

Mr. Blake and the Tariff.

"When we do lay a tariff upon an article capable of being produced in the country, a protection is given to the manufacturer."

Commenting on this utterance of the Leader of the Opposition, the Monetary Times (an independent journal) says—Mr. Blake practically gives up anything like wholesale opposition to the existing tariff.

Far from saying that we must make the principles of free trade paramount to every other consideration, he distinctly takes the ground that "in the political application of these principles to our conditions, we must look at what our circumstances have been, are, and are likely to be."

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The Dead Meat Trade.

A few days ago we published an article upon the extensive dead meat trade now being opened up in Nova Scotia by Mr. Symes. This business is likely to prove very profitable to the farmers of our island, and our Provincial Secretary, ever on the alert in any matter designed to promote the welfare of the people, has been very liberal in his efforts in this matter, and we shall be glad to welcome Mr. Symes whenever he can make it convenient to visit us.

I have read with the greatest satisfaction the report of an interview with you, published in the Halifax Argus. Prince Edward Island, although limited in extent, will, I trust, prove to you a valuable source of supply of the cattle you require, situated as it is so near to Halifax, and possessing a soil so well adapted for the raising of stock. Our sheep, although capable of being greatly improved, are, I believe, nearly if not altogether equal to any in the continent, and are being raised in large numbers. A good deal of attention is also being directed to the improvement of the breeds of horned cattle. A steady demand for good cattle at fair prices will soon cause an abundant supply. There is a considerable number of good cattle in the hands of our farmers which have been fed with the hope of a shipment being made to England. But as there is at present no prospect of any shipping accommodation from this port, their owners would welcome a purchaser. I would strongly advise you to come here, or if that is inconvenient to you, to put yourself in communication with Messrs. Blake Bros. butchers of this city, who have a better knowledge of the business than any I know of in the island, and will find men of integrity. If you know of any way in which I can be of any assistance to you, please intimate it, and you may command my services."

HALIFAX, N. S., April 29th, 1881.

HON. DONALD FERGUSON, Prince Edward Island.

DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your kind letter, and the receipt of books which will be of great service to me.

All being well, it will afford me great pleasure to visit Prince Edward Island some time in June, and to speak in public on that date on the ground that the addition proposed to be made to his salary (\$400) is not sufficiently large to make up for the difference of removing from this Province, where he is settled, and knows his field of duty thoroughly, to Manitoba, where the cost of living is much greater, and where he knows no persons or locality. It is said that some two years ago, Mr. McLeod was offered a position in Manitoba, and that he would then have accepted the offer, if the salary incident to the position was made equal to that of the other inspectors on the mainland. But this has not been done; and as Mr. McLeod is admitted to be one of the very best officials of his class in the employ of the Government, it seems as though his removal to the proffered honor is

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but reasonable. The interchange of officials from one Province to another, we think, right; but care should be taken they be placed on an equality as to salary. An Island official is entitled to receive just as much for his services as a Nova Scotian or an Ontarian. We must insist on fair play.

Exports.

We are indebted to E. L. Lydiard, Esq., Customs Broker, for the following statement of produce exported from Queen's and Kings Counties for the month ended 30th April, 1881:—

Table with columns: Commodity, Quantity, Value. Includes Potatoes, Oats, Miscellaneous, etc.

Total for month, \$40,987. Cash receipts for same time, \$18,790.63 for April 1880, \$6,028.30.

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The Presbytery.

This morning the Presbytery resumed the consideration of the first count in the libel against S. G. Lawson. Rev. James Allan was appointed to assist Mr. Lawson in his defence. The following witnesses were examined for the defence, viz.—Rev. S. G. Lawson, David Lawson, Esq., and Mayor of West River.

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The Supreme Court.

The Easter Term of the Supreme Court opened this morning. The Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Peters, presiding. There is a very small docket, consisting of seven appeals, and a few motions for new trials.

In the case of Larkin vs. Bernard and others, the court gave judgment in favor of the respondents. In the case of Cushing of Montreal, vs. Coombs, the court made the rule absolute for a new trial.

In the case of J. R. McLean, appellant, vs. James Dunlop, respondent, tried at Georgetown, the judgment below was reversed with costs. Messrs. Spence, McAulay, Howatt and Dunsford, jurers in the Lawson-Stewart libel case, appeared at court today.

Mr. McLean, Howatt and Dunsford severally addressed the Court, and expressed contrition of heart and spirit. Spence did not say anything himself, but Mr. Hodgson, his counsel, said that all the conversations had between Spence and Pollard, were conducted by the Deputy Sheriff. The Justice then admonished them and discharged the jury. Arbing not having appeared, a bench warrant was ordered.

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Local and Other Items.

Go to W. P. Colwell's for good Clover and Timothy Seeds. [a 14] We are indebted to John Inge, Esq., for late English papers.

It is said that Island Park Hotel will be opened this summer.

RIVER DRIVING has commenced on all the small streams of New Brunswick.

PERSONAL.—From this date Dr. Conroy will be found at the "Revere House" after office hours.

A FINE lot of horses were shipped to the State of Ohio on Monday, by Mr. W. S. McKie, of New Glasgow.

J. H. CATHELAN, Esq., returned from England on Monday evening. We are pleased to see him looking so well.

THOMAS WAKE, convicted of stabbing Andrew Lawson recently, was, on the 31st ult., sentenced to two and a half years in Dorchester Penitentiary.

MAJOR GENERAL.—The funeral of the late Charles McFarlane, which took place Wednesday evening, at the Masonic Lodge of this city, is recalled.

GARDEN SEEDS, just arrived, warranted good and fresh, the best you can get. Call and get them at the "Family Grocery." R. K. BRACE. (By wky—may 5)

AMERICAN FLOUR.—Messrs. Owen Connolly & Co. imported, per schooner "Laura" and "Bonnie," which arrived yesterday from New York, one thousand barrels of flour.

PERSONAL.—We understand that Dr. Taylor leaves for Europe on Saturday next. He will be absent for three months. Instructions regarding his patients will be left at his office.

MR. CHARLES E. HIGGINS passed a creditable examination, and was today admitted to study law in the office of Messrs. Davies Sutherland & Weeks. We wish him success.

EGGS, EGGS.—Farmers and Pedlars, we would advise you to take all your Eggs to R. K. BRACE, Queen Square, if you want the highest price for the best satisfaction.

"The Royal Hotel" just opened by Mr. Raymond, on King street, is ready for the reception of guests.—St. John Telegraph.

MARINE EXAMINATION.—At the examination just concluded, Lemuel Gordon, George W. Shaw, and Little John, of the "Royal Hotel," passed very satisfactory examinations for masters, and Charles McDougall, Belfast, for mate's certificate of competency.

WE WERE most happy last Tuesday to welcome Mr. McGill, who returned from Boston last evening. He had been in the States for the winter in the United States. We are glad to observe that he is much improved in health, and we look forward to several years of usefulness to our island.

ANOTHER SUDDEN DEATH.—Wednesday a little boy, six years old, son of Mr. James Macdonald, yardmaster at the Railway Station in this city, sitting on a sofa, after having eaten his breakfast, when he suddenly threw up his hands, and exclaimed: "Oh! father, I'm dead," and within a few minutes expired. It is not known what was the cause of death. We deeply sympathize with the bereaved parents in the loss of their child.

The steamer "Prince Edward," Robert Fraser, commander, arrived from Liverpool on Saturday, with a cargo of general merchandise. She had a full passenger list, and in 46 04 N. and 43 44 W. she passed the ship "Edgar" at 10 22 N. and 43 44 W. She passed the barque "Hylan," of Matland, N. S. She did not encounter any ice until she passed Canso; but reports much in the Bay and Strait of Canso.

The market Tuesday was very fair. Prices as follows: Beef (small), 6 to 12 cents; do (quarter), 8 to 10 cents; Mutton, 7 to 12 cents; Lamb, 10 to 12 cents; Pork, 10 to 12 cents; Butter, 18 to 20 cents; Butter, 17 to 19 cents; Eggs, 11 to 14 cents; Hay, 45 to 50 cents; Oats, 45 to 48 cents; Feed, 20 to 25 cents; Potatoes, 25 to 30 cents; Flour, 90 to 95 cents; Oatmeal, 32 to 35 cents; Fowls, 20 to 30 cents; Pork (carrion) 6 to 7 cents; do (small), 7 to 10 cents.

From the Canada Gazette of the 30th April, we learn that Lt.-Col. Taylor will, in addition to his duties as Deputy-Adjutant-General for District No. 9, take over the duties of D. A. G. for Districts Nos. 8 and 12, with headquarters at St. John, N. B., instead of at Halifax, N. S. Brigade Major Frazer, of District No. 12, will cease to discharge the duties of D. A. G. for District No. 12, and will report to D. A. G. Taylor.

Appointment.—The Major, Captain and Adjutant B. J. Purdy, Q. F. O. 82nd Battalion, from 26th May, 1874.

The steamer "Carroll," Captain Wright, sailed for Boston on Tuesday evening with a large cargo of produce (see shipping list) and the following passengers: Wm. Wellin, John Conroy, P. Steele, A. McSwain, F. Smith, J. Morrow, P. McLaughlin, Miss McDonald, F. H. McDonald, D. McKinnon, C. W. Shaw, D. McLean, J. C. McLean, Miss McLean, Miss Robinson, P. H. Brooks, D. McLean, F. McKinnon, J. Carroll, B. Trainer, R. McLeod, J. Neilson, P. Colwell, W. Farney, W. Connolly, A. McDonald, John Power, W. Hughes, Wm. W. Hennessey, E. Perry, Mrs. Wm. Harris, W. P. William, Wm. Dennis, R. White, L. Arthur, Miss Barrett, S. Stone.

A HANDSOME present.—We were shown last evening by Dawson a magnificent, and very valuable, silver-gold-mounted watch, which is to be presented to Mr. Robert Galbraith. It is one of the handsomest ever presented to this Province. On it is the following inscription:—

PRESENTED TO R. GALBRAITH, ESQ., R. M., 82ND BATTALION, RESERVE MILITIA, BY HIS FRIENDS IN CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., FOR HIS MANY YEARS' SERVICES AS BANDMASTER, 1881.

Just before the close of the late session of the Legislature, the Legislative Council passed a resolution, which appeared in our columns, sympathizing with Hon. Joseph Wrightman in his illness. This resolution was also forwarded to the honorable gentleman, who has kindly acknowledged its receipt by letter to Mr. Ball, the Clerk of the Council, wherein he cordially thanks his fellow Councilors for the expression of their sympathy, and Mr. Wrightman's bodily health continues to improve, his mind, judging from the letter which he wrote, remains unimpaired, and we sincerely trust that a kind Providence may restore him soon more to take part in the Council of our Province.

BEIG L. J. WESTWAY Sailed.—Have advised of April 16th, as follows: The brig "L. J. Westway," which sailed from Roanoke some days ago for Charlottetown, P. E. I., was towed back to that port on the 15th, under the following circumstances: On her arrival at Roanoke some weeks back the brig came in contact with, and caused some damage to, the steam crane by the side of the pier, and proceedings were commenced against Captain McLeod before the Tribunal of Commerce. The brig, after discharging, cleared at the pier, and was towed back to the pier, and proceeded down the river without a tug or pilot, stopping at Caumon to take in ballast. On this the adverse party caused the papers of the brig to be seized, and the vessel, meantime, having shipped her ballast, proceeded on her way without papers and with out tug. The following night she grounded above Roanoke, but floated on the tide, and arrived at the latter place. There she was overtaken by a tug authorized to tow her back to Roanoke, and she is now at that port awaiting the decision of the Tribunal.

Local and Other Items.

The Empress of Russia is reported to be shortly ill. PORTUGAL LA PRAIRIE, is to be the terminus of the North Western Railway.

The Ship Laborers of St. John are on strike. They demand \$2.50 per day.

The brig, A. McLeod, McLeod, master, arrived at St. Dunings, 14 days from New York.—All well.

W. SUGAR.—The sale has been made of 200 bushels of Porto Rico sugar, but said to be at 6c.—Montreal Gazette, 25th.

The best varieties of Seeds for Farm and Garden at GEORGE CARTER'S. Call and get his catalogue. ap20—dy 31 m w f wky 2

A LITTLE boy named Clonkey residing at the east end of the City was attacked by a vicious rooster in the streets of St. John on his several times, picked and the little fellow's eyes so badly, that he is now partially blind.

MR. FRANCIS BELL has been appointed by the Department of Agriculture to take charge of the cattle lately imported in the "Queen Edward" while in quarantine at the Stock Farm.

OWEN CONNOLLY & Co. are showing a large and varied stock of English and American staple and fancy Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats, Caps, &c., which they are selling at prices specially low. m 21

The Citizens of Halifax are taking active measures towards making successful, the Royal Canada Art Exhibition, to be held there early in July next. His Excellency the Governor General and the Princess Louise will open the exhibition.

W. WELSH, Esq., and wife, returned last Thursday from an extended tour in Great Britain and the United States and Canada, a victory in the latter country. He held there early in July next. His Excellency the Governor General and the Princess Louise will open the exhibition.

BLAKE'S STALL, in the market, Friday, contained some extra fine beef. The carcass of a steer, fed by Hon. John Longworth, weighed (live) 1,005 lbs.; dead, 920 lbs., and a half-yearling steer, by Hon. J. H. Peters, three years old, gave 670 lbs. of splendid meat.

A CORRESPONDENT reports that Stanley Bridge is impassable, and wishes us to call the attention of the Commissioner of Public Works to the necessity of seeing that there is no delay in the execution of the contract. The public, it is said, are put to a very great inconvenience, and there should be no unnecessary delay in completing the work.

THE SOUTH Act seems to have no effect in Summerside. In closing a complimentary meeting of the 25th inst., the Hon. J. H. Peters says: "As there has been for some time a regular wave of drunken revelry passing over the town, we hope those who champion the cause of temperance will see that meetings are held with the view of retarding the current in this direction."

FRESH Garden and Field Seeds at W. P. COLWELL. [a 14]

The steamer "Edgar Stuart" sailed last Saturday for St. John's, N. B., with Messrs. Bout and Leung, by Messrs. Wright and McNeil, and George J. Wright, for Halifax, by Mr. Leung, and upper leader by William Boyle, for St. John's N. B., potatoes in barrels, by Messrs. J. H. Brown, Donald Farquharson, E. E. Newbery, for the New York market. This steamer will be on berth at this port again on Thursday next.

CONVICTS.—On the 27th April, at Mill View, 49, before James H. Boules, and J. J. McLeod, Esq., Justice of the Peace, and aided in the sum of 25 cents and costs for an assault upon Charles Nicholson, Oswald, Daniel McLeod was convicted and sentenced to three months in the Penitentiary, and Charles Nicholson, Oswald, Donald Gillis, Archibald Gillis and Malcolm McLeod, were summoned for throwing stones, sticks, etc., on the 27th of April, 1881.

PERSONAL.—We learn that L. Arthur, of the firm Arthur & Co., of this city, left for Boston last Tuesday, for the purpose of carrying on a general commission business there, in our Island produce; he has given general authority to those who place their orders in his hands.

OBITUARY.—On Friday our ordinary column contained the death of Mr. Peter Leung, Jr., of St. John, a gentleman well known and highly esteemed in this Province. Neglected his health, and he died on the 27th inst., and passed peacefully away at his residence. He was a former wholesale dealer in mass, and a pioneer in the purchase of cattle in other markets. When the city market was opened in 1876, he was one of the first to sell his goods here, and he was one of the first to place his orders in his hands.

We have had the pleasure of examining "The History of the Morison or Morrison Family," by Leonard A. Morrison, published by A. G. Taylor, and printed by the same. It is a handsomely printed volume, of some 470 pages, and contains most of the traditions of the Morisons, (Mac Macmillan) in this Province, and a record of the descendants of the Hereditary Judges to 1880;—a complete history of the Morison Settlers of Lunenburg, N. H., of 1719, and of the descendants of the Morisons of Preston Grange, Scotland, and other families. The work, which is most interesting, and exceedingly well arranged, is now in the hands of the printer, and will be ready in three or four years, and during its preparation, the author wrote more than twenty-five hundred letters, and travelled more than ten thousand miles. Our countrymen, and especially those of the Morison, Esq., belong to the Edinburgh branch of this extensive family.

Fire Investigation.—April 29. The investigation into the fire at Mr. E. W. Smith's boot store, Queen street, was continued yesterday evening. After the examination of Mrs. Smith, J. J. Davis, Fireward, and Thomas Flynn, City Marshal, were examined.

Mrs. SMITH, (sworn).—I could say nothing about the shavings. The first alarm I heard was the fire bell. I then called the women in the house. They went to it, but I did not go. Last summer two keys were tied together. The key of the door lock was found the next day. In the meantime, the key of the stable was used. The padlock that supplied the missing key came from the fire, and cannot account for the origin of the fire in any way. I did not notify the police that Miss Jennings lost the keys or money on the night of the fire, as I thought it best to be quiet. I was so concerned about what I did that night. I was so concerned about what I did that night. I was so concerned about what I did that night.

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