, especially for potatoes. Speaking about it a few days ago to another Island man who is doing business here, he said: "God in nature tried some years to teach the farmers a lesson how to handle their produce, by withholding the crop, and the year the potato crop is scarce on P. E. I. there is always a good price for it; if there is better price for potatoes any year it is scarce in P. E. I. It must in some degree control the market and demand a higher price when scarce. Why do not the farmers unite and make it scarce every year by holding it for a higher price? The farmers ought to make their own prices for their goods, every other business does, all classes of tradesmen do. The merchant's inferior goods are set up to the highest prices and change not, no matter what the price of produce by which these good are to be paid."

The professionals salaries are never cut down. If on an exceptional occasion a good minister would cut down his salary to help out his congregation he is sure to have the reward at least of seeing it published in the newspapers. Among the doctors are men who consider the poor man's case, but their charges are far too high, considering the wages paid to mechanics or laborers on P. E. I. What a tremendous amount of labor a poor

farmer, this very year, would have to do in a potato field to turn out of it what would pay a few trips of a doctor at the charge of \$2 or \$3 a call. The lawyers—What will we say about them? Are they needed? Pity the poor farmer who gets into their clutches when potatoes are 17 cents per bushel. We need not say more on that subject. Every one knows its the truth. How are we going to remedy the evil? The answer is at hand. Co-operation with all it means, co-operation in all farm products as well as in cheese. It is the merchants aim to buy his goods as cheap as he can, and sell as high as he can to his customers, pay as little as he can for farm produce, and get as much as he can for it. So in co-operation, the farmers would have the two profits saved by buying their goods as cheap as the merchants could, and getting as much for their produce.

If it don't make my letter too long, I would like to throw in another suggestion about our winter roads in P. E. I. Always after a snow storm every man in every family, eligible for road breaking and one horse and sleigh are expected to turn out to what they call road breaking, and they generally do. But they do not break or make roads at all, they simply make a track to show the travelling public where they want the roads to be.

They drive 10 to 20 horses and sleighs through deep snow, each horse treading or stepping in the leading horse's foot prints, the snow between these prints is left untouched. When they get to the end of their district and return they consider the road in good shape, but no horse can trot on it, for if he does, his steps being longer than the walking horses were, he will have to make new steps for himself in the banks left untouched. So what breaks the road is trotting a horse, so his steps will be longer than the road breakers horse's steps were, or by leading a horse so heavy that he cannot step as long as they did. Instead of this way of road breaking, why do not the overseers put 10 or more horses if required in teams and hook them to a snow plough or a drag of some kind that would not cost much over two dollars to get up, and at once crush the snow down solid and wide enough that horses can pass without either one being forced off the road. Roads broken in the old way are so narrow that after the first snow drift they fill up so that strangers are liable to get their horses hurt. If they miss the 9 or 12 inch track they will be plunged in deep snow or cut their feet in hard snow. With a snow plough or drag system there would be a hard track as wide as they choose to make it and easily kept, though filled up until it was crushed down again.

Our Island people are of late years, getting so frightened of snow that a very small snow bank in the lanes, drives them to the fields, and line fences are torn down, fence poles stuck on end at each break to show travellers where the 12 inch track is. Even with the best field roads it is poor travelling. For through 5 chain farms a traveller cannot trot his horse over chains when he will have to walk to cross the line fences, lest his horses feet gets tangled in the poles often left there. These field roads are often over ploughed land, that a very light thaw lays bare, and the result is that every one makes his own road by working nearer the lane into deeper snow. There is not the least reason for having such roads as I have described. All that is needed is a little ambition in the people to have a good thing, especially when it costs them nothing. It can be truly said, that in winter roads P. E. I. is two hundred years behind the age.

Yours truly A SUBSCRIBER, Quincy, Mass.

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