LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Red Sandstone of P. E. Island.

SIR,—For the last two or three years I have been urgently attempting to induce the people of this Province to construct their buildings of Island sandstone, but a reform of architecture, like a reform in the realms of morals or manners, is sure to meet with the stubbornness of stupid opposition or the slanderous venom of that assinine portion of the populace which of old were called a generation of vipers.

Island sandstone of a good grade is a very valuable building material, and the opposition against it simply agrees with that unfortunate lack of faith in the people and resources of their own country, which always seems to have been a prominent element in the Maritime Province affairs, and which probably originated in the earlier colonial days during the importation of full-blooded Governors from the older Motherland. Many years of self-government, however, are now telling upon the energy and pluck of this little group of Maritime Provinces, and Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island seem now on the eve of entering upon a new era of prosperity.

Two buildings of Island sandstone are being erected in Charlottetown this summer. As the idea of using this stone is being discussed, and the foolish insular prejudice against it being somewhat aroused, I crave your valuable space to disseminate a few ideas upon the subject.

Last summer, when the proposal to use Island sandstone in the construction of the Georgetown Court House and a satisfactory explanation of the lasting qualities of the material was submitted, the Local Government at once agreed to the stone construction, as they considered it a sensible and economical use of the resources of the Province.

When the Court House was commenced, a very little persuasion was necessary to induce Rev. Wm. Phelan to advise his parishioners in Sturgeon to construct their large new church of the stone of the district, as he had been familiar with quarries and stone construction in Ireland, and he at once acknowledged the value of the Island stone as a building material. These buildings were erected last summer, and in the severe weather of last winter were coated two inches in thickness with frozen sleet for two or three months (a severe test for stone walls), and the stone stood the test without the slightest damage, and the rev. gentleman now expects his church to last for over two hundred years.

There are a few Island stone buildings scattered through the country between thirty and fifty years of age, all generally in good preservation. I examined one on a farm opposite to Georgetown, which was built forty-five years ago. The stones in the walls were perfect, still retaining the tool marks made when they were cut half a century ago. The inmates said that the building was always comfortably warm in winter, and never damp. I found another stone house on the St. Mary's Road in a similar state. There is an old stone house near Milton in good preservation, and one near the Clyde River. The Island stone in the locomotive shed in the railway property is in very good condition. The good quality of Island stone in St. James' Church is wearing excellently. Some of the stone in this building are decaying on account of the despicable roguery of the man who supplied them to the contractor. The material was brought to the city in a scow. A load of stone was sunk on one of the shores, and as salt water is ruinous to a sandstone, they were unfit for use in any building. At low tide the water was run out of the scow and the load retained for a day or two till all was quite dry, and then the load of stone was sent to the town and supplied to the contractor without his knowledge of its damaged quality.

The Island stone church at Lot 65 shore is an excellent preservation. Many stones in old foundation walls six inches above the surface about the city are weathering remarkably well. A stone under the dripping rain pipe in the corner of H. J. Cundall's brick house and heavy tall grass growing in front of it still retains the chisel marks after fifteen years exposure. All the culverts and bridges on the railway are now being constructed of Island sandstone. The steps around the entrance to St. Dunstan's Cathedral are very sound. The stone work in the brick residence of Mr. Richard Heartz is of Island stone. A large door step of Island stone, which can be traced back as having been in use for one hundred years, formed the entrance step to the residence of the late Daniel Hodgson, and I believe is still in use.

In an article on the weathering of stones in Scotch graveyards Geikie says that the sandstones far outlast the marbles. Many marbles that he examined at one hundred years old had decayed, while sandstones at two hundred years were yet perfect. A large portion of England is of new red sandstone formation similar to that of this Island. Many of the most beautiful old English Abbeys were constructed of this stone in the twelfth century. The county of Chester contains some of the best quarries in England of red sandstone. Chester Cathedral is built of lime stone, and the Romans, who, by the way, were no jerry builders, constructed the old walls of the city of Chester of this same material. Lichfield Cathedral is also built of red sandstone. In last month's edition of *Harper's Monthly* Madame Von Rensallear, in describing this cathedral, says: "There are many beautiful tints of color in the old English cathedrals; pearly grey in one and creamy yellow in another; but for complete loneliness of tone, give to me the warm beauty of the soft red sandstone of Lichfield when the sunlight shines upon it through the quivering leaves."

Quantities of red sandstone are now being imported to New York, and the New York Life Insurance building in Montreal is now being constructed of red sandstone imported from Scotland.

Not having space now to discuss the popular rumor that stone and brick buildings are damp, I will simply and emphatically deny the charge, and will give my reasons for so doing in a future letter.

I remain, yours respectfully,
W. C. HARRIS,
Architect.

CROCKERY will be sold very cheap for a few months, in Dinner Sets, Tea Sets, Chamber Sets, and a very large stock of assorted Glass and Earthenware, at the Cheap Crockery Store.—W. P. Colwill.
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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.

Halifax Happenings.

HALIFAX, Aug. 12.

T. Murphy, aged 35, fell off Harts Wharf in a fit Saturday and was drowned. He leaves a wife and four children.

A lunatic named Rae strangled herself at Mount Hope asylum this morning.

F. G. Parker is the new president of the Nova Scotia Cotton Co.

The Cunard line of steamers from Halifax to Bermuda and Jamaica, is to be re-established by Pickford & Black. The first boats sails about the middle of September.

Great interest is being taken in the Colchester campaign. Mr. Fulton, the Third Party candidate had a very narrow escape from being killed last night. His horse rushed across the track immediately after a train had passed and immediately stopped and backed at the same moment that the train shunted back. Both Fulton and Bulmer, who was with him, were badly shaken up.

Ottawa News.

OTTAWA, Aug. 12.

Hon. Mr. Foster has returned from New Brunswick.

John Kenny, express driver for S. Martin & Co., was drowned here to-night by the upsetting of his row boat. He leaves a wife and family.

The Skeena trouble has about fizzled out, and the troops are expected to return shortly.

The contract between the Pacific Railway Company and the Imperial Government for the mail service to Hong Kong has been settled; but it will not be signed until November.

Montreal Murmurings.

MONTREAL, Aug. 12.

Capt. John Brecunham, of the Montreal Salvage Corps, has taken action action for $5,000 against *LeMonde* for calling him an Orangeman.

Law and Order League Detective McDiarmid has been arrested here on a charge of drunkenness.

Extensive frauds are reported to have been practised on the firm of Benny, MacPherson & Co., of this city, in connection with Custom House business and the handling of cash by a deceased official of the firm.

The Parnell-"Times" Affair.

LONDON, Aug. 12.

On Saturday writs of arrest were served upon Edinburgh news agents for £20 each at the instance of Parnell, against the proprietor and printer of the London *Times*, to found jurisdiction. This is the practice in Scotch law, to enable a foreigner to sue in Scotch tribunals, hence it is obvious Parnell intends to prosecute the *Times* in Scotch courts. Parnell has retained J. B. Balfour, formerly Land Advocate of Scotland, to conduct his suit in the Scotch courts against the *Times*.

Obituary.

SHARON, Conn., Aug. 12.

Lawrence Jerome, a noted citizen of New York, died here to-day.

HALIFAX, Aug. 12.

Joseph Howe Austin, ex-Surveyor of Customs, died yesterday. He was in the Customs employ 40 years.

An Absurd Cry.

OTTAWA, Aug. 12.

The absurd Grit cry that the Canadian Pacific Railway is controlled by Americans, is answered by the statement that of six hundred and fifty thousand shares sold only seventy thousand are held by Americans. The balance is held by Canadian and European capitalists.

The Dark Secret Again.

LONDON, Aug. 12.

The captain of the yacht Stranger, which has arrived at Queenstown from Boston, says he did not see the Dark Secret. He thinks the dory foundered in a gale, after speaking the German Lloyd steamer 500 miles from New York.

Another Drowning Accident.

BAR HARBOR, Me., Aug. 12.

There is great excitement here over the drowning of J. H. Reed and Miss Milliken, both well known social people, who went out in a canoe last night, which was found bottom up.

A Reservoir Bursts.

VALPARAISO, Aug. 12.

A reservoir belonging to Menas' Brewery burst at 8.30 o'clock on Saturday. The principal streets of the city were flooded and traffic suspended. It is supposed that upwards of two hundred persons were drowned.

The Big Raft.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.

The Joggins timber raft passed Coney Island at five o'clock Friday night. On Sattrday four powerful tugs started to bring it through Hell Gate to cargo yard.

In Montreal East.

OTTAWA, Aug. 12.

The contest in Montreal East is likely to be between Oliver Auge, a prominent lawyer, Conservative, and Joseph Baisaton, soap maker, in the interest of Riel's Ghost.

In Financial Difficulties.

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 12.

A large wholesale grocery house is, it is rumored, in financial difficufties.

DON'T forget the auction sale of fine old mahogony furniture at the Hayden House on Wednesday, the 15th. House open for inspection on Tuesday. aug8 w m

They Say of Zion Church Picnic.

That it was a financial success to the tune of three figures.

That the edibles were good and plenty, and the beverage (T) weak and warm, otherwise no complaints are heard.

That the committee forgot to notify the people where the refreshment tent was placed.

That the games and swings provided were good, but insufficient for one thousand people.

That the working ladies are just models of grand, loving, lovable church workers, as doubtless their husbands and all friends know.

That the committee deserve credit for successfully resisting the charge of the six hundred at dinner.

That, thanks be to Providence and Superintendent Unsworth and his men, not the slightest accident happened the little ones or the "older children."

That the band boys understand eating, playing, flirting and having a good time.

That seven hours in the cars is rather trying on elderly men and maidens.

That a case of "diamond cut diamond" occurred at Royalty Junction, that helped to swell receipts (nuff sed.)

That the palace car of the Superintendent was his own seraglio, and outsiders must not consider themselves slighted because all the swells could not get in.

That finally, "*on dit*," "*ipse dixit*," let us have another next year, says friend Strang, as it is reported two hundred extra dinners occurred at his hotel.

CHIEL.

A Mice Plague.

Australia is suffering from a plague of mice. It is said that from Coomebarabran to Coolah there is hardly a residence that is not troubled in this way. The mice come in droves, and eat everything in the place. On one station 2s. per 100 was offered for their destruction, and during a single night 2,000 were killed. The price then went down to 1s. In one hotel in three night 1,000 were killed by a mixture of flour and strychnine. At another place the mice ate the whole carcase of a freshly-killed sheep in the night, leaving only the bare bones by morning. At another station a guard was kept whose sole duty was to keep the mice away from the provender during the time the horses were eating it, and this the man found a difficult task. The week before the races at Coolah, the vermin got into the horse boxes at the station, and actually ate the bandages from the legs of the race-horses. Sleeping people are said to have been attacked by them. The crops are being destroyed. The mice climbed up the stalk and ate the cobs. Many fields, acres in extent, had been abandoned, the corn being eaten completely away. People were at their wits' end to devise the best means for destroying the pest. The mice burrowed in the fields, like rabbits, in minature warrens.

Boston Markets.

BOSTON, Aug. 9.

EGGS.—Receipts for the week 9 boxes, 25 bbls., 9,484 cases; last week 6 boxes, 87 bbls., 9,153 cases. Receipts continue moderate and there is a steady good demand for all kinds of fresh-laid goods. Fresh-laid eastern extras are still scarce and best marks meet with a ready sale at 20c. Choice P. E. Island stock is in good demand at 18½c, and best N. S. and N. B. are also bringing 18½c. Canadian steady at 18c. Western in moderate demand at 17 to 17½c, with Michigan extras at 18c.

POTATOES.—Receipts were moderate up to yesterday, and best stock sold well at $2.25 to $2.50, but yesterday arrivals were more liberal, and the market closes dull at $2.25 for Bristol Ferry stock and $2 for Jerseys. Natives are supplying all near-by towns and a considerable portion of the city trade.

FISH.—Receipts have been larger this week, but there has been a steady demand with prices well sustained. Codfish are still selling well. Mackerel in better supply.

Personal.

Messrs. Theo. L. Chappelle, David. R. McLennan and James R. McKie, delegates to the Oddfellows' Convention at Truro, returned home on Saturday evening.

Mr. J. T. Stewart, of Portland, Oregon, is visiting the Island. He is a son of Mr. D. Stewart, of Cardigan, and left the Island eleven years ago. Since his departure, Mr. Stewart has held several responsible positions in the land of his adoption, and is at present Secretary of the Franklin Building and Loan Association, and Cashier of the Columbia Fire and Marine Insurance Company, of Portland.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

OSBORNE HOUSE.

Aug 11—W F Tidmarsh, St Peter's Island; C A Tompkins, Brockville, Ont; G B Lutz and wife, Mrs A McLean, Moncton; John Wood, St John, N B; C Bishop, Mrs Bishop, J T Stewart, Kentville.

HOTEL DAVIES.

Aug 11—F R Philps, Montreal; D Byers, F Byers, Miss H E Byers, Gananoque; W H Barnard, Summerside; W E Egbert, Chas Williamson, New York; W B Murdock and wife, M Giblin, Montreal; A A Stewart, New Bedford, Mass; P J Quinn, St John; Mr and Mrs Payne, I C Hall, jr, R H Robb, Boston; H R Narroway, Pictou; Geo Corbett, Folly. 13—Rev E F Goff, O R Peaslee, wife, three children and maid, Louisville, Ky.

LORNE HOTEL.

Aug. 6—G S Hall and wife, Boston; W F Robins, City; Dr Taylor, do. 8th—J D Martin, City; H J Palmer do. 10th—Miss Agnes Longworth, City; Miss Harvie, do; F Peters, do; Mrs Peters, nurse and servants do; J A Hyndman do; C R Peasles, wife, three children and maid, Louisville, Kentuckey; Mr and Mrs Neil McQuarrie, S'side. 11th—Dr Taylor, city, E F Kirkwood and wife, Halifax; H B Lane, Ottawa; Miss Lane, Pictou; Geo Davies, Mrs Davies,, L L Beer, Mrs L L Beer, S W Crabbe, Charlottetown; Mrs J Haszard, Miss May, Miss Lowden, H J Palmer, Miss Ethel Palmer, Henry Weeks, L S McNutt, city. 12th—W A Weeks, jr, A L Bartlett, city; W W Egbert, New York; Chas Williamson, do; Leith E Brecken, D B Stewart H V Palmer, Æneas McDonald, P P Gillis, Mrs Gillis, Miss Gillis, Miss McDonald, John McPhee, city; J P. Grant, Montreal; Chas Dalziel, C A Hyndman, Mrs C A Hyndman, H H Hyndman, Alex Hyndman, Senator Howlan, Mrs Howlan, city; F B Street, Montreal; Miss Miller, Cambridge, Mass; A J Quirk, Geo Reddin, J L Grant, Dr S R Jenkins, A B Warburton, Dr Warburton, city; J A Morrison, J Lear, Halifax; W DeG Warren, London, Eng; J T Crockett, city.

FOR SALE.

THE Subscriber having purchased the York Starch Factory Buildings and Site, will take the buildings down and offer the Lumber (which will be taken off in good condition) at an immense sacrifice. The following will be ready in a few days:—

27,000 feet Hemlock and Spruce Boards,
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60,000 feet Scantling,
3,000 " 2 inch Spruce Plank,
4,000 " 3 inch " "
57 Windows, Frames, Sash and Glass,
5,000 feet 1¼ inch Grooved & Tongued Flooring,
1,000 feet ¾ inch " " "
Mile and a half Slab Fencing, lot Laths, lot heavy Hemlock Timber, lot good Knees and Truss Bolts,
300 Tongued Doors,
7 heavy Frame Doors, on rollers,
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1 set Fairbanks' Ton Scales, cost $150, will be sold for less than half, all in perfect order.

—ALSO—

Four Acres of Land, with a comfortable Cottage and one of the best springs of water on P. E. Island thereon. The above site is situated at Saw Mill Bridge, Lot 34, the junction of four public roads, and fifty yards from Winter River, the home of the fish.

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Sleigh, Water Cart and Harness, and one good Milch Cow, 6 years old (Ayrsaire.)

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Wednesday, 22nd day of August,

AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON:

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