

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS.

MARINE & FISHERIES.

NATURALLY the people of this Island take particular interest in the Department of Marine and Fisheries; for not only has it charge of one of our most important industries, but it is presided over by one of our own men. Our readers will, therefore, be gratified to learn that the Department has been managed in a manner calculated to give the utmost satisfaction to the country at large. The annual report of the Department shows that Mr. Pope has succeeded in carrying on all the work at an expense of \$131,000 less than that of the previous year, and \$61,000 within the estimate. The total amount expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, was \$852,678, while the amount voted was \$913,579, both these accounts including departmental salaries. The light stations and light houses have been considerably increased in number, the navigation of the Lower St. Lawrence being specially improved. The expenditure upon Dominion steamers has been notably diminished, with a great deal more work got of them. The harbor police of Montreal and Quebec have been rendered less costly, and the meteorological service has been considerably extended—much to the benefit of the public, who are much more appreciative than formerly of its usefulness. In many other aspects there is a corresponding improvement. The report of the Fisheries Department is peculiarly interesting, but is only preliminary, it being the intention to submit a special report as soon as possible. The total value of the marine productions of Canada for 1879 is estimated approximately at \$13,500,000, the figures for last year being \$13,215,798, and it is stated that an increase of value amounting to nearly half a million dollars will probably be established when the past year's returns are completed. The total number of Light Stations in the Dominion on the 31st December last was 443, and of lights shown 542; the number of steam fog whistles and automatic fog-horns 29, and the number of light keepers, engineers of fog whistles and other assistants, with crews of lightships, was 517. This shows an increase for the year of 16 stations, 24 lighthouses—a decrease of 2 in the number of fog whistles, and an increase of 2 in the number of fog-horns. The quantity of oil supplied to the lighthouses above Montreal during the past season amounted to 20,739 gallons; in the Quebec District, 19,450; in the New Brunswick District, 9,595; Nova Scotia, 37,819; and Prince Edward Island, 5,358; making in all, 92,961 gallons. The entire expenditure upon the Dominion steamers, including the Northern Light, was \$111,783. The Northern Light broke down badly in February last, after failing to be able to cross when the ice in the Straits of Northumberland was packed. Her earnings during the short period she ran amounted to \$1,035.25, which does not include anything for carrying the mails; and repairs and improvements and running expenses for the fiscal year amounted to \$16,333. During the last calendar year, 53 new steamers were added to the list, having a gross tonnage of 5,539 tons and 3,637 tons register. During the same period 27 steamers were lost or put out of service, having a gross tonnage of 2,762 tons and 1,347 tons register. This shows a gain in steamers of 26, and of gross tonnage 2,777 tons and 2,290 tons register. The principal increase in tonnage was in British Columbia and Manitoba. The total number of casualties reported to the Department as having occurred during last year to sea-going and inland vessels was 418, and 321 lives were reported lost in connection with them. The aggregate number of tons involved in these disasters was 159,758 tons register, and the total amount of loss, as far as has been ascertained, including both vessels and cargoes, was \$3,501,461. This amount includes partial loss of vessels and cargoes. In the Meteorological Service considerable progress is reported to have been made during the year, both in statistics and information, by the extension of the issue of daily probabilities. A continued increase in the accuracy of storm warnings is reported, and also a diminution in the number of telegraphic delays. In the year 1879, the percentage of warnings verified was 83, and the number of warnings, which, owing to telegraphic delays, reached their destination too late to be of any service, was reduced from 36 in 1878 to 13 in 1879. Seven hundred and twelve warnings were issued and 591 verified. The total number of weather predictions, other than storm warnings, was 4,089, and the percentage fully and partly verified of them was 93.6. The

number of new vessels built and registered in the Dominion of Canada during the last year was 265, measuring 74,227 tons register. Estimating the value of the new tonnage at \$45 per ton, it gives a total value of \$3,340,619, or £668,123 stg. The Trade Returns show that the value of fish exported during the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1879, was \$7,072,203, against \$6,929,366 in 1878, being an increase of \$142,837. The total expenditure on account of fish culture for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1879, amounts to \$19,888.75. The whole number of young fish distributed during the Spring of 1879 was 21,732,700. The number of salmon caught by anglers is reported at 3,035.

Draw, but Draw Slowly.

To show the policy of repudiation pursued by the Davies' Government, during the last months of 1878, the Commissioner of Public Works read the following correspondence at the DeSable meeting:—

[Copy.]

Oct. 26, 1878.

To Alex. McKay, Sup., and 3 others:—  
Sir,—I am instructed by the Commissioner of Public Works to inform you that your account is overdrawn, and that you are not to draw, during the balance of the present year, any further orders without notice from this Department.

You will please attend to the above, as no further orders will be paid.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
(Signed) JOHN W. MORRISON, Sec'y.

[Copy.]

Bideford, Oct. 31, 1878.

Hon. W. D. Stewart.  
DEAR SIR,—Mr. Kilbride has received a notice from you to the effect that he is not to draw any more money for Road Service this year. I have just been speaking to Mr. Kilbride, and he informs me that it will take \$100 or \$150 to pay for contract sold during the summer. He has sold no contract lately, and the last contract he let was in accordance with an order from your Department. I trust you will be able to see your way clear to pay orders to the amount above mentioned, for work which has already been sold. There will be no necessity to make any new demands upon your Department this season.

I am, dear Sir, yours, &c.,  
(Signed) JAS. W. RICHARDS.

[Copy.]

1st November, 1878.

Sir,—Yours of yesterday at hand. Mr. Kilbride must draw for work let and entered upon, although it would be well to carry as much as possible forward.

The receipts are very slow this autumn, which necessitates caution.

You will be pleased to see Mr. Kilbride and tell him to draw for the contracts, but to do so slowly.

Yours, etc.,  
(Signed) W. D. STEWART.  
Jas. W. Richards, Esq., Bideford.

[Copy.]

LOWER MONTAGUE, Nov. 12, 1878.

W. D. Stewart, Esq., Commissioner of Public Works.

Sir,—As I have been notified that my account is overdrawn, and, as I have a lot of work performed that must be paid for, I am under the necessity of applying to you for a special grant.

The wharf at Montague Bridge cost \$20 for repairs; Aitkin's Wharf, \$30; Bay Wharf, \$10; and Sturgeon Wharf, \$16. For repairing Roads and Bridges, \$80. All the above repairs have been performed, and the parties are demanding payment. Please answer at your earliest convenience, and oblige,

Yours, etc.,  
(Signed) WILLIAM A. POOLE, Supervisor.

[Copy.]

CHARLOTTETOWN, Nov. 22, 1878.

W. A. Poole, Sup., Lower Montague.

In reply to yours of the 13th inst., I am instructed by the C. of P. W. to inform you not to draw on this Dept. until the end of the present year.

Yours, etc.,  
(Signed) J. W. MORRISON, Sec'y.

There can be no doubt, after this, as to the means adopted by the Davies-Stewart combination to cook the public accounts in 1878. Mr. W. D. Stewart's letter to Mr. James W. Richards throws a flood of light on the way the business was transacted: "IT WOULD BE WELL TO CARRY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FORWARD." "TELL HIM TO DRAW FOR THE CONTRACTS, BUT TO DO SO SLOWLY." The amount of the contracts here spoken of was one hundred and fifty dollars. Yet the Government was so completely "strapped" that the pompous Commissioner had to beg Mr. Kilbride in drawing for that sum, "to do so slowly!" What makes the matter worse is that, at this date, they had drawn the full subsidy from Ottawa for the year, collected over \$25,000 from the Land Office, besides other revenues, and used up over \$38,000 which they had drawn from capital at Ottawa!! And yet they begged Mr. Kilbride to "draw slowly!" Our readers remember the rest. They agreed to pay principal and interest to Asylum contractors in the next year for all work done by them in October, November and December, 1878. They paid only three quarters salary to teachers for 1878. They opened their famous suspense account, paying the more importunate public creditors in 1878, but only entering these payments in private memoranda until after the New Year. Altogether, they carried forward the sum of \$52,000, making the total deficit for the year \$73,000!! It was no wonder they had to plead with Mr. Kilbride to draw his \$150 "slowly."

1880.

IN STORE,

Wholesale Prices,

- 50 BBL. GRANULATED SUGAR,
- 40 bbls. English Refined Sugar,
- 30 kegs 16 Carbonate Soda,
- 30 casks Washing Soda,
- 40 bags Rice, 224 lbs. each,
- 3 bbls. Pure Ground Pepper,
- 163 boxes Soap, comprising Family, Laundry, British Queen, Queen City, Lorne Laundry, Mayflower,
- 150 doz. Corn Brooms,
- 50 gross Miller's Shoe Blacking,
- 40 gross Nixey's Black Lead,
- 40 gross Bartlett's Pearl Blue,
- 30 cases Coleman's Starch,
- 20 cases Corn Starch,
- 15 bags Filberts,
- 3 bags Brazil Nuts,
- 30 doz. Morton's Pickles, 1/2 pints,
- 40 doz. Moir & Sons Pickles, 1 pints,
- 25 doz. Crosse & Blackwell's Pickles, 1 pts.,
- 10 cases 6-card Matches.

W. E. DAWSON & CO.

Feb. 24, 1880—3w 2aw

Union Bank of P. E. Island.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of this Bank will be held at their Head Office, Charlottetown, on WEDNESDAY, 3rd March, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such business as may be laid before them. Proxies for voting must be left with the Cashier at least one day previous to the meeting.

GEORGE MACLEOD, Cashier.

FINAL NOTICE.

THE DOG TAX, now overdue, if not immediately paid, will be sued for without distinction of persons. City Court, February 25, 1880.



LORNE HIGHLAND WHISKY.

AN ANALYTICAL SANITARY INSTITUTION, 54, Holborn-viaduct, E.C., London, Aug. 18, 1879  
REPORT ON THE LORNE HIGHLAND WHISKY:  
"We have visited the bottling stores of Messrs. Greenlees Brothers, and have selected from the vats, samples of their Lorne Highland Whisky, and have subjected them to careful examination and analysis. The samples were very fragrant, mellow, and of pleasant flavor, and possessed all the characteristics of pure and well-matured Scotch Whisky of the first quality."

"ARTHUR HILL, HASSALL, M. D. OTTO HEINER, F. C. S., F. I. C."  
Wholesale of the Sole Proprietors, GREENLEES BROTHERS, 31 Commercial Street, London; Distillers, Argyleshire.  
Agents: MESSRS. OWEN CONNOLLY & CO., Charlottetown, P.E.I.  
Feb. 24, 1880—6m

LECTURE.

MR. E. J. HODGSON

Has consented to deliver his Lecture upon FRANCIS OF ASSISI,

—ON—  
MONDAY, 1st March Next,

Y. M. C. A. HALL,

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK.

Admission 15 cents. Tickets for admission can be obtained at W. R. Watson's. Feb. 18, 1880.

Sprink Park School District.

ALL PERSONS who have not paid their A. Tax for the current year are hereby notified that all delinquents will be sued before the next County Court without further notice.

JOHN HIGGINS, Collector.  
Ch'town, Feb. 21, 1880.

Merchants Bank of P. E. Island

THE Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of this Bank will be held at their Banking House in Charlottetown, on THURSDAY, the 4th day of March next, at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may be laid before them. Proxies for voting must be left with the Cashier at least one day previous to the meeting.

WM. McLEAN, Cashier.  
Ch'town, Feb. 21, 1880.

APPLES.

100 BARRELS BALDWIN & RUSSETTS.  
CARVELL BROS.

83.

FEBRUARY!

1880.

STOCK-TAKING.

WE hereby inform the public of this city, and the Island generally, that previous to Stock-taking, we have resolved to clear out as much of our Winter Stock as possible. We are aware that at this season it is hard to get people to buy even at reduced prices; but in the face of this difficulty we have made up our mind to adopt full measures, and sell our Wool Goods and Dress Goods at a sacrifice.

Our Goods have been very cheap all winter, as the run of trade we have had fully testifies. Our store has become the resort of those Ladies who know how to make a penny go a long way, and who know a cheap article when they see it; and when we say we are going to reduce the prices of our Dress Goods and Trimmings, we know we shall be believed. We are particularly anxious to clear out our present Stock, in order to introduce as much of the newest style of Dress Material as possible, and at the very lowest prices. We shall make special prices on Black Cashmeres, Black Merinos, Black Cords and Lustres, Lustrines and Brilliantines.

Our Fancy Wool Goods will be sold at less than cost. Our Stock of this class was the largest, most select, and finest in the city, and the remains of it will be sold at a great sacrifice. Blankets, Quilts, Horse Rugs, &c., will be cleared out at great Bargains.

We make no apology to the Tea-drinking public for drawing their attention to our fine flavored and rich Teas, 32, 36, and 40 cents per lb. They are receiving the highest praise, and those who use them, strongly recommend them to others. Our trade in this article is growing rapidly. Tea appeals to the most subtle of the senses, and as the proof of the pudding is in the eating, so the proof of the Tea is in the drinking. Friends, try it.

83, QUEEN STREET,

TREMAINE & METCALF.

Ch'town, Jan. 21, 1880.

The Early Stages of Christianity in England.

REV. C. O'BRIEN, D. D., will deliver a Lecture in the

MARKET HALL,

Wednesday Evening, Feb. 25,

On "The Early Stages of Christianity in England."

Doors open at 7.30 p. m.; Lecture at 8 p. m. Admission—Reserved seats 20 cents; unreserved, 10 cents.

As the proceeds of the Lecture will be given for the relief of the poor, the patronage of the public is respectfully solicited.

P. R. BOWERS, Secretary St. Vincent de Paul's Society. Feb. 20, 1880—f m tu, all papers

Bank of P. E. Island.

THE Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank will be held at their Banking House in Charlottetown, on TUESDAY, the second day of March next, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may be laid before them. Proxies for voting must be left with the Cashier at least one day previous to the meeting.

J. R. BRECKEN, Cashier. Charlottetown, Feb. 20, 1880—pat h pre ar ne

Meeting of Parliament.

ST. JAMES' KIRK

BAZAAR!

THE Ladies in connection with St. James' Kirk will hold a Bazaar for the

Sale of Fancy and Useful Articles,

A Tea and Refreshment Table,

On the 31st March Next,

MARKET HALL.

The proceeds to be applied to the liquidation of the debt on the Church edifice.

Doors open at 2 o'clock, p. m. Admission—Adults, 20 cents; children, half-price. Tickets to be had at the Drug Stores of W. R. Watson, Dr. Dodd, C. D. Rankin, and at the door.

PRESIDENT—Mrs. McLennan. COMMITTEE—Mrs. McPherson, Mrs. Longworth, Mrs. A. Kennedy, Mrs. Stirling, Mrs. Lord, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. A. Murray, Mrs. Cavanagh, Mrs. Rankin, Mrs. P. W. Hyndman, Miss Mackieson, Miss Owen, Mrs. Malcolm McLeod.

T. A. STEWART, Secretary. Feb. 19, 1880.

CAUTION.

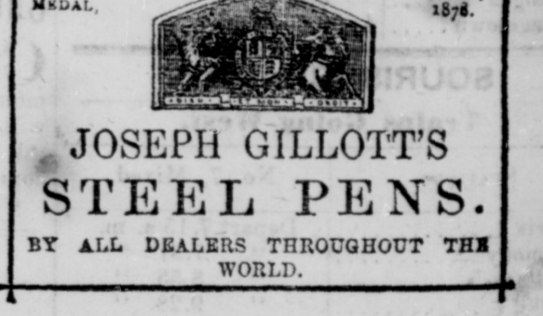
THE public are hereby cautioned not to pay to any person except the undersigned, debts due to the firm of McKinnon, Fraser & Co.

WILLIAM JOHN FRASER. Feb. 19, 1880.

PEA SOUP.

PREPARED with Pea Flour and seasoned and flavored with the finest herbs and seasonings, to which is added Liebig's Extract of Meat, making one of the most nutritious dishes that can be obtained. A 25 cent Tin will make 3 quarts of thick Soup.

For sale at BEER & GOFFS. Feb. 18, 1880.



Labrador Herring.

CHOICE CATCH OF 1879.

Smoked Salmon, Salt Trout, Herring, Shad, Halibut, Mackerel. At HALL'S FISH MARKET. Feb. 18, 1880—tf

Valuable Property for Sale.

THAT FARM lately owned by John and Peter Meikle, situate on Lot 23, in Queen's County. For further particulars apply at the office of Messrs. Hodgson & McLeod, Charlotte town. Jan. 9, 1880—eod

Valuable Property for Sale.

TO BE SOLD, all that part of Town Lot No. 74, in the first hundred of Town Lots in Charlottetown; having a front of 67 feet, Dorchester Street, and running back 80 feet, together with the buildings thereon erected. For further particulars apply to Messrs. Hodgson & McLeod, Charlottetown. Sept. 18, 1879.

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