

BOARD OF TRADE.

Meeting Last Evening

EXTENSION OF THE P. E. ISLAND RAILWAY.

Range Lights for Charlottetown.

INTERPROVINCIAL STEAM COMMUNICATION.

Through Rates of Freight.

A MEETING of the Council of the Board of Trade was held last evening. Hon. Donald Ferguson submitted a report setting forth the steps taken by the Delegation of the Board to the Dominion Government, and correspondence connected therewith.

OTTAWA, February 15th, 1889. DEAR SIR,—Adverting to the various interviews which I have had the pleasure of having with you regarding the proposed extension of the P. E. Island Railway in front of the City of Charlottetown, I would feel greatly obliged for information on the following points:

- 1st. Is it possible to deflect the line towards the river, between Pownall Wharf and the wharf belonging to the Connolly Estate, so as to avoid expropriating the lands owned by the Hon. Benjamin Davies and the lands belonging to the Estate of the late William Bourke.
2nd. Is it quite practicable to run shunting tracks down wharves Nos. 2 and 3, led by the Messrs. Peake Bros.?

Yours truly, DONALD FERGUSON. C. Schreiber, Esq., Gen. Sup't Gov. Railways, Railways and Canal Dept.

OTTAWA, 18th February, 1889. DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 15th instant, on the subject of the extension of the Prince Edward Island Railway along the front of the City of Charlottetown, I desire to say:

- (1) The line could be deflected towards the river, between Pownall Wharf and the Wharf belonging to the estate of Owen Connolly, so as to avoid the garden of Mr. Benjamin Davies, but this would add considerably to the cost of construction.
(2) It is quite practicable to run shunting tracks down Messrs. Peake Brothers' Wharves Nos. 2 and 3.

Yours truly, COLLINGWOOD SCHREIBER. The Hon. Donald Ferguson, Esq., &c., Russell House, Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Feb. 15th, 1889. SIR,—I have the honor, on behalf of the gentlemen deputed by the Charlottetown Board of Trade, and who had the pleasure of an interview with you on Tuesday last regarding the proposed extension of the Prince Edward Island Railway along the front of said city, to submit the following memorandum for your consideration.

The proposed extension will start from the western side of the McMillan property (already expropriated), and run westwardly to the wharf owned by the estate of the late Owen Connolly, the distance from the present terminus to the P. E. I. Railway being 2,600 feet.

This work would materially reduce the charges on all through freight carried by the Prince Edward Island Railway. From the circumstance that much of the produce in P. E. Island for export is bulky, and that competition by water exists at many points, a saving in cost of handling at Charlottetown would undoubtedly enhance in a large degree the earnings of the P. E. Island Railway.

The gain to shippers all over the Province by the reduction of charges is, however, small in comparison to the other advantages which would arise from all the wharves being brought into connection with the railway.

If facilities are afforded for the connection of all the wharves with the railway it is not believed that large claims for compensation will be made for the remaining part of the line, it being mainly over the property of individuals interested in the wharves.

avoid the necessity of meeting heavy claims for damages, and it would also seem that the Tremain property might be avoided by running the line along Lower Water Street.

Should the proposed extension not be conceded, the Railway Wharf at Charlottetown would require to be greatly extended, (which does not appear practicable), and the water thereat deepened, so as to afford accommodation for ships loading and unloading goods for and from the Railway.

The extension which is now asked for formed a part of the Prince Edward Island Railway scheme at the time of its construction, but was omitted therefrom on account of a change in the local administration immediately before Confederation.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant, (Signed) DONALD FERGUSON. The Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, Acting Minister of Railways.

OTTAWA, 21st February, 1889. SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter in regard to the necessity for Range Lights at Charlottetown Harbor, and a buoy at Indian Rock, and in reply I am to inform you that the Minister will take into consideration the advisability of providing for these additional aids to navigation when the estimates for the year ending 30th June, 1890 are being made up.

I am, Sir, Your most obedient servant, (Signed) WM. SMITH, Deputy Minister of Marine.

OTTAWA, 22nd February, 1889. SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, in reference to the matter of through rates of freight, and in reply I am to inform you that the subject is at present under the consideration of the Department, and I am in communication with the Intercolonial Railway authorities with a view of effecting an arrangement whereby through Bills of Lading may be secured from either side, and goods of a perishable nature shipped on the prepayment of freight, with the understanding that the Steamer be released from liability in the event of detention, damage or loss to the goods from the dangers of navigation, such as stormy weather or ice in the Straits, or from landing of goods on the board etc.

I need scarcely observe that it is the desire of the Minister to arrange if possible such through rates of freight as will be equitable and satisfactory to all parties.

I am, Sir, Your most obedient servant, (Signed) WM. SMITH, Deputy Minister of Marine.

Hon. D. Ferguson, Charlottetown- P. E. I. A committee was appointed to interview the owners of property through which the proposed extension of the railway is located, and the following resolution passed unanimously:

Resolved, That the report be received, and that the thanks of the Board be tendered to Mr. D. Ferguson and his colleagues of the delegation for his able report and their zealous and efficient services.

A letter from the Secretary of a Board of Underwriters in reply to the representations of the Board as to rates of fire insurance was read,—to the effect that a revision of the tariff of rates would be made without delay, that when doing so all the circumstances will be considered, and that the Board have employed gentlemen to undertake the work forthwith.

An Evening's Amusement.

Last evening, Mr. Galbraith, accompanied by the other members of the 82nd Battalion Band, gave the inmates of the Lunatic Asylum their annual musical treat. A representative of THE EXAMINER had the pleasure of being present, and it was very evident that these poor unfortunates thoroughly appreciated Mr. Galbraith's kindness.

The Asylum of to-day presents a striking contrast to the cheerless dungeon that formerly served for that purpose. Dr. Blanchard is never seen to better advantage than at a scene like this, where, with gentle firmness, he perfectly controls his patients. He and one or two of his friends danced with several of them to the evident delight of the fair ones chosen. We were struck also with the kindly manner evinced by the Superintendent and Matron in their management of those under their charge.

The curious scene—for curious it was, yet very instructive—convinced us that our Provincial Asylum well deserves the encomiums recently bestowed upon it by the high medical expert who visited it last summer.

Personal.

Joseph Chamberlain has resigned from the Free Land League.

Li Yen Pang a Chinese nobleman, said to be worth \$95,000,000, is in New York.

The marriage of Prince Alexander of Battenberg to Marie Louise, the opera singer, took place at Mentone February 6.

The New York Catholic News has advice from Rome of the death of Cardinal Sacconi, aged 81 years. He was one of the suffragan bishops.

It is reported that Rev. A. C. Edwards, late pastor of the Methodist church at Bismarck Ont., has fallen heir to a million dollars by the death of an uncle in England.

Captain Weissman has arrived at Alexandria, Egypt, and proceeded to Cairo, where he will recruit several hundred blacks to accompany him on his expedition into the interior of Africa from the east coast.

BIRTH.

At his residence, Halifax, on the 25th inst. the wife of J. A. Morrison, of a daughter.

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NEW MEXICO.

The Climate and Resources.

Some Islanders Abroad.

An Interesting Interview

With Mr. Charles J. Patton.

MR. CHARLES J. PATTON, who recently returned from Albuquerque, N. M., to resume work with the Charlottetown Woolen Company, was seen by THE EXAMINER's reporter yesterday, and in the course of a brief interview imparted some very valuable information about New Mexico and its resources. Mr. Patton, although not quite so fleshy about the face as when he left the Island little less than a year ago, is still in the enjoyment of excellent health, and has apparently lost none of his old-time energy and vivacity during his sojourn in "the wild and woolly west."

"Albuquerque," said he, in reply to a question put by the reporter, "is a thriving town of about twelve thousand inhabitants, governed by a mayor and common council. It is nicely laid off, and is kept very clean, tramps and other offenders against law and order being compelled to earn their jail allowance by working on the streets. In addition to many very handsome stores, hotels, and other structures, it has waterworks, horse-cars, electric light and gas, public baths and other modern improvements. Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express have an agency there, which is doing a splendid business. I understand, also, that two new railways, to pass through the place, will be erected shortly, which will, it is thought, have the effect of doubling the population in a short time."

"What is the climate like?" "Beautiful! The sun shone every day during our ten months' stay. The thermometer averages 110 degrees in summer—which lasts from April to November—and 60 degrees in winter. Why, on the day we left for the Island (Feb. 9) the ladies were down seeing us off, wearing cotton dresses and carrying parasols to protect them from the sun. Yes, the climate is simply delightful!"

"What are the resources of the country?" "The principal resources of New Mexico are its gold, silver, copper and coal mines. Ranching is also carried on largely, and a good deal of attention is paid to fruit raising and wool growing."

"Are there any manufactures in Albuquerque?" "Yes; there are furniture and cigar factories, machine shops, etc., and wine, of excellent quality, is also manufactured there."

"How did you find trade during your stay?" "Quite lively. When I was leaving for home, the spring trade with California was about opening up, and there was every indication of a brisk season's work."

"Are there many Islanders in New Mexico?" "Lots of them. Indeed, Islanders are to be found everywhere. I should not be surprised to learn some fine morning that several of them were found at the North Pole."

"How are the Islanders in Albuquerque getting along?" "The Island boys in Albuquerque are a fine lot of fellows, and are doing well. Of course there is no immediate prospect of their becoming millionaires, but all are comfortable."

"What are they doing?" "Well, Albert Crosby is book-keeper in a large wholesale fruit house; A. Beattom Brown is clerk in a leading furniture store, and W. C. Turner is a clerk in the largest retail grocery store in the place. F. C. Farquharson and Wm. Crosby are machinists in the Atlantic and Pacific Railway shops, and Don. Strong is in the plumbing business. As for myself, I may say that I was shipping and receiving clerk in the store in which Albert Crosby is employed. All those I have mentioned are in receipt of very good salaries."

"How do the ladies like New Mexico?" "Like the men; they are pleased with the country; but there is a lack of congenial society."

"How do the wages run?" "Well, book-keepers and clerks are paid about \$75 per month, good mechanics get from \$2.75 to \$3.25 a day, and miners about \$2.50 per day."

"Is there a demand for labor?" "Yes, a very good demand. If one is long idle it is because he is either too lazy or a very inferior workman."

"Is the cost of housekeeping high?" "Yes, much higher than in Charlottetown. You cannot rent a house containing four or five rooms for less than \$20 or \$25 a month. Potatoes cost about 2 1/2 cents per lb.; turnips 3 cents, peas and beans 10 cents, butter 40 cents, eggs 20 cents, apples

4 cents, grapes and peaches 3 cents, and other articles proportionately high." "What does it cost to board?" "Well, one can board from \$4.50 to almost any figure." "Why did you leave Albuquerque?" "My only reason for coming home was that the Woolen Company sent for me offering me my old position at an increased salary. They pressed me very hard to come, in fact they would not take 'no' for an answer; hence my return." "Would you advise intending emigrants to go to New Mexico?" "Well, I like the country and its climate, but my humble opinion is that if our people worked as hard at home as they are obliged to do abroad in order to make both ends meet, they would be just as comfortable and successful here as in any other country on the face of the earth."

DRESSMAKING.

MISS ALICE O'BRIEN, the Fashionable Dressmaker, begs to notify her friends and the public in general, that she intends visiting New York on or about the first week of March, for the purpose of securing the LATEST FASHIONS for the coming season. Will return about the first of April, of which due notice will be made. Thanking her numerous customers for their generous patronage in the past, she will endeavor to merit a continuance of the same in future. Ch'town, Feb. 29, 1889—dy 4i

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TENDERS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, February 21, 1889.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at this Department up to

Thursday, the 7th of March, 1889,

from any person or persons willing to contract for

Repairs to Prince Street Ferry Dock,

according to plan and specification to be seen at the Public Works Office, Charlottetown.

The names of two good and sufficient securities must accompany each Tender.

The Department is not bound to accept the lowest or any Tender.

Tenders must be marked "Tenders for Prince Street Ferry Dock." JNO. WM. MORRISON, Secretary of Public Works. feb23—dy wky

Notice of Meeting.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Merchants' Bank of Prince Edward Island, for the election of Directors and receiving a statement of the affairs of the Bank, will be held at the Banking Office on THURSDAY, March 7th, at the hour of Eleven o'clock, a.m. Proxies for voting must be left with the Cashier on or before WEDNESDAY, March 6th. By order. WM. McLEAN, Cashier. feb18—m w t i dte



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Charlottetown, February 22, 1889.