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THE FODDER FAMINE

Correspondence from all over the Country.

In order to ascertain the true condition of affairs with respect to the reported scarcity of feed in this Province, we addressed a day or two ago enquiries to representative farmers in all sections of the country, and to-day publish the answers so far received.

While it appears that the reports current have been somewhat exaggerated, it will be seen from the correspondence that not within the past half century has feed been so scarce, that in some localities the farmers will be sufferers greatly and be set back for the whole year, and that the present is a most critical period in the history of agricultural progress in this Province. The necessity that exists in some localities for feeding to the cattle the roots and grain reserved for seed will be greatly regretted. The local government might well turn its attention to a matter of such pressing importance.

Garfield. DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 10th to hand yesterday. In regard to the condition of affairs in this locality in respect to cattle feed I have very little to say, as I am not an apt writer. However, I may say that the scarcity of feed from the effects of a very early spring has not yet been realized. Farmers do not yet realize to what extent the scarcity of feed will bring their losses.

In this district and vicinity I believe they will have enough as they have hauled a great deal of hay from Dallas Point, Lot 40 and 48. If this hay comes in much longer and leaves the ice in possible the situation will be very critical and the loss will be greater than at first anticipated.

I know that reports have been greatly exaggerated about people killing off their cattle for want of feed. I know of no such case around here. They all die away with them to the best possible advantage in the fall. Although I know a number of cases where they fed the cattle late they had before they were able to get any home, as the distance was far. However it is certain many cattle will die coming spring from the effects of the scarcity of feed. For the winter will suffer indirectly for many years from the excessive prices they have to pay for fodder even if they do not lose any of their cattle. Their cattle will never be worth what it cost to feed them this winter. The prospects are very discouraging to us here as many of them have to look to other sources than their own for money to buy fodder, many of them to their friends or members of their families abroad, many of them at service in the United States.

As to the publication of this or any part of it, I leave it to your pleasure. A. C. BUCHANAN. March 14, 1891.

Tyne Valley. GENTLEMEN,—In reply to yours of 10th inst., will say that it is a pretty hard question to answer. I think if farmers had an idea of an early spring feed would be all right; but farmers will not sell for fear of leaving themselves short; but I imagine they will put through with an early spring. Yours truly, D. W. FORBES.

Murray River. DEAR SIR,—Your letter to hand by last mail. In regard to your inquiry respecting scarcity of feed, I am pleased to tell you, in regard to this locality, I think the supply will very nearly meet the demand. There is a scarcity, but, happily, it is foreseen last autumn by shortening stock and by saving fodder from the beginning of the feed season. As far as I know no cattle have died in this direction, although the rumors of which you speak have reached us. No doubt there are the few who are already short who will find it more difficult than usual to procure the necessary supply; but with the Stanley within reach we think that no serious difficulty will be felt in this part of the Island. Respectfully yours, HENRY A. BEARS.

Murray Harbor Road. DEAR SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., wherein you wanted information in reference to feed. In reply I beg leave to state that as far as I know in this locality at least, there is no reason to fear for any year that some here are scarce of feed for their stock, while others have some to spare. We will therefore in that way make ends meet. JOHN N. McPHERSON, March 14, 1891.

Darley. DEAR SIR:—In reply to your enquiry respecting the great scarcity of feed through out the Island, I'm sorry to inform you that reports are in a great measure correct. I don't think there ever was such a general scarcity of feed on the Island before. Most large farmers in this section have enough for themselves, but small farmers and laborers who generally keep a cow and sometimes a horse, and always depend on the large farmers for feed for them, are in many cases completely out now, and can't get one pound at any price. I have not heard of any dying or being killed yet in this section but have no doubt if it is a late spring there will be many. Yours truly, GEORGE B. MACNUTT. March 14, 1891.

Lower Montague. DEAR SIR,—I am not in a position from actual observation to answer your question, but from answers gathered by my inquiries respecting the scarcity of fodder of all kinds in this locality which includes Lots 59 and 61, I have come to the conclusion that such a spring as the spring of 1891 has not opened on this locality during the half century that I have been a resident of this Province, and perhaps like the Queen of Sheba the half has not been told me. I have only heard of two settlements that it is possible for them to take care of themselves, viz., Murray Harbor North and Lower Montague, as far as being able to take care of their stock is concerned. As hay is cheap and abundant in N.S., if private enterprise does not import hay and that quickly I should say it would be well for the government to import and thereby

assist those who are not able to help themselves, and grain and potatoes will have to be used to keep the stock alive and the land left uncultivated. THOMAS ANNAN. March 16, '91.

Pinette. DEAR SIR:—I received a note asking how we are off for feed for cattle around here. As far as I am aware they are all pretty well supplied, but the majority had to buy. Yours truly, ALLAN McLENNIS. March 14th, '91.

Resigns his Charge. Mr. Jas. McIsaac, of the Charlottetown Herald, has retired from the position of editor and manager of that paper. In his valedictory he says:—"To cease speaking to the many readers whom, for the past four years, he has weekly addressed through this column, seems to him like severing ties of friendship and breaking up associations which have come to be regarded as almost necessary concomitants of every day life. Whether or not he has, while he has been in charge of the Herald, succeeded in elevating it or obtaining for it respectability and a place in the confidence of its readers, he leaves the public to judge. Of one fact, however, he is certain, that when he entered the office he did not find matters in the most satisfactory condition. During those years he avoided his time, his energies and such talents as he possessed to building up the Herald and giving it a worthy place among its contemporaries. He discharged his duties conscientiously, and possibly not without undue attention, as his somewhat impaired health now admonishes him.

He would wish to take leave of his readers under different conditions; but circumstances which he is unable to enter upon appear to suggest this as the only course open to him consistent with his wish. He prefers stepping out of his own free will rather than be forced out, although such a step involves serious pecuniary loss, as he had become interested in the Herald to a very considerable extent. The Globe and Mr. Blake. In reply to Mr. Blake's second letter the Globe repeats briefly its line of reasoning, but fairly interpreted to mean anything else than that political union with the United States is our inevitable destiny. It calls upon him for a further and fuller explanation of his position. The letter is regarded here as settling, to some extent, the doubt as to what Mr. Blake really means. It shows that he has in strong repugnance to annexation, and that he believes it to be the most likely solution of our political troubles. With this letter, to all appearance, Mr. Blake's personal contributions to the controversy will end, for it appears to be an intimation that he does not intend to more fully explain himself.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender or Crane and Hoist," will be received until Thursday the 21st day of March, 1891, for the construction and putting in place a new CRANE and HOIST in the Dock at P.O. No. 1, now being built at Alberton, Prince Edward Island, according to a plan and specification to be seen on application to Mr. James E. Birch, Alberton, P. E. Island and at the Department of Public Works Ottawa. Tenders will not be considered unless made on the form supplied and signed with the actual signature of the tenderer. An accepted bank cheque, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to five per cent of the amount of tender, must accompany each tender. This cheque will be forfeited if the party declines the contract, or fails to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender. The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. By E. F. E. BOY, Secretary, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, 2nd March 1891.

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LIME! I HAVE taken the Kilns lately occupied by John Henry, and will be pleased to fill all orders for Lime for Farm and Building Purposes. At shortest notice. I have now on hand 500 barrels Slack Lime, which I will sell for 25 Cents per Barrel To make room for Roach Lime. J. T. PEARDEN Upper Great George Street March 14—1 m d & w

P. E. ISLAND RAILWAY. SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Steam Coal," will be received until SATURDAY, 29th inst., inclusive, for the supply of Seven Thousand Two Hundred (7,200) Tons of the Best Fresh Mined Round Steam Coal, for Locomotive use. Tenders to state the price per ton, of 2,240 lbs. delivered as follows:— Charlottetown 3,550 tons Summerside 2,500 " Georg town 300 " Souris 150 " Cape Traverse 150 " At least one quarter of the whole quantity required at each of the above mentioned Stations to be delivered on or before the 30th day of June next, and delivery of the whole to be completed on or before the 1st day of October, 1891. The first payment will be made in July, and monthly thereafter. Ten (10) per cent will be retained from each payment until the final and satisfactory completion of the contract. The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest, or any tender. J. UNSWORTH, Superintendent. Railway Office, Ch'town, March 11, 1891. d & w

SEED OATS. 600 BUSHELS HEAVY BLACK OATS For sale by C. H. SCHURMAN. March 16, 21 d & w Water Street.

BUILDING LOTS. AT AUCTION. Wednesday, April 1st. 2 Handsome Lots in the City, Cor. Fitzroy & Hillsborough Sts. Size of each Lot, 43x100 feet, with Southern front and splendid shade trees. Joining the beautiful residence of Mr. C. D. Rankin, in Judge Young's Block. Terms—25 per cent. Cash; Balance can remain on the property. E. H. NORTON & CO. Auctioneers. March 18.—o d. why t f d.

Watches. A large Stock of the best Time-keepers in the market, at G. H. TAYLOR'S, in Gold, Gold-filled, Silver and Nickel Cases—all guaranteed. NEW STOCK NOW OPENING. North Side Queen Square, Charlottetown. April 11, '90.

DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS FOR PALE PEOPLE. EVERY MAN should take them. EVERY WOMAN should take them. YOUNG MEN should take them. YOUNG WOMEN should take them. For sale by all druggists, or will be sent upon receipt of price (50c. per box), by addressing THE DR. WILLIAMS' MED. CO., Brockville, Ont.

Furniture Shop. The undersigned begs to intimate to the Citizens of Charlottetown that he has opened a FURNITURE SHOP In the South end of Mr. Stables' Building, on Great George Street, where he will keep on hand and make to order any article of FURNITURE. REPAIRING & PICTURE FRAMING A SPECIALTY. GEO. DOULL. March 17—31 eod

Extract from a Private Letter to Beer Bros., from their Buyer. LONDON:— Since my arrival here from Paris, I find that all the important Spring Novelties are to hand, and I wish to give you some idea of the present fashions. In Hats and Bonnets the styles have undergone such a change that it is quite difficult to decide whether or not our ladies will adopt the extreme styles now in vogue. Hats are simply plates of straw, with the edges crimped in every conceivable conceit, whilst the Bonnets consist of a hole with a few bits of wire and some light material, such as tulle or crepe, puffed or shirred. There seems to be almost an unbridgeable chasm between last year's styles and the present, and the taste of our ladies will have to "rise" accordingly if they wish to wear the newest things. I have been successful in securing quite a number of first class model Hats and Bonnets which ought to interest every lady in Charlottetown. They have been bought at the right place, at the right price, and should sell right smart. Long feathers will not be used much this summer. Tips in bunches of three or more I found to be immensely used in Paris, and the same idea is just coming in favor here (London). They are placed on the back of all toques and on the front of all cepotes, and everywhere on bonnets. The season will be one of lace and flowers, with a good dash of fancy ribbons. Small flowers such as heath, lily of the valley, lilacs, etc., are the favorites, with roses and rose piquets for lower-priced goods. Poppies also remain good. As regards color, it is gold everywhere and in everything, gold colored velvets, gold tips, gold passementeries, gold tinsel, tinsel ribbons, etc. The demand from New York for these goods has been phenomenal. It is sure to be a great Millinery season, Hats and Bonnets made from frames almost taking the lead of straw. The styles of trimming have so materially changed that I do not think there is a Milliner in Charlottetown who will be competent to undertake the best work and make it up, as it should be, without first visiting some large centre, such as Boston or New York; and I would recommend that we send our Miss A— to one of these places at once, before taking charge of our Millinery Department in the Spring. Dress Goods, etc., in next.

THE SEED BUSINESS FOR 1891. We are now busy preparing for our twelfth season in the Seed Business. Year by year, since 1879, our sales of Seeds have steadily increased, and our position has been recognized as the Leading Seedman of P. E. Island. Feeling the importance of our position and knowing that thousands of people are depending on us to provide TRUE, FRESH SEEDS suitable to our soil and climate, we are sparing no effort or study to procure the finest strains; and in this, our experience in the past, and our intimate relations with many of the leading farmers and gardeners greatly assist us. We are sure that no better Seeds than we offer can be procured elsewhere, either in Canada or the United States; and we feel safe in saying that many of the largest firms who publish the most showy catalogues, do not, in many of the most important articles, sell as high a grade of seeds as we do, while they charge higher prices. This is the experience of many who have bought elsewhere before trying our seeds. The necessity of sending abroad for seeds now no longer exists. Farmers and gardeners can procure all the best strains of seeds suitable for this climate, by ordering from us. We claim to be experienced Seedsmen. Eleven years of successful business prove our claims. We do not wish to boast, but only to impress the fact that we understand our business and are worthy of the confidence of the public. Send name and address on a post card or letter for our Illustrated Seed Catalogue for 1891. Free to all. GEO. CARTER & CO. SEEDSMEN. Charlottetown, Feb. 1891.

Woodlands Farm for Sale. THIS is one of the best Farms in the Province, situated about two miles from Charlottetown, on the Brackley Point Road, comprising about 120 acres of land, about 90 of which are cleared, the rest covered with hard and soft wood. The land is rich and of the best quality. There is not a bad acre on the Farm. There is a never-failing Pond, surrounded by a Spruce Grove, in the centre of the Farm. There is a very comfortable Dwelling House, with Outbuildings. A large Orchard has been planted. If not sold the Farm will possibly be let for a few years. Apply to DR. BEER, Charlottetown. Feb. 16—4w

F. S. MITCHELL, Watchmaker & Jeweler. HAS CONSTANTLY IN STOCK A FULL LINE OF Watches, Clocks, Jewellery, Spectacles, Etc. Repairing of all kinds neatly and promptly executed. All work warranted. MONTAGUE BRIDGE, P. E. Island. Dec. 30, '90.—3mcs

FURS. FOX, MINK, MUSKRAT, &c. To the Trappers and Hunters of P. E. I DON'T sell your Furs to any person in town till you show them to the undersigned. He is the only Shipper abroad on the Island. He is giving full New York and Halifax prices for all kinds of Furs—Silver and Black Fox made a specialty. If not at his Office, opposite J. D. McLeod & Co's Grocery Store, on Grafton Street, west end of Richmond Street, below Fowal Street, near the Jail. CHARLES HIGGINS. Ch'town, Jan 23, 1891. 10w p1

TEAS! New Season, 1890 & 1891 Our sixth through shipment from CHINA DIRECT. 1281 HALF CHESTS. Our own choice brands. H L AND W & Co F X AND H X FIRST CROP SARYUNEA STEAMSHIP "CANAL" J. E. MORSE & CO. IMPORTERS, HALIFAX, N. S. Nov. 28, '90.

MANSE PROPERTY FOR SALE. THE Undersigned will receive Tenders up to the 4th day of April next, inclusive, for the Manse property at Wood Islands, Lot 60, consisting of a Manse, Barn and 63 acres of Land, of which about 25 acres are cleared, and the balance covered with a valuable growth of Softwood. The highest tender not necessarily accepted. By order, D. BEATON. Beatons Mills P. O., Melville, Lot 60, March 5, 1891 4i

MEDICAL HALL. NABAL BALM, Scott's and Puttner's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, wholesale and retail. Pink Pills, Indian Root Pills, Carter's Pills, Kellogg's Asthma Cure, Chester's Asthma Cure, Sago's Catarrh Cure. S. W. DODD, MEDICAL HALL. Mch5

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