

PUBLIC WORKS OF THE YEAR.

New Bridges, etc., in the Three Counties.

While opponents of the Local Government are lamenting the fact that the people are not taxed, so that "the public works may be kept up," a drive through the country will show that the Commissioner of Public Works and his subordinates have, besides building and repairing hundreds of small bridges, etc., been engaged during the past year in the following works:

IN QUEEN'S COUNTY. A stone culvert and a "dump" fifteen feet high have been built at McDonald's, Lot 30. At County Line there is a new culvert ninety-seven feet long, with a "dump" of twenty feet. A new bridge has been built at Collett's, Lot 29. A new stone bridge has been built at Stewart's Hollow, Lot 67. Oyster Bed Bridge has been rebuilt this year. A new and improved draw has been placed on West River bridge. A new stone culvert has been built on North River Road, Lot 22. At McKenzie's Mills, a new bridge has been built. A new stone culvert has been placed on the old town road. Extensive repairs have been made to North River Bridge. A new bridge has been built at Mill Valley Mills. A new bridge has been built at Three Mile Run. A new bridge has been built at Fullerton's Marsh. Mount Stewart Bridge has been re-built from the water line up. Fiat River Bridge, Lot 60, has been completed. The Southport Ferry Dock on the Charlottetown side, has been re-built, enlarged and improved. The dock on the Southport side has been thoroughly repaired. The dock at Rocky Point—a most important work for a large section of country—has been completed; and the steamer can now call there and take on board horses and carts, cattle, and bulky articles.

IN PRINCE COUNTY. A new bridge has been erected across the upper part of Kildare River. A new bridge has been built at Weeks, South Kildare. A new bridge has been built at Hunter's, South Kildare. Haldiman Bridge, Lot 15, has been rebuilt. A new bridge has been built at Hibbett's, Lot 15. Marcella Bridge, Lot 15, has been rebuilt. A new bridge has been built at McAuslands, Lot 14. A new bridge has been built at Freetown, near Andrew Burns'. IN KING'S COUNTY. Seal River Bridge has been rebuilt. A new bridge has been built over the Midgell River. A new bridge has been built over the Marie River. A new bridge has been built at Black Pond. A new bridge has been built at Priest Pond. Morell floating bridge has been thoroughly repaired. A new bridge has been built at Norris Pond. A new bridge has been built at Bruce's Basin Bridge, Lot 47, has been re-built. Inlet Bridge has been re-built. A new bridge has been built at McDonald's Mills, Lot 52.

Oddfellowship. The D. D. Grand Sire on last evening, the 2nd January, inst., installed as officers of Port J. J. J. Encampment, No. 113, I. O. F., the following:— C. P.—W. F. Carter. H. P.—E. W. Dawson. S. W.—W. G. Gillespie. Scribe—Theo. L. Chappelle. F. S.—Thomas R. Calbeck. Treasurer—A. D. White. J. W.—Robert B. Norton. O. S.—George Stanley. I. S.—D. R. McLennan. Guide—Benjamin Bremner. 1st W.—R. D. Coffin. 2nd W.—J. F. McDonald. 3rd W.—A. A. Bryenton. 4th W.—James R. McKee. 1st G. of T.—Wm C. DesBrisay. 2nd G. of T.—David Pound. Trustees—R. B. Norton, Benjamin Bremner, Robert D. Coffin.

Pownal to the Front. A very interesting entertainment took place in Pownal Hall on Thursday evening last, in connection with a donation for Rev. Mr. Harrison. The hall was tastefully decorated, and reflected much credit upon the ladies of Pownal. The entertainment was opened by some well-timed remarks from the Chairman, and a "Christmas Greeting" from the choir. The singing was admirable. The music, speeches, recitations, and readings, were all excellent, and a great deal of taste was displayed in the selection of them. Miss Eliza Jones presided at the organ, and well deserves a special mention for the good music she favored the audience with. The semi-comic speech by the Rev. Mr. Reddin, was well received, and called forth frequent applause. The recitation given by Miss Lavinia Clarke: "Don't sell the Farm," was an excellent one, and beautifully rendered. Also, the one given by Miss Hannah Jones, "The Last Hymn," was unrivaled. The entertainment came to a close by presenting their highly esteemed minister with the handsome sum of \$100.00, for which he returned thanks for the same, in a very pithy and well-timed speech. The "National Anthem" being sung, the audience repaired to their respective homes, all well pleased that they had spent an enjoyable evening.

Mr. EARLE'S CONCERT takes place to-morrow. The programme is excellent and comprises a variety of music.

Items from Souris.

The Presbyterian and Methodist Sunday Schools combined for the purpose of a concert and a very enjoyable time, they had on last Thursday evening. Tomorrow's Hall was tastefully decorated, a comfortable tea was spread, and recitations, addresses, and singing, passed away the hours. The Misses Knight, Maskell, Stewart, and Matthew, performed upon the organ. Recitations were given by Miss Rose Mayo, Frank White, Brent Matthew, Miss Ella Matthew, and Miss Bessie Sterns, all highly commendable, the latter especially so. Harry and Birdie McLean come in for a share of well merited praise, and the dialogue and recitation, "The Adopted Child," by Miss Louisa Maskell and Miss Ada Lord, was well given. Miss Lord and Miss Rose Mayo sang a duet very sweetly; in the "Better Home Beyond," and the trio by Master Reginald Sterns and the Misses Bessie and Minnie Sterns—the latter at the organ—was much admired. The opening chorus by all the children was well executed, as they sang out "welcome to all" right heartily. The Rev. S. J. Colter, Dr. Muttart, Rev. J. G. Cameron, and Mr. Arch'd. Currie, delivered short addresses, as did also the Superintendents of the Sunday Schools, Messrs. J. G. Sterns and Caleb Carlton. Both young and old seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. Every effort was designed to please, and genuine pleasure to all was the result.

The following petition is being signed by leading merchants and others in the community. It is on a question of vital interest to the hardy fishermen on our shores, and should receive willing and ready attention from the proper quarter:— "To the Honorable SIR HECTOR L. LANGEVIN, Minister of Public Works, Ottawa: MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOR.—The petition of the undersigned residents of the eastern section of King's County, in the Province of Prince Edward Island, most respectfully sheweth: That a number of persons residing on the North Shore of Township Number 42, in the said County, have incurred during the last season a heavy outlay in the purchase of a mackerel seine, the building of boats and the construction of a pier and stage for the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

That owing to the absence of any harbor of refuge on the coast from St. Peter's to Souris, a distance of about sixty miles, the fisheries are carried on under many disadvantages in these quarters. That, if a substitute pier were constructed at the locality referred to, the fishery interests of the whole Dominion would be greatly benefited, thereby—the fishing grounds in the vicinity being the most valuable in Canadian waters. Your petitioners firmly believe that the construction of a pier in the locality would greatly conduce to the development of the fishing industries of the country. Your petitioners, therefore, most humbly request Your Honor to take this subject into your serious consideration, and your petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray. Monticello Cove, Lot 42, Dec. 28, 1883.

During his sermon at High Mass yesterday, our esteemed Parish Priest, the Rev. D. F. McDonald, in enforcing upon his people the necessity of a good example in all things, especially as regards the duty of parents to their children, brought before the people the present agitation on the liquor question. His Reverence condemned in unmistakable language the illegal traffic in liquor, and the conduct of those who showed by their actions that they sympathized with those who were so breaking the law. "I have been nineteen years with you, said Father McDonald, and I have never asked you to do anything contrary to your temporal or eternal interests. You know the misery caused by this traffic, that it is a curse among you, and that in showing any sympathy for those who break the law, and cannot even obtain a license, you are setting a bad example to your children, in training them up to disregard the just and right laws of our country. In asking you to discontinue and discountenance this traffic in strong drink, I am sure I ask you to do what is for your good, both temporal and spiritual, and in doing so you will be obeying the law and the dictates of true religion. When this agitation commenced last summer, I said then that my sympathies were with the cause of temperance, and whatever influence I possess would be in favor of temperance and obedience to the laws, because I believe it is a good cause, for your good, for the well being of the community, and in accordance with right religious principles. I have nothing to do with the law, but there are those whose business it is to enforce that law, and now a determined effort is being made, and in opposing these men, and talking against them—and I believe I come in for a share of the talk too—you are setting a bad example to your children, you are doing what is wrong, you are training them to disrespect and disregard the laws of your country, good laws which, as I have said before, and say so still, have my sympathy and the sympathy of every right meaning member of the community. In setting this bad example to your children, to those around you, in showing favor to those who break the law, by carrying on a business which is ruinous and an injury amongst us—those of you who do so, and take this wrong course, cannot expect God's blessing; because you are opposing the law, the instructions of religion, and the teachings of Sacred Writ itself. The example of the parent has a deep effect upon the child, your actions will influence them more than anything else, and if they hear or see you acting unlawfully, and speaking or acting in favor of those who break the laws of the country, what can you expect from such a course? Instead of opposing such a law, your influence and sympathies ought to be with it, and then your children will be influenced by a good example, you will be doing your duty as good citizens and Christians, as you ought to do, for your children have been given to you by God, to train them aright, which you are not doing, if you set them such a bad example."

Changeable weather is all the rage. It is highly fashionable for morning to wear a frown, and evening a smile, or vice versa. Friday and Saturday gave us a dose of rain, hail and snow combined. It was just lovely to sink to the knees in the beautiful snow, or wade ankle deep in the perfection of ice-topped slush. Yesterday somewhat atoned. The "day of rest" seemed to have a soothing influence upon the elements, and changeable mortals that we are, we proceeded at once with congratulations upon the "beautiful weather." It is well to be content. Even the weather teaches us a lesson. Sunshine and shower, calm or storm, everything the Lord of the tempest may do can only be *bonne et belle assey*—all lovely and good enough.

To-day breathes out the life of 1883. Its joys and sorrows at the still ghostly hour of midnight will go to rest forever amid the throng of years, nesting in the lap of eternity. Both cloud and silver lining will have rolled away into perpetual memory of Heaven. Christmas, with all its hallowed joys, holy memories, has visited us, and the christian world held sweet communion with Heaven's white-robed host. All Paradise pealed forth a pen of glorious joy, and waked a Te Deum of praise on millions of mortal tongues. Mortality echoed the voice of Immortality, and the golden harps of glory, touched by myriad saints, revived again the angelic song, "Peace on earth to men of goodwill." They sing away, through perpetual day, Glory, Glory, Glory! They praise thy name, O Agnus Dei! And earth repeats the story; And the story never dies; its echo never ceases. It will go with us into 1884, to make us better, wiser and happier, if we will. At this hour, among the last of this year your correspondent wishes continued success to THE EXAMINER, in the advocacy of everything good, and to every reader of its columns.— A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR. LANCASTER. Souris, Dec. 31st, 1883. Mr. Fletcher At Ugg.

On Thursday, the 20th December, Prof. Fletcher delivered his farewell lecture on "Uncrowned Heroism," before the P. E. Society. The evening being unusually fine, all in the neighborhood took advantage of the opportunity given to hear the lecture. Mr. Fletcher's eloquence is of the most winning character, and the power of his tongue is only rivalled by his pen. His lectures are models of style, and every line sparkles with the most witty and brilliant illustrations. At the close of the lecture Mr. Fletcher spoke of his attachment to his native settlement, and stated that "out of the five places he had selected to deliver his lecture, he had placed Ugg first." After several brief speeches by Messrs. McPhail, McKinnon and Campbell, Mr. John McLeod, the President of the Society, then closed the meeting. With feelings of joy mingled with sorrow, Mr. Fletcher's numerous friends bade him farewell, with joy in reviewing the many kind lectures he had delivered for their benefits, with sorrow to think they were to be severed for a time from one whose kind disposition had won him the friendship of many acquaintances. A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION. Dec. 31st, 1883. Marshfield School Examination.

The annual examination of the Marshfield School took place on the 28th ult. The school is in charge of Mr. Isaac Jay. The classes were examined by D. Montgomerie and L. B. Miller, Esquires, the Rev. Messrs. Mahan and Steele, and Miss Mary A. McLeod. A number of the inhabitants of the district were present, and took a lively interest in the proceedings. All the classes acquitted themselves well, particularly those in History and Analysis. The condition of the school is such as to reflect credit on the teacher, who has deservedly won the reputation of being among the best in the Province. The complimentary words uttered by visiting gentlemen were gratifying to all interested in the school. Not the least interesting part of the programme was the presentation of about half a dozen books, as prizes to the best pupils in the different grades, after which the children were treated by the ladies to such good things as are in keeping with Christmas cheer. Marshfield is to be congratulated on the excellent condition of its school. Dec. 31, 1883. A Daily Mail Wanted.

On the 19th inst. a public meeting was held at Springton, Lot 67, to consider the necessity for a daily mail. M. Lamont, Esq., was appointed Chairman, and the undersigned Secretary. After an animated discussion, in which the Rev. J. McLeod, Messrs. D. Cameron, M. Lamont, D. Matheson and D. McKenzie took an active part, the following resolution moved by Rev. J. McLeod and seconded by D. Cameron, Esq., was unanimously carried: "Whereas, The want of a daily mail in this locality is often seriously felt as a public inconvenience in consequence of letters and other mail matter being often delayed for several days, and is also a drawback to many who would gladly avail themselves of some of the daily publications at present issued; Resolved, That it is the opinion of this meeting that as a daily mail would tend to advance the interests of this community, a petition from the inhabitants be forwarded to the Hon. A. A. McDonald, Postmaster, Charlottetown, asking for a daily mail in this place; it was Further Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be sent for publication in THE WEEKLY EXAMINER, with the request that other papers will please copy.

Subsequently, meetings for the same purpose were held at Hartzville and Rose Valley respectively, where similar resolutions were unanimously passed. A petition in accordance with the foregoing resolution is now in course of being signed in each of the three places above named. D. K. MCKENZIE, Secretary. Springton, Lot 67, Dec. 18, 1883.

SCOTT ACT.—The Summerside Journal says:—On Monday afternoon last (new year's eve) our policeman, armed with a warrant for the arrest of a man named McInnis, who, it is claimed, has been selling liquor in violation of the C. T. Act in the bar adjoining the Franklin House made an entrance by force and the assistance of a fence rail into the rear of that individual's establishment and seized the contents thereof, but not the offender, who made good his escape by getting out some back way not known to those who made the charge on his place of business. At last reports no word had been received from him, so that his whereabouts still remains a mystery. The probabilities are that he got such a start that he will not show up very soon.

THE CHARLOTTETOWN FLOUR, FEED AND PROVISION STORE, South Side Queen Square, near Queen Street. HAVE to announce that they have on hand the following goods, which they are prepared to sell at reasonable prices and in quantities to suit purchasers: Flour (Superior Extra, Strong Bakers' and Patent) OATMEAL, CORNMEAL, BRAN, SHORTS, OATS, CRUSHED FEED, either Oats and Barley or Oats, Barley and Corn. APPLES, which will be sold by the barrel or by the pound, at rates very little over barrel prices. Ch'town, Dec. 18, 1883.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS. GREAT SALE OF MEN'S & BOYS' CLOTHING, AT J. B. MACDONALD'S. Men's Warm Reefers, \$3.00 Men's Heavy Warm Reefers, 4.00 Men's Heavy Warm Reefers, 5.00 Men's Extra Heavy Reefers, 6.00 OVERCOATS. OVERCOATS. Men's Warm Overcoats, \$4.00 Men's Heavy Warm Overcoats, 5.25 Men's Extra Warm Overcoats, 6.75 Men's Extra Warm Overcoats, 8.00 Men's Superior Custom Made Overcoats, 10.00 Men's Heavy Warm Ulster Coats, \$5.00 Men's Extra Heavy Ulster Coats, 6.50 Men's Very Heavy, \$8.00, \$9.00, \$10.00 Boys' Clothing, in great variety and at reduced prices, during the Holidays. Men's and Boys' Warm Underclothing, very cheap. Fur and Cloth Caps, the cheapest to be had. Come one and all to the popular cheap store. J. B. MACDONALD'S, Ch'town, Dec. 10, 1883.—2aw wklly her pres Queen Street.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND RAILWAY. 1883-4. Winter Arrangement. 1883-4. ON AND AFTER MONDAY, 10th DECEMBER, 1883, trains will run daily as follows (Sundays excepted):—

Table with 4 columns: STATIONS, No. 1, No. 3, STATIONS, No. 2, No. 4. Lists train routes and times for Westbound and Eastbound services.

Table with 4 columns: STATIONS, No. 5, No. 7, STATIONS, No. 6, No. 8. Lists train routes and times for Eastbound services.

Trains are run by Eastern Standard Time. Railway Office, Charlottetown, Dec. 17, 1883. JAMES COLEMAN, Superintendent.

TEA. TEA. BEER & COFF'S. OUR TEA is giving splendid satisfaction. Prices, retail 24cts., 30cts., and 36cts. Prices, wholesale, very low. FIVE POUND TINS, (screw top), excludes the air, preserving the flavor and strength of the Tea. Just what is wanted. Halt chests very cheap to the trade. BEER & GOFF.

V. M. C. A. LECTURE COURSE. THE Fourth Lecture of the Winter Course, before the Young Men's Christian Association, will be delivered by L. H. DAVIES, ESQ., M.P. Y. M. C. A. HALL, Thursday Ev'ng, January 3rd, SUBJECT—"GREAT MEN IN COUNCIL" Chair to be taken at eight o'clock. Admission ten cents. HENRY SMITH, Secretary. Ch'town, Dec. 27.

Dominion of Canada, Province of Prince Edward Island. IN THE SUPREME COURT. Merchants Bank of Halifax, Plaintiff, and Frank McDonald, an absent or absconding debtor, Defendant. Owen Connolly, Plaintiff, and Frank McDonald, an absent or absconding debtor, Defendant. BY virtue of Her Majesty's Writs of Attachment, to be directed, issued out of this Honorable Court in the above Writs.—I hereby give notice to all persons within the said Island, indebted to Frank McDonald the above-named defendant, to pay the several amounts of such indebtedness to me without delay, pursuant to the provisions of "The Absent Debtor Act 1873." HENRY LONGWORTH, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Queen's Co., Dec. 31, '83. [Jan 2 1884]

ST. PETER'S ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE! TENDERS, for the removal of the Lighthouse from the west end to the south side of St. Peter's Island, will be received by the Agent of the Department of Marine and Fisheries at Charlottetown, up to the 15th of January 1884, at 12 o'clock, noon. The Agent will give all information required. A certified cheque, or cash, equal to 20 per cent. of the Tender will be required to accompany each Tender, which deposit will be forfeited should the contractor, whose tender is accepted, fail to complete the contract. Tender to include stone foundations, repairing all damage and incurring all risks, as the Department will require the Lighthouse perfect in all respects before payment is made. The Department does not bind itself to accept any Tender. ARTEMUS LORD, Agent Dept. Marine and Fisheries. Ch'town, Dec. 31st, 1883.—21

ST. PETER'S SCHOOLS WILL RE-OPEN ON Monday, January 7th, at 10 o'clock. Boys' School. Subjects Taught:—All English branches thoroughly, Latin, Greek, French, or German, if desired. Girls' School. All English branches—French and Latin if required. Applications may be made to Miss Harris, Pownal Street, Rev. G. W. Hodgson, or to W. B. KING, St. Peter's Clergy House. Ch'town, 29, '83.—dly tl Jan 7.

BARGAINS! PREVIOUSLY to closing our BRANCH STORE, we offer all our FANCY GOODS such as Photograph Albums, Autograph Albums, Card Cases, Frames, New Year Cards, Writing Desk, &c., Also, Gift Books, Toy Books, Bibles, Prayers, Hymns, at a reduction of TWENTY PER CENT. from marked prices, for CASH ONLY. This offer to remain good only a short time before we move back the balance of our Stock into the Old Stand. BREMNER BROS. Ch'town, Dec. 29, 1883.—1f.

WANTS, LOST, FOUND, &c. WANTED—A good general SERVANT. No washing. Apply before two or after seven p. m. to Mrs. O'Meara, Pleasant Street. [Jan 8] WANTED—A COOK, by Mrs. Charles Palmer, Weymouth St. [Jan 3 21] WANTED TO RENT about 1st April, a House containing seven or eight rooms within 5 minutes walk of the post office. Enquire at this office. [Dec 29 4m.] WANTED TO PURCHASE.—A pair of medium sized Snowshoes (second hand) Apply at this office. [Dec 27] WANTED.—To Lease for a term of years, a Cottage, centrally located. Enquire at this office. [Dec 21] NO LET.—Warehouses to let on Lord's Wharf. Apply to W. W. CLARKE. [Dec 20] NO LET.—Part of House opposite Railway Station. Enquire at this office. [Dec 19] BOARDERS.—Mrs. Robert Rodd, has removed to the house of Mr. C. Hearta, Easton Street, where she can accommodate number of Boarders, on reasonable terms. [Jan 3]