

Official Changes.

A Royal Gazette Extra, issued yesterday, announces that the office of Crown Lands is to be amalgamated with the office of Provincial Secretary-Treasurer on and after this, the third day of March.

It is reported (with what truth we know not) that the Hon. Joseph Pope, the retiring head of the Land Office, will receive a Dominion appointment.

We understand that, at a meeting of the Government held to-day, the Hon. Donald Ferguson was appointed Provincial Secretary-Treasurer and Commissioner of Crown and Public Lands, and the Hon. William Campbell, Commissioner of Public Works.

Hon. Mr. McLeod retains his seat in the Government without office.

These changes are made under the provisions of the Local Civil Service Act passed last session. They are the latest development of the policy of economy inaugurated and carried out by the present Administration. As such they will, without doubt, be endorsed by the Province at large.

Good Times Coming.

THE Directors of our Banks, the best authorities in the Province, are of opinion that the commercial depression has reached its lowest ebb, and they look forward to an increase of prosperity during the coming year. This is reassuring.

A Question for Farmers.

THERE are fifteen thousand farmers on this Island. If every one of them would raise for export but one fat ox or cow, which would sell for fifty dollars (\$750,000) seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars would be brought into the Province! Is not that better than carting potatoes to market for 16 cents a bushel? If so, the sooner the necessary preliminary measures are taken the better.

Merited Reward.

MAJOR MORRIS' Battery, Garrison Artillery, has been awarded the prize given by the Dominion Artillery Association to the Battery whose members attended the greatest number of voluntary drills for the year 1879. The prize consisted of a field glass to the commanding officer, and a gold lace badge to each man who performed twenty-five extra drills. This, thirty men of Major Morris' Battery did. Corporal Love, of this Battery, won the prize given to the highest individual score to Batteries armed with smooth-bore guns. The prizes are open to the whole Dominion.

Lieut.-Col. Price Lewis, in his report to the general officer, speaks of this Battery in the highest terms. He says—

"Captain Morris in command. Present on parade—1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 2 sergeants, 28 rank and file.—Total, 32. General appearance on parade, very good. Manual and firing exercises and company drill, very creditably performed. The detachment at gun drill showed they had been well instructed. Practice was to have been carried on when I was at Charlottetown, on the 29th October; but a week of stormy weather prevented it. The practice will be carried out in December. This battery is fortunate in having as an Instructor Lieutenant Irving, an intelligent and zealous artillery officer, who has qualified himself at the school of gunnery. On the 27th October I was umpire to a squad of this battery competing for the 'Gun Shift' prize of the Dominion Artillery Association. I append a list of the names of the squad. The work was very smartly and at the same time steadily performed in two minutes and twenty-five seconds. It has been recommended by you in a previous report that this battery should be converted into a field battery, which I trust may be carried out. At the same time I would suggest that, if the authorities should not see fit to establish a full field battery at once, a demi-field battery might be organized, (utilizing for it the two field guns and harness at present in store), and to be increased at a later date and finally armed with a powerful field gun.

Union Bank of P. E. Island.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Union Bank of P. E. Island was held at noon to-day. In the absence of the President, C. Palmer, Esq.,—who is slightly indisposed—W. E. Dawson, Esq., Mayor of the City of Charlottetown, occupied the Chair. The following report and statement were submitted:

In presenting the sixteenth annual report of the Bank, your Directors deem it hardly necessary to remind the Stockholders that the year just ended has been one of continued depression in business, accompanied by diminished profits in every branch of trade, and by failures exceeding in number anything previously experienced in this Province—a state of matters entailing upon them a grave amount of anxiety. This unfavorable state of things has affected the Bank, more particularly in the depreciation of estates which had been in the course of liquidation during the last two years, and on which, from continued shrinkings in values, dividends considerably less than might reasonably be anticipated have been realized.

Your Directors have, within the last few days, scrutinized anew the assets of the Bank, and have, after careful examination,

written off what they believe to be sufficient to cover every loss.

Your Directors have pleasure in stating that all transactions which have had their inception in the current year have been free from loss, and they look upon this fact as an indication of the approach of a more healthy state of trade.

The following is a summary of the year's operations:

The net profits of the year, after deducting expenses of management, and reserving interest accrued on deposits amount to	\$28,777 52
Add to this the balance carried over from last year	6,683 65
Making in all	\$35,461 17
From this Deduct Dividends, Nos. 30 and 31	16,222 22
Showing a surplus for the year of	\$19,238 95
Deduct amount written off for bad and doubtful debts of previous years, Depreciation in Securities &c.	18,632 44

Leaving at credit of Profit & Loss account
 \$606 51 |

The Deposits, Circulation, and general connections of the Bank have been fully maintained notwithstanding the unfavorable times, and it is satisfactory to note that the latter months of the year show considerable improvement over the former portion, and that its surplus funds, which the Bank were then unable safely to invest, have found profitable employment in meeting the legitimate requirements of a more active trade.

The branches have been regularly inspected by the Cashier during the year.

Your Directors are hopeful that the worst effects have already been felt of the protracted depression which has marked the last two years, and trust that with prudence and caution they may be able in the future to add from time to time to their Reserve Fund, which still remains at \$65,000.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. PALMER, Pres.  
W. E. DAWSON,  
Geo. DAVIES,  
THOS. W. DODD,  
JAMES DESBRISAY,  
A. L. BROWN,  
JOHN INGS.

STATEMENT.

LIABILITIES.	
Notes in circulation	\$250,123 72
Deposits bearing interest	263,046 24
Deposits not bearing interest	153,354 44
Balances due other Banks	29,733 27

Liabilities to the Public	
Capital paid up	696,857 67
Reserve Fund	162,222 22
Dividends, &c., unpaid	65,000 00
Reserve for interest on Deposit Receipts	1,355 70
Net Profits on hand	5,091 80
	606 51
	\$931,134 00

ASSETS.

Specie and Dominion (Legal Tender) Notes	\$ 89,848 92
Notes of, and Cheques on, other Banks	8,919 37
Balances due from other Banks	72,181 74
Bills of Exchange	42,339 52
Government and City Debentures	12,970 00

Assets immediately available	226,250 55
Notes and Bills discounted	467,323 89
Cash Accounts	205,581 28
Bank Premises in Charlottetown and Summerside	31,469 78
	\$931,134 00

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Dr.	
To Dividend No. 30	\$ 8,111 11
" Dividend No. 31	8,111 11
" Amount written off for bad and doubtful debts of previous years, Depreciation in Securities, &c.	18,632 44
" Balance on hand	606 51
	\$35,461 17

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By Balance from last year	\$ 6,683 65
" Net ordinary profits for year	28,777 52
	\$35,461 17

GEORGE MACLEOD, Cashier.

The Cashier also read the following abstract of profit and loss account, showing it more fully in detail.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

DR.	
To expenses of management Head Office	\$11,608 14
" do. Branches	4,849 55
" Interest paid on Deposits	14,051 29
" Dividends Nos. 30 and 31	16,222 22
" Amount written off for bad and doubtful Debts of previous year, Depreciation in Securities, &c.	17,632 44
" Balance at credit of Profit & Loss Account	606 51
	\$65,430 15

CR.

By balance from last year	\$ 6,683 65
By gross profits for year	\$48,070 50
" do. Branches	10,72 90
	\$65,430 15

On motion of William Welsh, Esq., seconded by H. J. Cundall, Esq., the report was unanimously adopted.

On motion of William Welsh, Esq., seconded by Lemuel L. Beer, Esq., the Directors were voted \$2,000 for their services during the past year.

The old Directors were unanimously re-elected.

A husband whose wife had joined the ranks of the crazy religious enthusiast, Mrs. Girling, in the south of England, stormed the camp last month, and, after a fierce contest of fifty minutes, carried off the truant *in et armis*.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the statements or opinions of our correspondents

Colorado as a Field for Emigrants.

To the Editor of the Examiner.

DEAR SIR,—Noticing a letter in your paper of March 1st, signed "Deceived Islander," who pretends to be in Colorado, and wishes to correct and falsify statements made in a letter written some time ago by R. W., I wish to refer your readers to what R. W. wrote, and I think they will find that he is slightly misrepresented by "Deceived Islander." He did not say much to induce Islanders to go to Colorado, unless more hard work than they have been accustomed to here be an inducement; and even that he said they would not be likely to get for some months.

"Deceived Islander's" statement that R. W. has been in Denver four months, and been idle two, is utterly false, and needs correction as well as some of his other remarks, if they are worth taking notice of. I am, yours, etc., A FRIEND OF TRUTH.

March 3rd, 1880.

SUPERIOR EXTRA!

STRONG BAKERS } FLOUR.  
SPRING EXTRA }

A Choice Lot Cheap for Cash,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

B. DALDERSTON.

Queen Street, March 3, '80—4w 2aw

To Let. To Let.

TO LET, that NEW BRICK HOUSE situated on Pownall Street, now occupied by Fenton T. Newbery, Esq. Possession given in May next. Also, Cottage, with land attached, situated on Malpeque Road, about one mile from the city. Possession given immediately.

THOS. W. DODD.

March 3, 1880—pat saw

Shop to Let.

THE Store lately occupied by Dorsey & Jost, on South Side of Queen Square. Possession given first May next. Apply to HORACE HASZARD.

Ch'town, March 3, '80—4w 2aw

GRAND Vocal & Instrumental CONCERT BY THE Charlottetown PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY,

Tuesday Ev'g, MARCH 9th,

Y. M. C. A. HALL.

To Commence at 8 o'clock.

Admission 25 cents.

For further particulars see Programmes.

S. N. EARLE,

Musical Director.

Feb. 27, 1880—2aw

THE 'BUDA' FLOUR,

AND OTHER Choice Brands,

FOR SALE AT BEER & GOFFS'.

Jan. 12, 1880.

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. HOBSON & McLEOD, Charlotte town.

Jan. 9, 1880—eod

Hake. Hake. Hake.

500 QUINTALS very superior WHITE HAKE, pickled cured, equal to Codfish. For sale low for cash.

B. WILSON HIGGS, 52 Queen Street.

Charlottetown, Feb. 20, 1880—2w 4aw

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MARCH 1880.

OUR STOCK-TAKING SALE during the month of February has been very successful; we have therefore decided to continue it through this month. The demand for patterns, as everybody knows, is always great, and we regret to say that in this line we have been particularly busy. The desire for "snips" has become chronic, but we trust a healthier state of things is in the future.

Our Dress Materials have had a steady sale, and give great satisfaction; their quality and unsurpassed cheapness make them very tempting. Black Cashmeres and Lustres are in great request, in "snips" of 8 to 16 yards.

We have recently received a new lot of Gents' Spring Overcoats and Suits, also a lot of Suits for Boys; all at very low prices.

Gents' wear of all kinds we find to go off very rapidly. We call especial attention to our Fine Black Broadcloth, Tweeds, Linters and Drawers, Ties, Paper and Linen Collars, Hosiery, &c.

Carpets, Hemp, Scotch, Felt and Tapestry, a very good assortment, and ridiculously cheap, Hearth Rugs, Door Mats, &c.

Table Damasks, Wool Table Covers, Linen Table Covers, Towels, 40 cents per doz. upwards.

Our Dress Fringes at 5 to 10 cents per yard, and Ladies' Dress Caps at 10 to 20 cents, are selling readily.

New Lot of Prime Teas just come in; our 32-cent is nearly run out, but we have on hand a few chests of 36-cent Tea, which we retail ONLY. Our 40-cent Tea is regarded as the best in the city; but all grades sell rapidly. We sell in caddies of 5, 8, 10, 15 or 20 lbs., neatly done up, so as to retain the flavor.

All kinds of Dry Goods cheap for Cash at

TREMAINE & METCALF'S,

83 QUEEN STREET.

Ch'town, Feb. 23, 1880.

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,

—ALSO—

A Tea and Refreshment Table, On the 31st March Next,

—IN THE—

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.

Coal. Coal.

ON HAND, and SELLING CHEAP, by

F. S. HANFORD,

March 2, '80—3i 43 Water Street.

Kerosene Oil.

25 CASKS STILL ON HAND.

CARVELL BROS.

March 2, 1880—3i pat 2i

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.

LECTURE.

PROFESSOR ANDERSON will deliver the third Lecture of the Course in connection with the St. PATRICK'S T. A. & H. SOCIETY, in

ST. PATRICK'S HALL,

Friday Evening, 5th March.

Subject—"MACBETH."

Doors open at 7 o'clock; Chair to be taken at 8.

Admission 10 cents.

RICHARD WALSH, Secretary

Feb. 25, 1880—th s t th

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.

TEA.

170 CHESTS, } Strong and Excel-  
55 half-chests, } lent flavor.

CARVELL BROS.

NOTICE.

THE Best, Shortest and Cheapest route to Cape Traverse is via Train to County Line Station, thence via HUGHES' Teams to Capos—which are in readiness at all times.

J. W. HUGHES,

J. HUGHES.

Feb. 25, 1880—tf

Sole Leather.

700 SIDES LOGAN'S BEST,

50 Sides " No. 2.

CARVELL BROS.

Canadian Pacific Railway.

TENDERS for a second 100 miles section WEST of RED RIVER will be received by the undersigned until noon on MONDAY, the 29th of March next.

The section will extend from the end of the 48th Contract—near the western boundary of Manitoba—to a point on the west side of the valley of Bird-tail Creek.

Tenders must be on the printed form, which, with all other information, may be had at the Pacific Railway Engineer's Office, in Ottawa and Winnipeg, on and after the 1st day of March next.

By Order,

F. BRAUN, Secretary.

DEPT. OF RAILWAYS & CANALS, 116 19, 2aw

Ottawa, 11th February, 1880. 116 27 mar.

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