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THE MAILS.

The statements of Mr. T. J. Dillon, published in another column, justify the worst fears of *THE EXAMINER* regarding the carriage of the mails, under the new arrangement, when the weather is stormy and the roads bad. From Sunday evening to Thursday evening between Charlottetown and Aulac—while passengers leaving here at the same time went right along to Sackville and thence to St. John and the West! Mail bags picked up on the road! Who can tell what has become of their missing letters? Recollect that Mr. Dillon has just been over the route and that what he reports he has himself seen or has heard from others who are on the ground. He is not a politician. He attends strictly to business. It is as a business man and an exporter of a large and valuable part of our products that he speaks. It is from a business point of view, solely, that we regard his statements, which are, without doubt, substantially true. In Conservative days *THE EXAMINER* was among the first to speak out when there were delays on account of the negligence of officials or the apathy or mismanagement of the Government. But now, in a state of affairs more disgraceful than ever, with less cause than ever, our Liberal organs, even those which pretend to be independent, are as mute as mice. Is it not time to wake up? The public accounts show that millions of money are being added to our yearly expenditures. Yet there is dickered and cheese-paring over the small amount needed to obtain an engine and car to carry the mails between Sackville and Tormentine; and mails are sent from Tormentine to Aulac on sleighs, though there is a train (on which the passengers proceed) ready and waiting to receive them and carry them along! The resort to sleighs to carry the mails from Sackville to Tormentine should have been a last resort—after every possible means of bringing Senator Wood to reasonable terms had been exhausted; and in any case the outward mail should not be sent on sleighs to Aulac while the regular train for Sackville was in waiting at Tormentine.

While the roads were very good and the nights very fine we had close connection for the incoming mails by means of sleighs. But the moment the roads became heavy and bad the incoming mails were delayed as well as the out-going. In proof of this it is only necessary to point to the fact that a boat crossed the other day with passengers brought down to the Cape by train,—but there were no mails to be brought because they were on the way from Aulac on sleighs. Such occurrences will (must) continue as long as the present arrangement lasts. The blame cannot be placed upon any official;—the authorities at Ottawa are wholly and solely responsible for the present scandalous and ridiculous conditions in respect to our mails. What Mr. Dillon says about the advisability of "concentrating effort" at the capes and making that the winter route for both mails and passengers bears the impress of common sense, and ought to receive the attention of our ministers as soon as they return from their wild-goose chase at Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Toombs, to whom reference is made by Mr. Dillon, were nine days coming from Montreal to Charlottetown!

Apart from the winter arrangement altogether, the slowness of the Nova Scotia mails has for many months, been a subject of remark in Charlottetown. Letters are two, three or four days on the way from Truro, Windsor, Digby, Annapolis and Yarmouth, etc. There is something radically wrong in the Postal Department. Some of the newly-appointed officials on the mainland have not, apparently, learned their duty to the public. The ocean mail service, too, is notoriously in a worse condition than it was when the Conservatives left office. While Mr. Debell is vainly trying to raise the wind between Quebec and Liverpool, the business of Canada is hampered for want of a Fast Line service. Taken altogether, the existing conditions as to our mails are not creditable to the present administration.

Montreal Gazette: The somewhat unnecessary announcement is made that the treaty about Canada with Great Britain will not be ratified at the present session of Congress. Some do not expect a treaty to be ratified at any session, and they are increasing in number as time goes by.

About 50 sample pairs of ladies and misses fine cashmere hose—various qualities on sale to-night at 25 per cent. discount.—Moore & McLeod

LIBERAL DEVICES.

A despatch from St. John reports that Councillor Dean, one of the opposition candidates for St. John County, on Tuesday last, made a declaration that on the previous Saturday, he was offered, first two hundred, then five hundred, then a thousand dollars to retire from the contest. On the same morning, Captain Garson, of St. Martin's, his colleague, was waited upon by a prominent local manager for the Minister of Railways, who told Garson that if he persisted in running, a petition would at once be circulated asking for the dismissal of his brother from the post of Collector of Customs.

Mr. Blair is now in St. John. He met the Provincial ministers and addressed a local government meeting on Monday evening. In his address he told of his project for harbor improvements, and then dramatically asked how he could go back to his colleagues and ask them to spend money in St. John after the constituency had rejected the local government candidates.

Such are the circumstances under which the New Brunswick elections are being held to-day.

WOMEN ON THE SCHOOL BOARD.

Sir,—The subject of "Women on the School Board" has brought to the light a number of letters some, as is to be seen, not. One of the latter is that signed "School Teacher."

To tell the truth, I doubt if the pseudonym be a true one, for I think too much of the teachers of Charlottetown to believe anyone of them capable of writing such a letter.

"School Teacher," so called, may make all the fun he likes of women conducting public affairs; but that does not prevent women from fulfilling their duty as well in public as in private life.

The handling of public affairs and the addressing of public meetings is not a matter of sex, but of ability and practice. Let me say to "School Teacher" that in the present day (I do not say it is a good thing) many girls are as well informed in the parliamentary usage as their fathers. I for one, however, have no desire to do man's work. I always did believe in letting them put up double-windows, shovel, snow and such like manly occupations, without my help.

However, if what concerns children is not woman's work, I should like to know what is? What women would do on the School Board we do not know. It is a venture yet to be tried in Charlottetown. However, let the number of men be not decreased and one or more women added. Then what possible harm could come? For there would always be enough manly wisdom to outvote the foolishness of women! And yet we know some women have ideas and these might be put into results if such women were on the School Board.

That "School Teacher" is a man is evident. But he does not show his manliness in bringing a lady's name into print unnecessarily. That he isn't a school teacher is evident from his confusing the "Board of Education" and the "City School Board." The question before the public now is "Women on the School Board of Charlottetown"—not "Women on the Board of Education." So that the reference to Dr. Anderson is simply stupid, and has nothing to do with the question.

OLD MAID.

KELLY'S CROSS NOTES.

Our up-to-date tailor, Mr. Doucette, is taking a few well earned holidays.

Local gossip turns to two important matrimonial events, which are expected to be solemnized in the near future.

A genial representation of the Telephone Co., Charlottetown, paid a visit to his friends in this locality. As a result, it is now rumored that Maplewood will soon be connected with the metropolis by wire.

On Friday last Francis McDonald, of this place, suffered a heavy loss. A very valuable horse about 8 years old, which was apparently in the best of health in the morning, suddenly took colic and died. Mr. McDonald's loss is heavy, as the animal was rated as one of the best general purpose horses in the district.

Mr. John Bracey and Mr. Trainor are doing a lively business in the merchandise line. No need to go any other place for quality and cheapness as the prices and quality are always on a par with the city merchants.

To read and be masters of the art is the highest ambition of some of our young men, and their efforts in that line are no doubt praiseworthy; also our local talent for singing is not left uncultivated, and a stranger could not fail but appreciate the many classic songs that would greet his arrival in the place, especially that old but soul-inspiring ballad, "The Balls of Shannon."

On account of the death of the late lamented President, Mr. John Smith, St. Joseph's Literary Society has deferred holding its usual meeting for a few weeks. The young men of the Society contemplate getting up a suitable drama or play. Judging by the local talent that can be had we have every hope that it would be a success.

The annual examination of our school was held on Monday, Feb. 6th. The result was a very good attendance in both departments, considering the impaired health of many of the pupils. The scholars were

examined in the various branches, and the aptitude and correctness with which they did their work, throws well merited praise upon their teacher, Mr. J. H. Devereaux. In Miss McKenna's department the pupils were equally well versed. At the end of the examination Mr. McLeod expressed himself as highly pleased with the result and complimented both teachers on the good standing of the school.

HILLSBORO BRIDGE.

Sir,—Build the Bridge out of something more solid than minutes of Council. It is about time all nonsense in connection with this work was dropped, and the matter taken hold of in a business-like way. Away with politics and party feeling; have done with offering or holding the work for an election dodge: let our country people use and fight for it as their right, and fight till they get it. They will find the city people back them up every time.

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Rink!

The best Entertainment of the Winter. Miss Fannie Davidson & Mr. J. F. Davidson

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IN THE HILLSBOROUGH RINK Monday Even'g, Feb. 20, '98

The Davidsons have spent all this winter in skating to crowded houses in the large cities of the United States and Canada, and leave for the Old Country early in March. Don't miss this opportunity of seeing the prettiest entertainment ever given in Charlottetown.

ON THE SAME EVENING after the Davidsons performance the third match of the Intermediate League will be played. St. Dunstan's vs. 2nd. Victorias. This will be a keenly contested Hockey match. Admission tickets both entertainments, 25c. Reserved seats 30 and 35 cents. For sale at C. D. Rankin's. Doors open at 7:30. Performance at 8 o'clock. CALBRAITH'S BAND.

Prof. J. W. Robertson DAIRY COMMISSIONER and Professor - Macoun

Of the Experimental Dairy Farm will visit this Province in the interests of the Farmers and Horticulturists

And will hold meetings as follows: Monday, 27th Feb.—At Rustico Bank at 12:30; Bras'Albane Hall at 7. Tuesday, 28th Feb.—Kensington Hall, at 2; Summerside at 7. Wednesday, March 1.—O'Leary Hall at 2; Alberton at 7. Thursday, March 2.—St. Peter's at 2; Souris at 7. Friday, March 3.—Charlottetown in Kindergarten Hall, at 2; also at a meeting of the Dairy Associations of the Province, specially called at Charlottetown at 7, in the same place—same evening. Saturday, March 4.—Edon Hall at 12:30; Murray Harbor South at 7:30. It is particularly requested, as there are two meetings to be held each day, that all meetings shall be held on sharp time.

The Ch'town Steam Nav. Co., LIMITED.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the above Company, will be held at their office, corner of Great George and Lower Water Streets, Charlottetown, on WEDNESDAY, the first day of March, next, at the hour of eleven o'clock a. m.

By order, F. W. HALES, Secretary

Annual Meeting.

The first Annual Meeting of the Dundas Dairying Association will be held in the Cheese Factory, on March 1st, at 2 o'clock p. m. Dundas Dairying Association, W. E. LEARD, Secretary. Br. J. etown, Feb 16th—w2

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