TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.]

THE SOUDAN.

Troops Still Retiring on Korti.

The Kassala Garrison Again Defeated.

El Mahdi's Movements.

ANOTHER DEFEAT.

STAKIN, March 4.

The garrison of Kassala has had another battle with the Haddendowas, and has been completely defeated. Unless speedily relieved, the garrison will succumb to famine.

GEN. GORDON'S DISGUST.

CAIRO, March 4.

Col. Watson has received a letter from Gen. Gordon dated November 26, in which the writer expresses disgust at the course pursued by the English Government, and states his intention never to return there, but go to the Congo country.

STILL RETIRING.

LONDON, March 4.

The Rear Guard of Gen. Woods force is retiring from Gakdul to Korti.

THE MAHDI'S MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, March 4.

An Arabian paper says El Mahdi will soon move his camp from Omduman to Metamneh and Shendy.

CANADIAN VOYAGEURS.

The forty Canadian voyageurs who remained in Egypt have been great service in the passage of the difficult cataracts.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT

The Cape Tormentine Railway.

SOME MINISTERIAL REPLIES.

Change in the Excise Duty.

OTTAWA, March 4.

In the House to-day a bill was introduced by Mr. Townsend to incorporate the Amherst and P. E. Island Railway Company. Mr. Wood (Westmorland) objected to the bill on the ground that sufficient notice had not been given. The Bill was referred back to the committee on standing orders.

Mr Yeo elicited replies from the Government that the Appraiser of Customs at Summerside was abolished as unnecessary; that the Locker, J. B. Schurman, there, was unnecessary, and that the Collector of Inland Revenue at Summerside was discharged for incompetence.

The House made a short session to-day, and adjourned immediately after recess.

The expected change in the excise duty on cigars will net the revenue a quarter of a million dollars.

ANOTHER DESPATCH.

CAPE TORMENTINE RAILWAY.

OTTAWA, March 4.

Yesterday Mr. Townsend, M. P. for Cumberland, introduced a bill to incorporate a Railway Company to build from Amherst to Cape Tormentine This was resisted by Wood, M. P. for Westmoreland, for want of due publication, and sent back to Committee on Bills.

SIR LEONARD'S BUDGET.

Sir Leonard Tilley's Budget Speech is looked upon here as the most able of his efforts; and Cartwright's as far below the level of his speeches.

CONVEYANCE OF MAILS.

It is said here that the Government has agreed to take into its own hands the conveyance of mails *via* the Capes, as soon as the Capes Railway is completed.

Steamer Sunk.

LONDON, March 4.

The French transport Tonquin, formerly the City of Paris, of the Inman Line, collided with another transport off Malaga yesterday, and sunk, carrying down twenty-four of the crew.

The Inauguration.

WASHINGTON, March 4.

Great applause was manifested when President Cleveland and Vice-President Hendricks were inaugurated to-day. Their speeches were very brilliant.

General Grant.

WASHINGTON, March 4.

Both Houses of Congress to-day passed the bill which allowed the retirement of Gen. Grant, with the rank and pay of General.

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces.

TORONTO, March 5—10 a. m.

Moderate winds, cloudy to fair mild weather, with light falls of snow or sleet in a few localities.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE.

Charlottetown March 5, 1885.

Highest Temperature yesterday, (read at midnight)	31.0
Lowest Temperature yesterday, (read at midnight)	18.7
Lowest Temperature this morning	24.1
Temperature this morning, at 8 o'clock	28.9
Temperature this afternoon at 1 o'clock	35.0

Prince Edward Island Expenditure

To the Editor of the Gazette.

SIR,—The enclosed letter to the *Mail* was posted by me on the night of the 13th inst. It has neither been published nor acknowledged, and as the article to which it is a reply grossly misrepresents the financial position of P. E. Island in relation to the Dominion, I must trespass on your courtesy so far as to ask you to give insertion to my exposure of the *Mail's* extraordinary, I may say, grotesque blunders.

Yours truly,

J. T. JENKINS.

House of Commons, February 26, 1885.

To the Editor of the Mail.

SIR,—In your issue of the 9th inst. under the heading of "The P. E. Island Service," you give figures intended to prove that the island had received from the Federal government since entering the Union a sum of $6,077,083, and you add "these figures are by no means complete, there are others that could be added to swell the amount considerably."

The saying, "figures cannot lie," is perfectly true, but in the hands of the experienced as well as of the inexperienced they may be made to convey impressions largely at variance with the truth.

I need scarcely say I fully acquit you of any intention of conveying an incorrect impression, and I am free to admit the summary in the general report of the department of public works, from which I suppose your figures are taken, would, without explanation, lead you very naturally into the error committed, but as I am sure that you equally with myself are desirous of seeing the matter fairly stated, I have no hesitation in asking you to publish my version of the expenditure, which I have been at some pains to make correct; and here I wish to express my appreciation of the courtesy of the officials of the departments I had to consult, and the care with which they explained apparently conflicting accounts.

In analyzing your figures, which I will do as briefly as possible, I shall refer to those amounts only which I consider are not justly chargeable to the province, amongst which I think you will admit, are sums paid or which should have been paid at the time of the entrance of the Island into the Union as part of the terms of Confederation, and I think you will also admit that grants unexpended should not be charged in an account of expenditure.

The first item on your list to which I take exception is $53,222 for wharves and piers; this a small portion of an amount which should have been paid at the time of Confederation, and was due to the province under the terms.

The next is for new buildings, $30,000; this is a grant for the rebuilding of the Post Office, destroyed by fire a year ago, and as, to the very great inconvenience of the public, nothing has been done towards re-building, nothing has been expended.

For Cape Traverse Railway, $188,200—the construction of this railway is a step towards giving the Island continuous communication, summer and winter, with the neighboring Provinces and the railway system of the Dominion, agreed to be provided by the federal government in the terms of Confederation. I do not consider this sum fairly chargeable.

The steamship subsidies, $6,000. This is an error; there is no such sum in the estimates. The sum of $7,500 has been granted for several years, but not expended.

Fishery claims, $30,000. This is a private claim of certain merchants for a refund of duties, with which the public have nothing to do, and certainly cannot be charged against the province.

For capital expenditure on the Island Railway, $1,284,311. This item is entirely astray. The whole amount for capital expenditure on the Railway since Confederation is $539,611, from which must be deducted $120,745, spent on the Cape Traverse branch and charged in another place, leaving $418,875 as the sum actually expended on the Island Railway.

We now come to your second column, which gives the expenditure from 1873 to 1882.

Railways, $3,466,990. This sum you admit in a subsequent issue to have been incorrectly charged.

Public buildings, $75,000. This is the price of the post office and custom house purchased by the government at confederation, and part of the terms.

Harbor, &c., $580,077. The sum actually expended by the federal government is $229,246 72; the balance, $350,830, is the amount expended on this service by the local government from the year 1831 to 1873

Dredging, $23,582. This is an error; the sum named is the expense incurred in building the Government dredge Prince Edward.

Telegraph, $52,619. This is also an error, there being no such sum in the public accounts for Telegraphs.

Steamers (for mails and passengers) $162,622; the summary method by which this item is arrived at is admirable in its simplicity. The whole amount expended by the Government on steamers since 1867 is $650,488, which, divided by 4 gives $162,622. This amount is debited to each of the Maritime Provinces and Quebec. I must distinctly decline to admit this as an expenditure in Prince Edward Island.

It may be urged that the Northern Light, one of the Government steamers, is used solely for Island purposes, but we look upon her as a miserable instalment of that "efficient steam service, summer and winter," which was to give us continuous communication with the Intercolonial Railway, and the railway system of the Dominion, and which by the terms of Confederation, we should have had eleven years ago, and I may add that the failure of the Government to carry out this agreement has entailed incalculable loss on the people of this province. Now we will take the total of your figures and deduct the items which I think I have clearly shown are not chargeable as expenditure in Prince Edward Island since Confederation, and the account stands:—

Amount charged against the province as expenditure since confederation	$6,077,083
Deduct items improperly charged	5,312,10[illegible]
Total amount actually expended since confederation	$ 764,981

The figures as I have given them, I believe are correct, at all events I have spared no pains to make them so, and they show quite a different sum as the expenditure in the island since confederation, but it is not of the smallness of the amount spent in public works that we complain, it is that the solemn compact entered into when we joined the union has not been carried out by the Federal government, and that we are suffering under the most serious disadvantages for the want of that continuous winter communication which was promised us in the terms.

I feel that I have already trespassed somewhat unduly on your space, or I could say much more on the subject. I quite agree with you that we have much better prospects under the present than under the late government, and you need have no fear of the "Lower Province members being false to their personal pledges, their private convictions, and their party chiefs."

I cannot conclude without strongly deprecating the practice so prevalent, of one province carping at and grumbling over the amounts expended in another. It should be borne in mind that money judiciously used in developing the resources of a province is money well invested for the Dominion, and that the prosperity of the provinces means the prosperity of the whole of this Canada of ours.

Yours truly,

J. T. JENKINS.

House of Commons, Ottawa, February 13, 1885.

Local and Other Items.

REMEMBER the lecture in the Y. M. C. A. Hall this evening.

HON. DONALD FERGUSON will lecture at Long Creek on Monday evening next, 9th inst. Subject, "Love of Country."

THE *Journal* is informed that two hundred cords of wood were shipped from Kildare Station within the past two months.

BE sure and go to the Y. M. C. A. Hall this evening and hear Mr. Gregor on "Means of Culture."

SCEPTICAL.—The man with the big hat seems to doubt that felt hats can be bought for fifty cents each at J. B. Macdonald's. Let him try; no extra charge for large sizes.

WHILE Mr. William Marchbanks, of DeSable, was harnessing a young horse, a few days ago, the animal kicked him in the mouth knocking out a number of teeth, etc. We understand Mr. M. is improving.—*Journal*

MAILS crossed from both Capes to-day. The boats from this side with Lieut. Haslewood and other passengers, arrived at Tormentine at 2 p. m. The mails for Charlottetown will be ready for delivery at 5.30 o'clock.

So that the people may not be deceived, L. E. Prowse intends to inform them that he is taking 20 per cent. off his regular prices of Hats, and not putting 100 per cent on, and taking 50 per cent. off. (mar 4

As will be seen by reference to our advertising columns, Mr. W. A. Brennan, of the Summerside *Journal*, has established a branch of his Bookbindery and General Job Printing business in this city. Mr. Brennan is a practical printer of large experience, and we heartily wish him all the success he can receive from a business that is already much overdone.

OSTARIO PUMP COMPANY.—Mr. James M. Squarebridge, of Stanley Bridge, and Mr. Jas. McKie of Charlottetown, are authorized to act as agents for this company, and receive orders for pumps for deep wells. The pumps of said company are warranted to work satisfactory, and they will place them in any well, no matter how deep, and satisfaction guaranteed. The company is strictly reliable, and will fulfil their conditions to the letter. As the farmers of this Island have largely to depend on wells for their water supply, a good pump is a necessary article for them; they would therefore do well to give the pumps of the above company a trial. We understand that Dr. McNeill, of Stanley Bridge, imported one of these pumps for a well 56 feet deep, and he speaks in the highest praise of its merits. This company erects windmills for raising and pumping water into cisterns, tanks or reservoirs. For the city of Charlottetown this would be a great benefit, and the authorities might put themselves in communication with the said company in order to furnish cheap water for the citisens of Charlottetown.—COM.

NOTICE.

A SPECIAL Meeting of the Shareholders of the Citizens' Skating Rink Co. will be held in the Rink Building, on Thursday, March 12th, at 7 o'clock, p m., to take into consideration the advisibility of making certain alterations to the Rink.

By order,
W. W. STANLEY,
Secretary.

Ch'town, Feb. 26, 1885.

Molasses! Molasses!

THE Subscriber offers

FOR SALE,
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SHEETING COTTONS, PILLOW COTTONS, FLEECY COTTONS AND ALL OTHER COTTON GOODS, WOOLEN GOODS, SILK GOODS, &C., AT VERY LOWEST PRICES.

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Ch'town, Feb. 20, 1885.

Great Bargains!

For the next 30 days we offer the balance of our Dry Goods at a

LARGE DISCOUNT!

as we are shortly to make a change in the business.

Special Lines of Goods are MARKED DOWN to Prices that are Bound to Sell Them.

Don't Fail to Call Early if You Want Bargains.

We require a Prompt Settlement of all Accounts due up to date.

☞ Remember the place: Desbrisay's old stand, opposite the Market House.

W. & A. BROWN & CO.

Charlottetown, Feb. 7, 1885.

Notice to Contractors.

TENDERS for the erection of additional buildings to St. Joseph's Convent, Charlottetown, will be received up to the 16th March.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of Messrs. Stirling & Harris, Architects, on and after Monday, the 2nd day of March.

STIRLING & HARRIS,
Architects.

Ch'town, Feb. 26, 1885—eod pat her

Grand Trot at Souris.

THE Annual Trotting Races will take place on Souris Bay ice, on Tuesday, March 10th, commencing at 1 o'clock, p. m., sharp. Prizes to the amount of $65 will be offered.

1st Race—Free to all, purse $35.
2nd do —3 Minute class, purse $20.
3rd do - 3-year olds, purse $10.

Horses to trot to harness. Heats best three in five.

Open to any horses on the Island.

DONALD McKINNON,
Secretary.

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SALT, SALT, SALT.

IN STORE:

5,000 Bags of Liverpool Salt.
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Ch'town, Feb. 14, 1884

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THE Black Bush Lobster Factory, Lot 45, lately occupied by Doyle & McBride, Souris East. That is:—1 main building, 52 feet long by 30 wide; 1 shed, 20 feet long by 13 wide; 1 warehouse, 20 feet long by 13 wide; 1 cook house, 20 feet long by 12 wide—all in good order, together with all outfits, nearly complete. Also, 660 lobster traps and trap ropes.

For particulars and terms apply to

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Ch'town, Feb. 28, 1885.

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20 Tons Round Iron, sizes ½, ⅝, ¾ and ⅞ inch.
150 Boxes of Tin Plates, suitable for lobster packers.
2 Pigs Lead.
2 Ingots of Tin.

PEAKE BROS. & CO.

Ch'town, Feb. 14, 1885.

Valuable Farm for Sale.

THAT valuable Farm, with buildings thereon, situated at Belle Vue, Lot 49, containing about 60 acres, nearly all in a good state of cultivation. As a site for a summer residence or seaside hotel it cannot be surpassed; only 15 minutes' drive from the ferry. Will be sold at a bargain.

For further particulars apply to

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Queen Street.

Ch'town, Feb. 10, 1885—eod wkly 3w

The Liquor License Act, 1883.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of License Commissioners for the District of Queen's County, will be held at the Chief Inspector's office, corner of Great George and King Streets, in Charlottetown,

On THURSAY, the TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF MARCH Next, A. D., 1885,

at the hour of Eleven o'clock, in the forenoon, for the purpose of taking into consideration all applications for certificates for such licenses as are authorized to be granted in this License District by the Liquor License Act, 1883, or by the Act 47 Victoria, Chapter 32, intituled "An Act to amend the Liquor License Act, 1883."

By order of the Board,

ROBERT H. CRAWFORD.
Chief Inspector of Licenses for Queen's Co.

Ch'town, Feb. 23, 1885—2aw wkly tldate

The Liquor License Act, 1883.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of License Commissioners for the District of King's County, will be held at the Supreme Court House, Georgetown,

On TUESDAY, the THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF MARCH Next, A. D., 1885,

at the hour of Twelve o'clock, noon, for the purpose of taking into consideration all applications for certificates for such licenses as are authorized to be granted in this License District by the Liquor License Act, 1883, or by the Act 47 Victoria, Chapter 32, intituled "An Act to amend the Liquor License Act, 1883."

By order of the Board,

HENRY A BEARS,
Chief Inspector of Licenses for King's Co,

Murray River, 25th February, A. D., 1885.

2aw wkly tldate

THE VIOLIN.

MR. VINNICOMBE is now prepared to take a limited number of pupils for Violin Instruction by "Danclas" conservatory method, which is so complete that each pupil is enabled to form a part of one harmonized body, thereby making the tuition a pleasure instead of the old class drudgery.

Pupils preferred from 12 to 16 years of age.

For terms apply at his residence, Water Street.

Ch'town, Feb. 14, 1885