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THURSDAY AUGUST 26th,

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That beautiful property opposite Birch Grove, Freetown, at present occupied by Mrs. Crosby. There are about 40 acres of choice well cultivated land, and the buildings, including dwelling house, barns, granary, outbuildings, etc., are in good condition. The property includes all of that large and beautiful grove very suitable for picnic parties, on the north side of the main road, and is in a charming spot, near churches, school, hall, stores, etc., and within a quarter of a mile from Freetown Railway Station, and two miles from Dunk River.

Terms will be made to suit purchasers. If not sold by private sale before Tuesday, August 31st, it will then be offered at auction at 11 o'clock, p.m.

For further particulars apply to E. CROSBY, Rv. Station Agent, Cape Traverse. 168-Gi

OLD POSTAL USAGES.

CURIOS PHASES OF THE MAIL SERVICE SIXTY YEARS AGO.

Rates on Ordinary Letters in England Were Almost Prohibitive—Adoption of the Penny Post and the Queer Arguments Against It.

When Queen Victoria ascended the throne, there were no telegraphs in this country and few railways. The mails were forwarded by coach, and the postage rates were to all but the well to do prohibitive. It cost from 4d. to 1s. 8d. to send a "single" letter under an ounce in weight from one part of the kingdom to another. There were some 40 charges, varying according to distance, the average rate being 9d., or half the day's wage of a laborer. A "single" letter meant a single piece of paper (adhesive envelopes had not been invented), and the addition of a second scrap of paper made the letter a "double" one. The postage was paid on delivery by the recipient, and as no credit was given the incursion of a postman into a poor neighborhood was watched on all sides with fear rather than hope.

Coleridge, the poet, saw a poor woman declining to accept a letter on the score of inability to pay. The good natured bard (doubtless with some difficulty) found the required ninepence, despite the woman's remonstrances. When the postman had gone away, she showed Coleridge that the letter was but a blank sheet of paper. Her brother had arranged to send her at intervals such a sheet, addressed in a certain fashion, as evidence that all was well with him, and she as regularly, after inspecting the address, refused to accept it. Some humorist on one occasion sent out large numbers of letters, each on a sheet as large as a tablecloth, all of which had to be delivered as "single" missives.

This system practically stifled written intercourse among the working class and pressed with severity upon the middle class, but the rich and highly placed entirely escaped postal taxation. The privilege of franking covered the correspondence not only of ministers, peers and members of parliament, but of their relatives, friends and acquaintances. While in one year early in the queen's reign no less than 7,400,000 letters were franked, a single London firm paid annually £11,000 for postage and a writer in The Quarterly referred flippantly to "so slight and rare an incident in a laborer's life as the receipt of a letter." Among the "packets" franked was a grand piano. An army of clerks was employed to fix the charges to be collected, and the postal revenue remained stationary between 1815 and 1835, although in the same period the population increased from 19,500,000 to 25,600,000.

Moved by this state of things, parliament in 1839 adopted Rowland Hill's proposal of uniform inland penny postage, which came into operation on Jan. 10, 1840. The writer possesses a copy of The Quarterly Review of 1839, in which a contributor (believed to be Croker) fiercely denounces the scheme. "Will clerks," he says, "write only to their fathers and girls to their mothers? Will not letters of romance or love, intrigue or mischief, increase in at least equal proportions? We doubt whether social and domestic correspondence will be more than doubled. A gigantic exemplification of the old proverb—Penny wise and pound foolish." etc.

Macaulay says that the penny post, when first established, was the object of violent invective, as a manifest contrivance of the pope to enslave the souls of Englishmen. It was described as "sedition made easy." The postal authorities, who in 1784 had opposed the institution of mail coaches, were implacable enemies of penny postage. The postmaster general of 1839, Lord Lichfield, based his objections on the curious ground that the building at St. Martin's-le-Grand would not be large enough. The secretary, Colonel Maberly, constantly repeated, "This plan we know will fail."

As we know, it succeeded, and the penny rate has been generally adopted in Europe as well as in the United States. The number of letters rose from 80,000,000 in 1837 to 299,000,000 in 1847, and for the year ending on March 31, 1897, about 1,900,000,000. The postal surplus was in 1839 £1,659,510 and in 1896-7 £3,632,133. The number of letters, which was in 1837 about 3 per head and in 1854 15 per head, is now 77 per head.—Fortnightly Review.

FARM FOR SALE.

The subscriber offers for sale, privately, a Freehold Farm consisting of 105 acres, 90 of which are clear, the remainder covered with a mixed growth of hard wood and longers. Situated on the Brackley Point Road Lot 33, known as the Martin Farm. This property is situated in one of the best localities, being 7 1/2 miles from Charlottetown, and in close proximity to Churches, schools, forges and cheese and butter factories. On the property there is a new dwelling house, also a large barn, and horse and cow stables in good repair. This farm has a frontage of 22 chains and is divided off into convenient fields, well fenced.

For further particulars apply to ALEXANDER SCOTT, Brackley Point Road Or to the Subscriber PETER SCOTT. 247 mos.

High Titles Without Cost.

English folk are copying the American custom of conferring titles upon their children in baptism by using such names as Lord, Earl, Baron, etc. This will mean more to the English child than it does to the American.

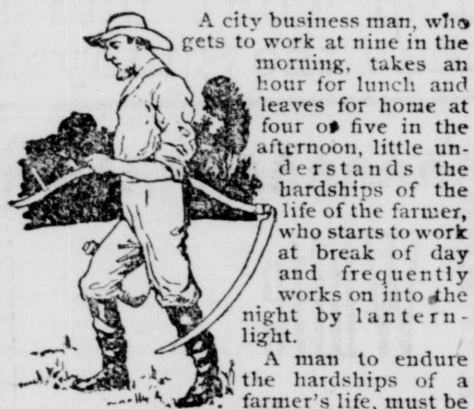
One parent in the midlands bestowed on his progeny military as well as social rank. One of his children is christened Baron, another Captain, another Colonel and another Major General. London Truth has this statement from one who knows this titled family, and they are to be found at the present time in the neighborhood of Birmingham. At this rate every Tommy Atkins in the next generation may be a field marshal.

Every Time.

Master—Tombs, this is an example in subtraction. Seven boys went down to a pond to bathe, but two of them had been told not to go in the water. Now, can you tell me how many went in?

Tombs—Yes, sir. Seven. — London Tit-Bits.

Justin McCarthy is quite gray haired. His beard is bushy, and his gray rimmed spectacles impart a benign air to his face, which indeed well suits his mild manner. As for his energy, one would say that it was inexhaustible. He is a politician, a journalist, a novelist and a historian.



A city business man, who gets to work at nine in the morning, takes an hour for lunch and leaves for home at four or five in the afternoon, little understands the hardships of the life of the farmer, who starts to work at break of day and frequently works on into the night by lantern-light. A man to endure the hardships of a farmer's life, must be robust physically at the outset, and if he would live a long life, always keep a watchful eye upon his health. He should remember that it is the apparently trifling disorders that eventually make the big diseases. It does not do for a hard working man to neglect bilious attacks or spells of indigestion. If he does, he will soon find himself flat on his back with malaria or crippled with rheumatism. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the best of all medicines for hard working men and women. It makes the appetite keen and hearty, the digestion perfect, the liver active, the blood pure and rich with the life-giving elements of the food, and the nerves strong and steady. It builds firm muscles and solid flesh. It is the greatest of all blood-makers and purifiers. It cures malarial troubles and rheumatism. It is an unfailing cure for biliousness and indigestion. An honest dealer will not try to substitute some inferior preparation for the sake of a little additional profit.

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THE THOROUGHBREDS.

Wilton has started his 2:30 list for 1897 with Velante, 2:25 1/4.

Iago, 2:11, has been placed in Pennock's hands for campaigning.

Beautiful Bells has been bred to Altivo, 2:18 1/2, the brother of Palo Alto, 2:08 3/4.

Pansy Blossom, 2:23, by Glencoe Wilkes, has foaled a bay filly by Mackay Wilkes.

Baron Wood will probably be a starter in the M. & M. stake at Detroit July 13.

The bay horse Stephanus, 2:28 3/4, by Bajardo, is reported dead at the age of 26.

Kentucky Union, 2:07 3/4, is working well at Red Oak, Ia., and has been a mile in 2:15.

John K. Gentry and Robert J. will give a special exhibition at Manchester, N. H., July 10.

The pacing mare Jewel Woodnut, by Woodnut, stepped a heat in 2:18 3/4 in a matinee recently.

No steps have yet been taken to dispose of the horses in training that belonged to the late Byron McClelland.

Dell, the famous brood mare owned by Emmer Walton, Alliance, O., has foaled her fourteenth consecutive colt.

Butcher Girl, a pacing mare that for some 24 years held a record of 2:34, died at Reading, Pa., recently, aged 28.

Dick Tilden has been engaged to train and campaign the Alamito stock farm horses, the property of Clinton H. Briggs, Omaha.

Dan Arnheim, the Pittsburg reinsman, has embarked in the export trade and has turned his stable over to his father and brother.

Out of 365 entries for the Charter Oak stakes, in connection with the grand circuit meeting, but four failed to make the second payment.

The Lebanon (Pa.) Driving Park and Track association has decided to purchase 32 acres of land near that city for the erection of a race track.

The Windsor (Ont.) trotting and pacing meeting, which was to have preceded the blue ribbon meeting at Detroit, has been postponed until August.

It now looks as if McVera, 2:10 3/4, would not be shipped to Europe immediately, and it would not be strange if Gil Curry drove him some races here before he crossed the pond.

THE PROFESSIONS.

Great Britain has 85,000 teachers.

There are 600 college professors in Italy.

Little Switzerland can boast of 12,700 teachers.

The Naval academy at Annapolis has 67 professors.

The continent of Australia contains 13,200 teachers.

The Military academy at West Point has 61 professors.

The universities and colleges of Austria afford employment to 1,430 professors.

The Methodist theological schools of the United States have an attendance of 924.

There are 29 schools of dentistry in the United States, the least annual course being 20 weeks and the highest 35.

According to the eleventh census there were, in 1898, 21,802 young men in the medical schools in preparation for an Eclectic career.

Among the musicians and teachers of music the number of women exceeds that of the men, the former being 34,519 and the latter 27,630.

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