

The Daily Examiner

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Our Postal System.

Those who are born critics, must needs have something to criticise; and when other objects for their shafts are wanting, the Post Office and its officials are always convenient. For the Post Office is in closer relationship with the public than any other department of Government, it deals with enormous quantities of little things in which the people are personally interested, and in common with all humanity, Post Office officials, however capable and careful, will occasionally make mistakes and are liable at all times to be falsely accused.

But it seems to us that when these born critics are constrained to admit that the Post Office Inspector, whose duty it is to correct and prevent mistakes, is diligent in the performance of his duties, and as courteous as need be, they should, before rushing into print and raising a fuss before the public, make their complaints to him. Then if the mistakes or irregularities are not corrected, they might appeal to public opinion, state their cases with dignity, and reasonably expect that an enlightened sovereign people will decide aright.

While this is undoubtedly the proper course to pursue with respect to small matters of detail, which chiefly engage the attention of the small critics, another course may, with propriety, be taken respect to the Postal System. Thus when the *Herald* states that "our whole Postal system on the Island requires revision," it says that which a journal may properly say—if the statement be founded on facts. But is this statement founded on facts? The *Herald* might well be called upon to substantiate it with the facts; for the charge is a very serious one.

The first reflection one is apt to make on reading it, is that the Postal System of the Island is the product of Mr. W. W. McLeod and the Hon. A. A. McDonald, whose best efforts have been devoted to it ever since the Island entered the Confederation. Is it possible that the work of these very capable and painstaking gentlemen has all been in vain? Let us see. There are now in the two hundred and seventy post offices in the Province, fully as large a number in proportion to population as in any other part of the American Continent! And, as to the delivery of the mails: the following offices on the mail route between Charlottetown and Summerside are served twice every day, viz: Hunter's River, Holme's Mills, County Line, Barrett's Cross and Summerside. Mails are sent once every day to and from Alberton, Alexandria, Belfast, Cherry Valley, Darlington, Kretown, Georgetown, Head St. Peter's Bay, Little York, Lot 12, Mill View, Miscouche, Montague Bridge, Morell, Mount Stewart, New London, New Perth, O'Leary Station, Orwell, Pownal, St. Eleanors, Souris East, Southport, Stanley Bridge, Tiguish, Tyne Valley, Vernon River, Wellington Station and Northam. Of tri-weekly offices there are ninety-two, and of semi-weekly offices about a hundred and forty-two, while distributing offices have been established at Souris East, Head St. Peter's Bay, Morell Station, Mount Stewart, Georgetown, Cardigan Bridge, Montague Bridge, Hunter River, County Line, Holmes Mills, Barrett's Cross, Darlington, Bonshaw, Vernon River, Orwell, Summerside, Miscouche, Alberton, and Wellington Station,—distributing mails daily, semi-weekly, and tri-weekly, to over a hundred offices! It may be possible that the *Herald* can improve upon the work of Messrs. McLeod and McDonald, and if so, it should, in the interests of the public, make known its scheme of revision. The Inspector of Post Offices would, no doubt, pay considerable attention to the suggestions of the *Herald*. But it must in the meantime be remembered that proposals with a view to improvement are liable to be regarded from different points of view, and that changes are likely to be accompanied by disadvantages as well as advantages. The case of Traveller's Rest, cited by the *Herald*, is a case in point. A few years ago Traveller's Rest was served from Summerside; but it was found that the disadvantages outweighed the advantages, and the Inspector, Mr. McLeod, acting, as he believed, in the interests of the public, made the present arrangement with respect to that office. If, however, the people there think that they would, on the whole, be more promptly served from Summerside, let them send to the Department a petition setting forth the circumstances of their case, and it will, no doubt, be favorably considered. The Post Office Department has been, and we believe is still, ever ready to make any reasonable change demanded by the public in the interests of the public.

The French chamber of deputies on the 27th inst. voted the Tonquin credit of 16,000,000 francs, and afterwards the fresh credit of 43,000,000 francs. A vote of confidence in the government was also unanimously adopted.

The president of the Western Union Telegraph company publishes a card denying the allegations that the presidential election returns were delayed by his company for the purpose of favouring the republican candidate.

St. John's, Quebec, is to present an address of welcome to Sir John Macdonald on his return from England.

Fruit Culture.

On last market day, while standing at the end of the Market House, facing the Post Office site, we heard a person at our elbow make the remark: "There are more apples than potatoes in the market to-day." The remark was true, and was also true of all market days for a month or six weeks. The man stood so as to have a good view of all the carts from which country produce was retailed or sold in small quantities. Many samples of apples could be seen, but in no case were they remarkable as to size, nor were any of the best sorts visible. They seemed to be all seedlings or native apples, or if they were from grafts, bad culture or neglect had interfered with their proper development. Mr. Hooper, whom we mentioned in a former article on the subject of fruit growing, deplors the fact that in going through the country he saw numerous young orchards neglected, and masses of suckers starting from the base of the trees. He says further: "Careless farmers who thus neglect their orchards, 'for want of time' (so they say) but really for lack of interest in fruit culture, are undeserving of success. Did the owners only appreciate how little time is required to dislodge the enemy, if attended to regularly twice during the season, or even once, if the work be systematically done, I certainly think we should hear less of failures and notice fewer diseased trees in all sections of the country. It is not an expensive operation, nor does it consume much time to annually scrub the bodies of a few trees, and then apply a coat of whitewash to the bark. This, with a sprinkling over the soil of rich compost, or rotted manure, will insure success, when negligence of these simple rules would cause a failure." This was written for the region in and about Pennsylvania, but will apply here as well.

The consumption of fruit, apples especially, has wonderfully increased within a few years on the Island; and we think that farmers will find it profitable to grow plenty, not only for consumption in their own families but for sale as well. More fruit eaten means less medicine to be taken. But outside the sordid consideration of whether it will pay to grow fruit, the pleasure of seeing once a year a fine orchard in a blaze of glory with blossoms, delightful fragrance and perfumes filling the air; and during summer watching the development of the fruit, and in the autumn viewing with joy the many tints and colors of the plump, bulging, luscious, tempting fruits, which hang so gracefully from the boughs, and which are thrust out, as if the parent tree, with its many arms, and proud of its products, said to man, "here, come and partake."—this we say ought to be pleasure enough without taking thought of gain.

The London correspondent of the *Toronto Globe* writes regarding the possibility of a line of steamers between Japan and British Columbia: "I understand that Mr. Stephen has ascertained the possibility of establishing a line of steamers to run from British Columbia to Japan. This can be done either by arrangements with existing lines or by building special steamers for the Canadian Pacific. It may be considered certain that a steamship line will be established by the time the Canadian Pacific railway is completed. I understand also that there is no prospect of obtaining the capital for building branch lines in the northwest on the security of the free grants of lands offered by the government."

POTENTATE.

And still the Island is receiving more blooded stock. Mr. A. N. Large arrived home on Saturday night from Nova Scotia bringing with him a magnificent young stallion named Potentate, a horse which, though only five years old, has established an excellent reputation in the Province. Mr. Large purchased him from Mr. M. P. McRoberts, of Truro, N. S., who selected him from the stock of General Withers, at Fairlawn Farm, Kentucky, when he was a year old, and paid for him the high price of \$800.00. Potentate is a dark bay horse, stands sixteen and one-half hands high, and weighs thirteen hundred pounds. He was sired by Cassius M. Clay, Jr., dam Ellen M., by Belmont, the famous sire of trotters; third dam Dolly Spanker, by Commodore; third dam by Brown Highlander; fourth dam by Potomac. Potentate has fourteen strains of imported Messenger blood coursing through his veins, and belongs to the finest family of trotters on the continent. A full brother of his—a two-year-old named Beaumont—trotted last season in 2.40, and Potentate, though not trained, shows unmistakable evidence of great speed. His get are excellent, having taken first prizes wherever shown, and he has carried off first prizes as a four-year-old, against numerous celebrated competitors, at the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition. Potentate is a horse of splendid style and will be a valuable acquisition to our Island stock. Mr. Large it to be congratulated on his purchase.

Our Advertisers.

N. J. Campbell sells Apples, Onions, etc., at auction on Monday next, at eleven o'clock.

Prof. Frieze announces that a grand Concert of Vocal and Instrumental Music will be held in Y. M. C. A. Hall, on Thursday evening next.

Knight & Son solicit information concerning the whereabouts of a small brown horse, which strayed from Pickard's stables yesterday morning.

Archbishop O'Brien will attend the services to be held in Toronto, December 11th, in celebration of the silver jubilee—the twenty-fifth anniversary of the consecration of His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto.

The Black Diamond Line.

The steamers of this line commenced to ply between Montreal, Charlottetown, Picton and St. John's, Nfld. in the middle of May last. The Coban, Capt. R. Fraser, made the first trip, arriving here on the 17th of that month, and she was followed by the Bonavista in June. So far as we can learn the business done by the line has been up to the expectations of the most sanguine of its promoters, while the freight and passenger accommodation afforded has been excellent.

The Coban, which arrived here on Thursday evening, was the last ship to leave Montreal this season, and was the latest ship that ever entered that harbor with a full cargo. On leaving Montreal she had no buoys to guide her down the St. Lawrence, as all buoys and lightships had been removed. Only the steamer Napoleon III. was stationed at Quebec to guide the Coban through the traverse. The weather was dreadfully boisterous, and there was a great deal of ice in the river, so much that it was dangerous to land the pilot at Father Point. He had, therefore, to be carried through to this port and sent back home by rail.

Since the middle of May the Coban has made twelve round trips from Montreal, one with destination at Harbor Grace, six with destination at St. John's and five with destination at Picton. They were all most successful voyages, and the fact that not the slightest accident occurred during the season, reflects great credit on the seamanship of her Commander—Captain Robert Fraser.

The Coban sailed from this port for St. John's to-day. It will be her last trip this season, and will lay up for a short time at Halifax, after discharging cargo at St. John's. Her freight from this port consisted of:—

30 'bals pork, shipped by A. L. Bridges, & Co.; 41 rolls leather, containing 1950 lbs, 2977 bush oats, 15 qrs mutton, 4 carcasses mutton, (472 lbs), 1 carcass veal, (90 lbs) by Wm. Boyle; 75 qrs beef, 64 carcasses mutton, 8 cases poultry, by Geo. R. Garrett; 1 case turkeys, by George Mutch; 24 brls pork, 5 barrels fruit juice, 2 cases canned berries, by Lemuel Wright; 128 qrs beef, 178 carcasses mutton, 6 carcasses pork, and 13 brls carrots, by P. Trainor; 32 boxes cheese, by Fenton T. Newbery; 17 head cattle, 28 sheep, 100 bush turnips, 35 carcasses pork (5745 lbs), 3 crates mutton (1400 lbs), 2 crates live fowl, 2 brls beef, 2 cases poultry, 25 tubs butter, 1 sleigh, by Wheatley & Sons; 147 bales straw (7 tons 722 lbs), 6 brls potatoes, by Blake Bros; 53 carcasses mutton (1804 lbs), 6 qrs beef (447 lbs), 20 brls vegetables, 3 barrels oysters, by Montague Stephens; 160 brls pork, by Wm. Rattenbury; 3 sleighs by P. Halloran; 2 crates mutton, 11 carcasses mutton, 1 carcass pork, 57 qrs beef total weight 65421 lbs, by Jas. Laird; 2 cows, by Barrett Henderson; 14 qrs beef, by Robert Bell; 18 brls carrots, 1 case poultry, 1 brl poultry, by John E. Robertson; 2 cases poultry, by Duncan McRae; 28 qrs beef, 4 carcasses mutton (total weight 2500 lbs), by William T. Hunt; 9 brls geese, 7 boxes poultry, 66 carcasses mutton, 52 qrs beef, 20 tubs butter (total weight 9506 lbs), by A. C. McLeod; 6 brls parsnips, 291 bush barley, 87 bales hay, by Henry Longworth.

An Islander Killed.

A despatch from Goldenville, N. S., to the *Halifax Herald* gives the following particulars of the death of Andrew Stearns:—A sad accident occurred here on the morning of the 24th inst., resulting in the death of a very worthy resident. On that morning four men went to their work as usual, in a mine which they were working on tribute. About 9 o'clock Andrew Stearns, the unfortunate deceased, left the mine for the purpose of obtaining a charge of dynamite for a hole which he had just assisted in boring. He entered for that purpose a small building, used as a forge for sharpening drills, and in which some plugs of dynamite had previously, it seems, been placed in the vicinity of the fire to thaw. A few minutes elapsed when a report was heard, and boards were seen to fly from off the buildings. His fellow workmen rushed in and found their companion in a sitting posture, propped against a portion of the building, but mangled and disfigured beyond recognition although still alive. He was removed to the house of Mrs. McFarlane, his wife's mother. Drs. Falconer of Sherbrook, and Stewart, of Malrose, did all that medical and surgical skill could do, but no human skill could avail. After thirty-six hours of agony, death brought relief. Andrew Stearns resided in Goldenville for upwards of twenty years. He was a native of Prince Edward Island, a worthy man and good citizen. He leaves a widow and family of six young children to mourn their irreparable loss. Stearns and all his companions were experienced miners, familiar for many years with the use of explosives, knowing well the danger attending the careless or improper handling of dynamite. And yet, illustrating the truth of the old saying that "familiarity breeds contempt," Dynamite is a valuable agent in mining, if properly used, but how many more lives must be sacrificed before miners will realize the fact, that the directions for its use can not be departed from, except at the imminent peril of their lives. Other papers give the name as Andrew Stevenson of P. E. I.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Information Wanted.

SIR,—I applied to the collector of Customs at Charlottetown, for his signature to my claim for Fishing Bounty, after having made affidavit to its correctness before one of Her Majesty's J. P.'s for Queen's Co., and was told that he could not sign my claim, and referred me to Mr. Frank Stanley, knowing that Mr. Stanley has nothing whatever to do with this. I therefore ask, through the columns of your paper, who is the authorized custom official, to act in matters of this kind for South Shore? As there are several others who are entitled to fishing bounty in my locality, I would wish to be informed through your columns at once, in order to have the claims filed in time to receive our dues.

Your truly,
CHARLES McDONALD,
Nine Mile Creek, Nov. 29, 1884.

S. C. W. ARCHIBALD died on Monday at the age of seventy-four years. The deceased was descended from one of the oldest families in Truro, N. S. His father was the late Alex. L. Archibald, more familiarly known as Major Archibald.—*Truro Paper*.

JAMES SHAND,
COMMISSION MERCHANT & AUCTIONEER,
HALIFAX, N. S.

MR. SHAND, having bought the large Wholesale Dry Goods Stock of DUFFUS & CO., of Halifax, at a large discount on cash prices, has, with a view of closing up the matter during the winter, commissioned the Subscribers to offer to the people of the Island some \$20,000 worth of these goods.

We have taken the store in Stevenson's Building, on West side of Queen's street, formerly known as "Dempsy's Corner," and immediately opposite Dorsey Goff & Co.'s Shoe Store, and will open early in December.

The Goods are all Sound and of the First Quality, bought at first hands and in the best markets in this country and in Europe, Messrs. Duffus reputation is a guarantee of this, and the Stock will be sold at prices that will advantage the buyer.

Liberal advances made on consignments of Island produce to Halifax. Island produce bought.

J. A. CAMERON,
JOHN MACDONALD.

Charlottetown, Nov. 27, 1884—1mo

POSITIVELY NON-EXPLOSIVE.
THE IMPROVED
THAYER ELECTRIC LAMP.

BURNS Canada Coal Oil of any test with perfect safety, producing a white light, equalled only by Edison's Electric Light. More brilliant than four gas jets and nine times cheaper. Its light is six times greater than ordinary lamps, and is three times cheaper.

HORACE HASZARD,
Agent for P. E. Island.

Ch'town, Nov. 19, 1884.

WINTER CLOTHING!

J. B. Macdonald is now showing an immense stock of Ready-Made Clothing.

- Men's Warm Reefers, from \$2.90.
- Men's Warm Overcoats, from \$4.90.
- Men's Heavy Warm Ulsters, from \$4.25.
- Men's Tweed Suits, from \$5.00
- Boys' and Youths' Ulsters and Overcoats, in great variety, very cheap.
- Men's Warm Underclothing, from 75 Cents a suit.
- Boys' Underclothing, all sizes.
- Flannel Shirts, Scarfs, Braces Ties, Handkerchiefs

If you want the very best Value for your Money, don't fail to see goods and prices at

J. B. MACDONALD'S.

Ch'town, Nov. 7, 1884.—pat her pres

Herald! Herald! SLEIGHS FOR SALE.

A CAR-LOAD of Flour, brand "Herald," equal "Kent Mills," at Steam Navigation Wharf. For sale low by

J. A. CHIPMAN.

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FOR SALE BY

J. A. CHIPMAN & CO.,

Ch town, Nov. 12, 1884.

Our Specialities.

This Fall's Importation.

Walking Sticks, Razors, Strops, Thermometers, Choice Havana Cigars, Tobacco, &c.

Everything in our line choice, fresh and good.

Reddin's Drug Store

Ch town, Nov. 4, 1884.

WANZER

Sewing Machines.

THESE CELEBRATED MACHINES

RECEIVED HIGHEST AWARDS

At all the leading Exhibitions of the World.

Only Gold Medal in Canada, 1883.

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Sole and only authorized Agents for P. E. I

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A T McNEILL'S Auction Room—

1 double-seated Box Sleigh,

1 stylish, round-back, Family Driving Sleigh,

Upholstered, well-finished—both nearly new. Will be sold at a bargain.

Ch'town, Nov. 24, 1884.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE

THE House and premises in the thriving village of Eldon, Belfast, formerly occupied by Dr. McSwain. The house is new and well finished with offices, outhouses, &c., and about an acre of land; is well suited for a professional man or a mechanic, and is convenient to stores, schools and churches, and one mile from Halliday's Wharf.

Apply on the premises or in Charlottetown to

A. McNEILL,

Auctioneer.

Ch'town, Nov. 17—2w 3aw wkly 5w pres

CARRIAGE FACTORY.

THE Undersigned begs leave to inform the public he has purchased the Carriage Business carried on by McKinnon & Fraser, on Upper Prince Street, opposite new Baptist Church, where he will be pleased to see his old customers, and as many new ones as may favor him with their patronage.

He will keep on hand and build to order, CARRIAGES and SLEIGHS of every description and latest patterns. Road, track and sleigh Sulkeys made to order, at shortest notice, with best American stock.

Special attention will be given to the Repairing of Carriages, Sleighs, &c.

N. B.—ALL WORK GUARANTEED TO GIVE SATISFACTION.

J. J. SEAMAN.

Ch'town, Oct. 18, 1884—Saw tl 31st dec wkly

Apples, Onions, &c.

BY Auction, on Market Square, Monday next, at Eleven o'clock—

- 75 Barrels choice Nova Scotia Apples,
- 15 do American Baldwin,
- 15 do Onions,
- 25 Boxes Valencia Raisins, &c.

N. J. CAMPBELL,

Auctioneer.

Ch'town, Nov. 29—2i

Grand Vocal and Instrumental Concert

THE Emerson Glee Club, assisted by the City Cornet Band (Mr. John Worth leading), will make their first appearance in songs and glee, in

Y. M. C. A. HALL,

—ON—

Thursday Ev'ng, Dec. 4th, 1884.

Programme in duo time.

PROF. FRIEZE,

Director.

Ch'town, Nov. 29th, 1884.

STRAYED.

FROM the stable of Jasper Pickard, on Friday morning, the 28th inst., a small brown Horse, with strap round the neck. Any person giving such information as may lead to his recovery will be amply rewarded by calling at

KNIGHT & SON'S

Grocery Store, Gt. George Street,

Ch'town, Nov. 29—3i pt.

GRAIN BACS.

20,000 BAGS (assorted sizes)

FOR SALE BY

HORACE HASZARD,

Ch'town, Nov. 22, 1884.

CRACKED FEED

OATS and Barley mixed, fresh ground, and kept constantly on hand. All orders left at the Glasgow House, Queen Street will be promptly attended to.

HENRY F. LAPAGE,

Ch'town, Nov 8, 1884—1mo 3aw

New Watches,

New Clocks,

New Barometers,

New Thermometers,

New Spectacles.

Just Received and

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Old Stock Cheaper than

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WANTS, LOST, FOUND, &c.

Advertisements under this heading, in space not exceeding three lines, will be inserted for ten cents per day.

BOARDERS WANTED.—A couple of Boarders can be accommodated at Miss Stewart's, Great George Street, opposite Pickard's Bakery. nov 29—3i

WANTED.—A Lad for an office. Apply at EXAMINER office. nov 29—1i

WANTED.—A young Lady in a grocery store. Address "F," P. O. Box 16, nov 29

LOST.—On St. Peter's Road, near Roper's Hill, on Friday last, a Railway Wrapper. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at this office. nov 29

TO LET.—The "Riverside Cottage," at the east end of Kent street, next to Mr. Lowe's garden. It is well finished, with frost-proof cellar. The present occupant is about leaving the Island, and there is coal in the cellar that can be had if required. Rent moderate; possession immediately. Apply to James Beales. nov 29

STRAYED.—A small, red Cow with a white face. Any information respecting her will be thankfully rewarded by HENRY FARQUHARSON, King street. nov 27

TO LET.—The premises at present occupied by Horace Haszard, Esq., at the foot of Queen's street. Possession given on the 1st day of January next, A. D. 1885. For further particulars apply to R. R. Fitzgerald. nov 26

A FEW BOARDERS can be comfortably accommodated in a central part of the city. Terms reasonable. Apply at this office. nov 13 tf

TO LET.—A nice house in Pleasant Street, at present occupied by Mr. Crosskill; possession immediately. Also a house in King Street, near Railway.—William Dadd. nov 11

10 CARS dry Cordwood for sale; nicely split, suitable for any purpose. Apply immediately to McKinnon & McLean. nov 10

FIRE SALE.—A Fire-proof SAFE, latest improvement—Cheap. Apply at THE EXAMINER Office. nov 5—wkly

FULL LINE of McCormick's celebrated BISCUITS AND CONFECTIONERY, at R. K. BRACE'S. sep 10 3m

WE will give exclusive sale at and near Charlottetown, of our Entire Wheat Flour, to a dealer who will push it. Covered by patent. Easily sold. We guarantee 100 lbs. more bread to the barrel than any other flour.—FRANKLIN MILLS Co., 35 Clark Street, Chicago, Ill. aug 2