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## CONVENT

**OF THE CONGREGATION OF NOTRE DAME.**  
THE COURSES OF INSTRUCTION employed in this Institution combine every advantage that can be derived from an intelligent and conscientious instruction, in the various branches of learning becoming a young lady. Ample facilities are afforded for the perfect acquisition of the English and French Languages, as well as those of Ornamental Arts and Sciences, which are considered requisite in a finished education. The health and comfort of the Pupils are objects of particular vigilance, and in case of sickness they are treated with material assistance.  
Pupils cannot be admitted without a recommendation.  
Parents residing at a distance should appoint some individual in the City, who will be charged to liquidate the amounts of the bills, when due, and receive the young ladies, should circumstances render their removal from the Institution necessary.  
A vacation of six weeks is annually given.  
Each Pupil must be furnished with (besides the uniform) six regular changes of Linen, Dresses, Shoes, Stockings, Towels, Blankets, three pairs of Sheets, one White Counterpane, Combs and Brushes.  
Summer Uniform—Light Blue Dress and Cape, Straw Bonnet trimmed with blue.  
Winter Uniform—Dark Blue Dress, Black Cloak and Bonnet.  
TERMS, PER QUARTER, PAYABLE IN ADVANCE:  
Board and Tuition, £6 0 0  
Half Board, 3 0 0  
Day Scholars, Primary Class, 0 13 0  
Day Scholars, Higher Class, 0 10 0  
Music—Piano, 2 3 0  
Music—Vocal, 0 10 0  
Drawing, 0 10 0  
Painting, 0 10 0  
The Classes in the above institution will re-open on the 1st September. Pupils can be admitted at any time.  
Charlottetown, August 16, 1858. 3i.

## Saint Dunstan's College.

THE Classes at Saint Dunstan's College will be re-opened on WEDNESDAY, the 1st September next. Pupils wishing to enter this Institution should do so as early in the collegiate year as possible, as those who may wish to enter after the formation of the classes will be received with great difficulty.  
A. McDONALD, Rector.  
August 16, 1858. Tel. 2w.

The most important event of the present day is the completing of the Atlantic Cable, and the perfecting of our Island manufactured Cloth, at McLAREN'S Cloth Mill, New Perth.

Support Home Manufacture, and keep your money on the Island.

THE Subscriber, grateful for the very large patronage he has received, begs to announce that he has made arrangements to manufacture more Cloth than heretofore, and in a style equal to the very best at Pitou, N. S.

## PRICES:

Filling,.....	£0 0 4
Filling and Pressing,.....	0 0 5
Filling and Dressing,.....	0 0 9
Dyeing and Dressing Black,.....	0 1 0
Do do Brown,.....	0 1 0
Do do Green,.....	0 1 3
Drugged Dye and Pressed,.....	0 0 6

From the increase of business in this Establishment, new arrangements have been made to return Cloth to the different Agents with dispatch. A young man who has acquired the art of manufacturing Cloth at Pitou, is connected with these Mills, who will warrant the finish of Cloth, so as to make it impossible for any person to distinguish the difference between his work and that of Pitou manufacturers.  
Agents—John Scott, Charlottetown; John Adams, Newmarket; Richard Mutch, Southport, Lot 45; John Dalziel, Murray Harbour; James Finlay, Bay Fortune; Robert Robertson, East Point; Daniel Gordon, Georgetown; Patrick Stephens, Orwell; Samuel Luce, Lot 49, New Perth, Aug. 14, 1858. JAMES McLAREN.  
P. S.—The Orwell Agent, Mr. Stephens, will take any kind of merchantable produce as Cash, or Treasury Warrants, in payment for Cloth dressed at the above Mills. 3w

## Auction of Farm, Crop and Stock.

TO BE SOLD, by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, the 24th day of August instant, that valuable FARM, belonging to Mr. JAMES McLAUCHLAN, situated on the Mill Cove Road, about 104 miles from Charlottetown. It contains 1324 acres, having a front of 15 chains—60 acres are cleared and in a high state of cultivation; the remainder is covered with an excellent growth of Hard and Soft-wood. There is an abundance of fence poles upon the premises. This Farm has a good Dwelling House upon it, and its Out-buildings cannot be surpassed. There is a large Barn and Coach-house upon it, all new and in the best repair. There is a never-failing Well of Water at the door. This Farm is let at the annual rent of 1s. 6d. currency, the terms of which are, one-third of the purchase money to be paid at the transfer of the lease; six years to pay the remainder, by equal instalments. The first three years of the purchase money to be free from interest; interest charged for the remaining three years. Possession given at the transfer of the lease. Also, the CROP, consisting of 25 acres of Oats, 10 tons of Hay, 34 acres Wheat, 1 acre of Barley, and 5 acres of Potatoes. The STOCK, consisting of 3 splendid Mares, 1 eight years, 1 four years, and the other one year old—two of these are excellent roadsters—7 head of Cattle, and 6 Pigs. FARMING IMPLEMENTS—1 Cart, 1 Plough, Harrows, 1 Box Sleigh, 1 Jaunting do., 1 set of Gig Harness, 1 set of Cart do., 1 Wood Sleigh, together with several other articles.  
Conditions of Sale of Crop and Stock, made known at the day of sale.  
Mill Cove, August 16, 1858.

## Take Notice—1st September.

A PUBLIC TEA and PICNIC PARTY will be held on the beautiful Grounds of J. B. Cox, Esquire, Morrell, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st September, to aid in the erection of a Church in that immediate vicinity.  
Every exertion will be used to make this Re-union attractive. Addresses, Recitations, Vocal and Instrumental music may be expected, and strangers from distant parts of the Island may assure themselves of the most hospitable entertainment in the homes of their Christian brethren at Morrell.  
It is confidently hoped that, as the object is so praiseworthy, the festival will be "abundantly furnished with guests."  
Tickets.—1s. 6d. each, (children half price)—may be procured on the grounds, and at the following places, viz:—Mr. Hayden's, Morrell; Messrs. Parker's and Sutherland's, Head of St. Peter's Bay; Mr. Fado Goff's, Georgetown; Mr. Edw. Goff's, Grand River; Mr. W. Moore's, Mount Stewart Bridge; Mr. G. T. Hazard's, Charlottetown; and Mr. D. Palmer's, Crapaud.  
August 16, 1858.

## Education.

IN connection with the Royal College of Preceptors, London, Mr. THOMAS LEMING, Associate of the above named Corporation, proposes to open a SCHOOL in Charlottetown, early in August. The course of instruction will comprise the Classics, Mathematics, Natural Philosophy, and the usual requirements of a sound English Education. The progress made will be periodically subjected to the rigid test of an oral examination, under the superintendance of a Preceptor, appointed with the sanction of the Council, and Certificates granted in accordance with ascertained merit.  
As circumstances have prevented Mr. LEMING reaching the Island so soon as was wished, further information may for the present be obtained from Dr. DAY.  
Dorchester, June 16, 1858. July 12.

## Great Encouragement.

1858. JULY. 1858.  
In order to make room for Extensive FALL IMPORTATIONS, which the subscriber expects early in October next, he has commenced this day to dispose of his present STOCK of British and American MERCHANDISE, AT A GREAT REDUCTION ON FORMER PRICES, and would specially invite the public to a participation in the great bargains now offered in purchasing at this establishment.  
July 19. J. R. CARROLL

## THE GOVERNMENT AND THE POST OFFICE.

### CORRESPONDENCE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE RECENT CHANGES IN THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

Minute of Council dispensing with the services of Mr. Peter DesBrisay.

COUNCIL OFFICE, 6th July, 1858.

At a Meeting of Council.

Present:

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, &c. &c.  
&c. &c.

It having come to the knowledge of the Board that Mr. Peter DesBrisay, the Assistant in the Office of the Postmaster General, voted at the late Election for two Members to represent Charlottetown and Royalty who are opposed to the present Government, His Excellency, with the advice of the Board, was pleased to dispense with the services of Mr. DesBrisay, as Assistant in the Office of the Postmaster General at Charlottetown.

CHARLES DESBRISAY, C. C.

Letter to Mr. Peter DesBrisay.

COUNCIL OFFICE, 6th July, 1858

SIR—I am instructed to acquaint you, that in consequence of your having voted at the late Election for two Members to serve in the General Assembly, who are opposed to the present Government, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council has been pleased to dispense with your services as Assistant Postmaster General.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES DESBRISAY, C. C.

Peter DesBrisay, Esquire, &c. &c.

Letter from Mr. Owen, Postmaster General, regarding the removal of Mr. DesBrisay, his Assistant.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

Charlottetown, July 8, 1858.

SIR—Mr. DesBrisay, my principal Assistant in this office, has shown me a communication addressed to him by command of Your Excellency in Council, dismissing him from the office he has so faithfully and satisfactorily held for nearly nine years as Chief Clerk or Assistant Postmaster General in this office, stating as a reason that he voted at the late election for two members in opposition to the Government.

That Mr. DesBrisay did vote for Mr. Palmer and Mr. Longworth, I believe; but this he has been in the habit of doing at every election for twelve years; and as there is a law prohibiting officials from voting, he was not aware that he was doing wrong, particularly as every official in the Colony, with a very few exceptions, exercised the same right. But while I regret exceedingly that any act of his should have brought upon him the displeasure of Your Excellency and Government, I am bound in duty to point out to Your Excellency the serious situation in which his dismissal has placed the Department; for I will not disguise the fact that it is impossible for me, with any inexperienced persons that can be sent into the office, to perform its complicated and unceasing duties. Mr. Swabey, who has been over a year in the office, will inform Your Excellency that he would not undertake to perform the routine of the office even for a day; and any casualty to prevent my attendance would cause evils that could not be remedied. But I must inform Your Excellency also that any additional labour beyond what I now perform would destroy my health in less than a month, and cause irreparable embarrassment and difficulty. The duties of the office require my attention frequently at five o'clock in the morning, and the arrival of the mails often requires an attendance for their receipt up to eleven o'clock at night.

As a very great responsibility has at all times fallen upon me, and this being increased by being deprived of the only competent assistant that can be obtained, thereby placing me in a difficulty that I cannot by any means overcome or avoid, I must most respectfully beg Your Excellency and Council to reconsider the matter, and not allow embarrassment and derangement in this department to take place, which must follow if I am deprived of Mr. DesBrisay's valuable services; and I would beg to assure Your Excellency that a similar complaint will not again take place, as far as my influence can be exercised.

I am now subpoenaed to attend the Georgetown Court, and shall be obliged, if not relieved from my present difficulty, to suspend the transmission of mails during my absence.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obt. humble servt.,

THOMAS OWEN.

His Excellency Sir Dominick Daly, Lieut. Governor, &c.

COUNCIL OFFICE, July 13, 1858.

SIR—I am directed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 8th instant, which has been laid before the Executive Council; and in reply thereto, I am instructed to transmit the accompanying copy of a Minute of Council for your information.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

CHARLES DESBRISAY, C. C.

Thomas Owen, Esqr., Postmaster General, &c., &c., &c.

Minute of Council on the subject of Mr. Owen's Remonstrance.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 13th July, 1858.

His Excellency laid before the Board a communication from Thomas Owen, Esquire, Postmaster General, dated the 8th instant, regarding the dismissal of Mr. DesBrisay, Assistant in the General Post Office at Charlottetown, and requesting, for reasons therein set forth, "that His Excellency in Council will reconsider the matter, and not allow embarrassment and derangement in the Department to take place, which must follow if he is deprived of Mr. DesBrisay's valuable services."

The Board, after due consideration of the subject, are of opinion that they must adhere to their former decision with respect to the dismissal of Mr. DesBrisay. They cannot admit the principle of any Public Officer voting against the Government that gives him employment; and this rule is fully recognized and strictly adhered to in Great Britain.

That two courses were open to Mr. DesBrisay—either not to vote at all during the late Election, or, if he wished to exercise his elective franchise in opposition to the Government, then for him first to tender his resignation. But as Mr. DesBrisay has thought proper to vote for those who were opposed to the Government, without tendering his

resignation, then no other course can be pursued by the Government than his dismissal.

In regard to the business of the Post Office, on which it is more particularly the province of the Postmaster General to write, as it has been until recently conducted with one Assistant, the Board cannot, without examining more particularly into the details of the Office, understand why any serious difficulty should arise when two Assistants are provided.

Ordered, therefore, That the following Members of the Board be a Committee to enquire into the manner of conducting the business, as well as the nature and extent of the duties of the General Post Office, viz:—

The Honorable Mr. Coles,  
" " Mr. Warburton,  
" " Mr. Aldous.

It was further Ordered, That a copy of this Minute be communicated to the Postmaster General.

CHARLES DESBRISAY, C. C.

Thomas Owen, Postmaster General, regarding dismissal of Mr. Peter DesBrisay from, and the appointment of Mr. J. E. Kelly to, the Post Office Department.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

Charlottetown, July 16, 1858.

SIR—I have been furnished with a copy of the Minute in Council, adopted by your Excellency and the honorable the Executive Council on the 13th instant, in reply to the communication I had the honor to address to your Excellency on the 8th instant, on the subject of the dismissal of Mr. DesBrisay, my principal Clerk and Assistant in this office, or having voted at the late General Election for this City; and while I have regretted exceedingly that his having done so should have brought it upon him the displeasure of your Excellency's Government, I have greater reason to regret the determination of your Excellency's Council, after my explanation to adhere to their former resolution, and deprive me of his valuable services; but I am pleased that your Excellency has appointed a Committee of Council to examine into the duties that have to be performed in the General Post Office; and I have no doubt that I will be able to show them that the duties can only be performed by experienced and competent officers.

I have already informed your Excellency that the labour is so arduous and incessant, that I cannot attempt to perform its complicated and increasing duties with any inexperienced person or persons; and I will now take the liberty to point out to your Excellency the trying situation in which I will be placed, if I am compelled to allow Mr. DesBrisay to leave the situation he has so long filled, with fidelity to the Government, and perfect satisfaction to myself and the public at large.

The duties of the General Post Office in this Colony were, until a little more than a year ago, performed by myself and one Assistant; but a representation to your Excellency of the incessant labour required, a second Clerk was allowed, whose duty has been, since a appointment, confined altogether to the delivery and receipt of letters at the window of the office; and I have much pleasure in stating to your Excellency, that his attention and anxiety to perform the duty entrusted to him has given me much satisfaction.

There are now in the Colony seventy-four Inland or Way Offices, to nearly all of which a semi-weekly correspondence and interchange of mails are maintained with this office. The duties of these offices are performed by persons who receive a pittance of two pounds per annum, besides a commission on the postage they collect, and are, except in a few instances, filled by men little acquainted either with accounts, or the duty they have to perform as postmasters, in consequence of which the correction of their Letter Bills, Monthly Sheets, and preparation of their Quarterly Accounts, demand from me an unceasing attention. This, together with a considerable amount of British and inter-Colonial correspondence, requiring the despatch and receipt of mails, nearly every day, with a minute and correct account kept of the amount received and forwarded, together with a monthly account between this office and the General Post Office, London, apportioning the amount of British and Colonial postage collected, or the correspondence received from and sent to the United Kingdom, Newfoundland and the West Indies, requires labor that cannot be performed with less than two experienced and competent accountants; and I can assure your Excellency that it would be needless for me to attempt to do the work which has fallen upon Mr. DesBrisay, in addition to what I am hourly called upon to perform, and which I repeat cannot be performed by an inexperienced officer.

I again beg respectfully to point out to your Excellency the embarrassing position in which the determination of your Excellency's Council will place the department; and while I have at all times striven in every way to perform the duties of the office so as to insure confidence, and prevent a shadow of complaint; and as I have also succeeded so far by a punctual attention to the instructions I have received from his Lordship the Postmaster General, London, to transmit the accounts of the department free from error, I will not allow myself, as long as I have the honor to hold the office, without remonstrance to be placed in such a situation as will prevent a continuance of the kind feeling that has always been awarded to me by the heads of the various Post Office Departments out of the Island, with whom I have had postal communication.

Mr. Swabey, my second Assistant, who has been over fourteen months in the office, well aware of the minute and complicated duties required to be performed by Mr. DesBrisay, has, with commendable consideration, declined to accept the appointment to the office held by his senior. Your Excellency's Council has since directed me to receive a Mr. Kelly, a person who never had any employment in the Post Office, and to place him in the situation held by Mr. DesBrisay, without affording me, on whom the responsibility of the department altogether rests, any opportunity of enquiring into his character or capability, or of knowing whether he is a person on whom I can place confidence. Under this view of the case, I cannot but look at his attempt to undertake the duties required to be performed as presumptuous; and I trust your Excellency will not insist upon my receiving him in the character of my principal Assistant.

Mr. DesBrisay, being known to your Excellency and every member of Her Majesty's Council, as a faithful and experienced officer, and his only offence being that of indiscreetly voting at the late general election, I do hope and trust that I may still be allowed to retain his services.

That no blame may be attached to me by his Lordship the Postmaster General, if unnecessary inconvenience takes place in the transmission of the correspondence of the Colony

to those places where the United Kingdom claims a portion of the postage, I will take the liberty to forward a copy of my correspondence with your Excellency, on this important and unpleasant subject to his Lordship; and I must beg respectfully to state to your Excellency, that such a proceeding as to leave the General Post Office of a Colony—an office of more importance than any other—without a single individual, except the head of the department, capable of performing the duties for a day, is such a circumstance as I think has not occurred in any part of Her Majesty's possessions.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obt. humble servt.,

THOMAS OWEN.

His Excellency Sir Dominick Daly, Lieut. Governor, &c.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

P. E. ISLAND, 16th July, 1858.

SIR—I am directed by the Lieutenant Governor to transmit herewith to you the enclosed copy of a communication received from Mr. James E. Kelly, who was recently appointed to the Office of Assistant to the Postmaster General in this Island; and I am to request that you will at your early convenience, report thereon, with such observations and explanations on the matter as you may be able to make for the information of His Excellency.

I have the honor, &c.,

A. MITCHELL, Ass't. Col. Secretary.

Thomas Owen, Esqr., Postmaster General.

James E. Kelly, reporting his reception at the Post Office by Mr. Owen.

JULY 16th, 1858.

SIR—I beg to lay before you, for the information of His Excellency in Council, the following statement in reference to my reception by Mr. Owen, Postmaster General, viz:—

In conformity with my appointment to the office of Assistant in the General Post Office of this Island, I applied to Mr. Owen on Thursday, 15th inst., submitting to him at the same time the necessary documents, and requested that he would point out to me my duties in that establishment, upon which he questioned me respecting the extent of my knowledge of Post Office duties, and told me that unless I could perform all Mr. DesBrisay's business, I had no right to intrude myself there. I modestly replied, that I thought I could if his duties were pointed out to me. He then plainly told me that he would teach me nothing whatever, that my assistance was not needed there—and that I had the greatest presumption in coming there or accepting an office of the kind, without having a previous knowledge of its duties. That I might, if I pleased, either sit down in the office or retire, for all that he cared—alleging that he had nothing for me to do; that I would be of no service to him without being taught, and that he would not permit me to do any thing there. And also that when his hour for retiring from the duties of the day would arrive, he should lock up the office and put the key in his pocket, and that I should retire also, or if not, he would put me out. Several other things of minor importance also transpired.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient humble servant,

JAMES E. KELLY.

Hon. George Coles, Col. Sec'y.

Thomas Owen, Esqr., Postmaster General, reporting on Mr. J. E. Kelly's complaint of reception.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

Charlottetown, July 17th, 1858.

SIR—I received your communication of the 16th instant, transmitting a complaint made to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor by Mr. James E. Kelly, who had been recently appointed to the office of Assistant Postmaster General.

That I did question Mr. Kelly as to his knowledge of Post Office business, and did express myself somewhat indignant at him for attempting to undertake a duty he was quite ignorant of, with the expectation of my having to instruct him in addition to having to perform the duty myself that he had undertaken, are correct, my feelings being excited at being deprived of the services of the only perfectly competent person in the office, thereby leaving the department in a most serious situation. I think His Excellency will make some allowance for my expression at the moment, and which I should have under any circumstance avoided; but as my remonstrance to His Excellency has had no effect, I must only ask His Excellency to allow me to detain Mr. DesBrisay in the office until my return from Georgetown, where I am required to attend on a Crown Subpoena; and then if Mr. Kelly returns to the office I will endeavour, while I am allowed to hold the appointment of Postmaster General, to perform the duty as correctly as under the painful circumstances in which I am placed, will permit; for although Mr. DesBrisay acted very indiscreetly in voting at the late election, yet in no other instance can a shadow of complaint or stain be thrown on his character, which every member of His Excellency's Council will, I am certain, fully admit; and I trust some excuse, therefore, for my feelings under the circumstances may be made.

I am, Sir, your obedient humble servant,

THOMAS OWEN.

Andrew Mitchell, Esq., Assistant Colonial Sec'y.

Minute of Council on Postmaster General's communication.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 20th July, 1858.

His Excellency laid before the Board a letter from Mr. James Edmund Kelly, addressed to the Colonial Secretary, dated 16th July, complaining of Mr. Owen, the Postmaster General's conduct to him, on his replying to the Post Office, to assume the duties to which he had been recently appointed—together with a communication on the subject from Mr. Owen of the 17th July;—also, a letter from Mr. Owen, in reply to the Minute of Council, with reference to Mr. DesBrisay's dismissal from the Post Office,—which communications were severally read. Whereupon His Excellency, with the advice of the Board, was pleased to direct, that Mr. Kelly shall forthwith assume the duties of the office to which he has been appointed.

CHARLES DESBRISAY, C. C.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

P. E. ISLAND, 21st July, 1858.

SIR—I am directed by the Lieutenant Governor to transmit to you the herewith enclosed copy of a letter dated the 23rd instant, received from Mr. James E. Kelly, and I am to request that you will, with as little delay as possible, furnish such observations or explanations thereon as you may be able for the information of His Excellency.

I have, &c.,

A. MITCHELL, Ass't. Col. Secretary.

Thomas Owen, Esqr., Postmaster General.

James E. Kelly represents his reception at the Post Office by the Postmaster, on the 20th July, and subsequent conduct.

JULY 23rd, 1858.

SIR—I beg to state to you for the further information of His Excellency in Council, that on my replying to the Post