

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.**

When I was a lad, I served a term,  
As "farmer's boy" on a judge's farm,  
I milked the cows, and coddled the swine,  
And was always in bed by half past-nine,  
I milked the cows so carefully,  
Pa purchased "Alva" farm for me.  
As a farming man, I did very well,  
Had cows and plenty of milk to sell;  
"Water and milk"—being my make up,  
I spouted against the red wine cup;  
I spouted and milked quite religiously,  
But kept my eye on a candidity.  
I never smoked, I never drank;  
I never tried to "brake the bank;"  
The Dunkin Act I never broke,  
I looked so "goody" at a temperance  
spout,  
That the "goody" people brought me out.  
I was goody then, I am goody yet;  
Tho' forced to work with a wicked set;  
But Wilfrid needs all kinds in the game  
So a farmer's minister I became.  
I say goody things with so much zeal,  
That I cover many an awful deal.  
I don't like "deals," and I don't like  
Tarte,  
And fear I'm losing my innocent heart;  
But I'm saving my pennies and living  
cheap,  
And I'll some day return to my "stallie  
heap."  
On a "stallie heap" we farmers sing,  
And 'tis purer far than the Cabinet  
ring.

**MORAL.**

Now, farmer boys, if you like me,  
Would climb into the Cabinet tree;  
Just say goody things, let your light be  
seen,  
And some day you'll do for a Cabinet  
screen.  
If you can't be good, the bad's the game,  
They use both kinds in a Cabinet  
frame.

—Star

**BISHOP POTTER**

**A Badly Misrepresented Man.**

Bishop Potter has written a letter in which he refers to the published statement that he favored draftships as a real necessity, and says:  
"I stated that something answering to the saloon, i. e., places of inexpensive recreation and refreshment, would always be a necessity. I may add that until it is provided the mischief of the saloon, which nobody recognizes more clearly than I, will continue. The saloon may be driven to cover, but it cannot be abolished. Something better, something wholesome, harmless, undefiled, and undefiling must take its place and so expel by substitution. Legislation has failed to do this, and prohibition has failed. Denunciation has failed. It is a case for Christian capital, wisely employed, as the history of the Liverpool coffee houses has shown."

**NOTES FROM MORELL.**

**Fishing and Other News, Interesting Historical Reminiscences.**

The smelt fishery here is a failure this year.  
We are pleased to see Mr. Cox out again after his recent illness.  
Rabbits or "hares" are being shipped to New York. We have not heard whether this new enterprise has proved sufficiently remunerative to encourage enlarging the business.  
The famous "Dundee" trapper and hunter saw a bear a few days ago. To use his own words, "The bear was standing on his tail eating a rabbit out of the snare." The hunter was the most frightened and took to his heels for home. Such speed has never been seen in the palmiest days of Nancy Hanks.  
The concert and social in aid of the hall on Monday evening was a grand success.  
We have in this village vicinity three stores, three churches, schools, smithy, tailors, shoemakers, hotel, carriage builder, cheese factory, starch factory, grist and saw mill, public hall and some of the best farmers in the country and many who although improving are not yet up-to-date. At the Horton we have one of the best fishing places on the Island, two lobster factories and fishing stages and fishermen's huts. It is a charming scene on a fine summer morning about sunrise to see the great fleet of boats leave the harbor for the fishery grounds, encrewing to the breeze and the spray flying from their bows, manned by our hardy native fisherboys whose superior physicality you can't find in this wide world. Pity tis their labors are not better rewarded. They seek the lobsters, mackerel, cod, or herring and salmon in their season. A fisherman's life is hard although apparently a happy one, health giving certainly, but the best they can do judging by the past is to eke out an existence. Providing for a "rainy day" not thought of if indeed ever possible by the most skilful or industrious.  
This harbor has a history. Before the fall of Louisburg a French village was located here at which a company of soldier was stationed. The old well used by these soldiers and soldiers is here still and our fishermen now use this same well. It is on the bank close to the beach among the fisher huts. Near by is the site of the old French church, the bell of which was ploughed up in a field here some years ago by Mr. Barry at that time owner of the farm known as "Stukell Farm."  
This site is now occupied by the beautiful farm house and buildings of John Sinnott Esq., and is one of the prettiest of the many fine farmer's homes in this section. All along the shores are old French cellars, some "reminders" of the once happy homes of French fisher families of "And Lang Baye."

JENKINS.

Morell, Jan 28th, 1899.



NEW PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOSPITAL—PERSPECTIVE VIEW.

The new Prince Edward Island Hospital, a perspective view and floor plans of which we publish to-day, is located at the east end of the city on a beautiful site containing several acres of land donated to the institution by the Rev. Ralph Brecken. The walls of the building, which are of brick, are carried up to about 6 feet above the ground and the timber of the first floor laid on. The structure, as can be seen by the cuts, will consist of a main building three stories high, and a wing containing main wards, etc., two stories and attic. The length over all is 125 feet, and the width at the widest part is 59 feet.  
The principal entrance will be in the main building through a hail 13 feet wide, intersecting a corridor 9 feet wide running at right angles and leading to

the main wards at the south end, and to the kitchen, etc., at the north end. On the left of the main entrance hall can be seen the reception room, matron's room and elevator; on the right the dispensary or doctor's office, and the nurses' parlor. A large staircase here leads to the floors above. At the north-west end of the first floor is a large linen room, pantry and dining room, also a kitchen and scullery. Adjoining the dining room is the accident ward and the lavatory rooms. Across the hall and near the main wards is the nurses' kitchen. Between this and the elevator is the side entrance leading through a verandah. By this entrance patients can be taken directly to the operating room by elevator.  
On the south end of the first floor is located the male general ward, 25x50 feet,

with space for ten beds. Off this ward, to the south, lies the convalescents room, with large windows to admit sunlight, also an open fireplace. From this room fine views of the Hillsborough river and the surrounding country can be obtained. Adjoining this room is the patients' clothing room and linen room.  
The second floor of the main building is taken up by nine private rooms, arranged all together, some of them having open fire places. These rooms are within reach of a large airing balcony for those patients who are not able to go down stairs.  
This floor also contains the children's wards, 16x33, with convalescents room, also female ward, 24x50, with convalescents room, clothing and linen rooms with lavatory directly over those below. On the third floor of the main building is the

operating room, 22x26, with ceiling 12 feet high, lighted by a large plate glass window 10 feet wide and 12 feet high, one-half of which is in the hall and half in the roof. This will give a powerful and steady light for delicate operations. On the north side of this room is the recovery room and instrument room; on the south the surgeons' lavatory and dressing room. This flat also contains 10 bed rooms.  
The basement will contain vegetable cellar, laundry and drying room and man's bed room, also the boiler room.  
In designing the interior finish and woodwork simplicity and plainness has been kept in view, all the finish being without quirks, beads or mouldings.  
The building will be plastered throughout with English Selenite cement, the ceiling being 11 feet high. The floors

will be laid throughout, except a small portion, with hardwood.  
The trustees will have under consideration and perhaps adopt if funds are in hand, plans for a modern steam system of heating and ventilation operated by fans. This system will not only heat but will change the air every few minutes throughout the building, forcing fresh warm air to all rooms and parts of the building.  
It is expected that the structure will be completed a year hence.  
The contractors are Messrs McDonald and Schurman, and the Architect Mr. C. B. Chappell, of this city. For the cuts of the building, which are made from the architect's drawings, we are indebted to the Canadian Architect and Builder, published in Toronto, the designs appearing in the December number of that journal.

**WHERE THE VETO IS USEFUL.**

Recently the Prince Edward Island Legislature passed a law enacting that liabilities to merchants outside the province who of themselves or through their selling agents have not paid a certain provincial license fee shall be non-collectable.  
This is repudiation, with the proviso, however, that a contribution to the local treasury will stop it.  
Now there is a bill before the British Columbia House pronouncing null and void any labor contracts which new arrivals in the province may have made with persons in other parts of Canada.  
This is another proposal of doubtful honesty.  
The veto power is the subject of much criticism; but while it may be argued that it should not be exercised where legislation affects only the rights of persons within the enacting province, surely it ought to come into operation where the local law assails the rights of Canadians elsewhere.—Mail and Empire

**ESTEEMED EXCHANGES**

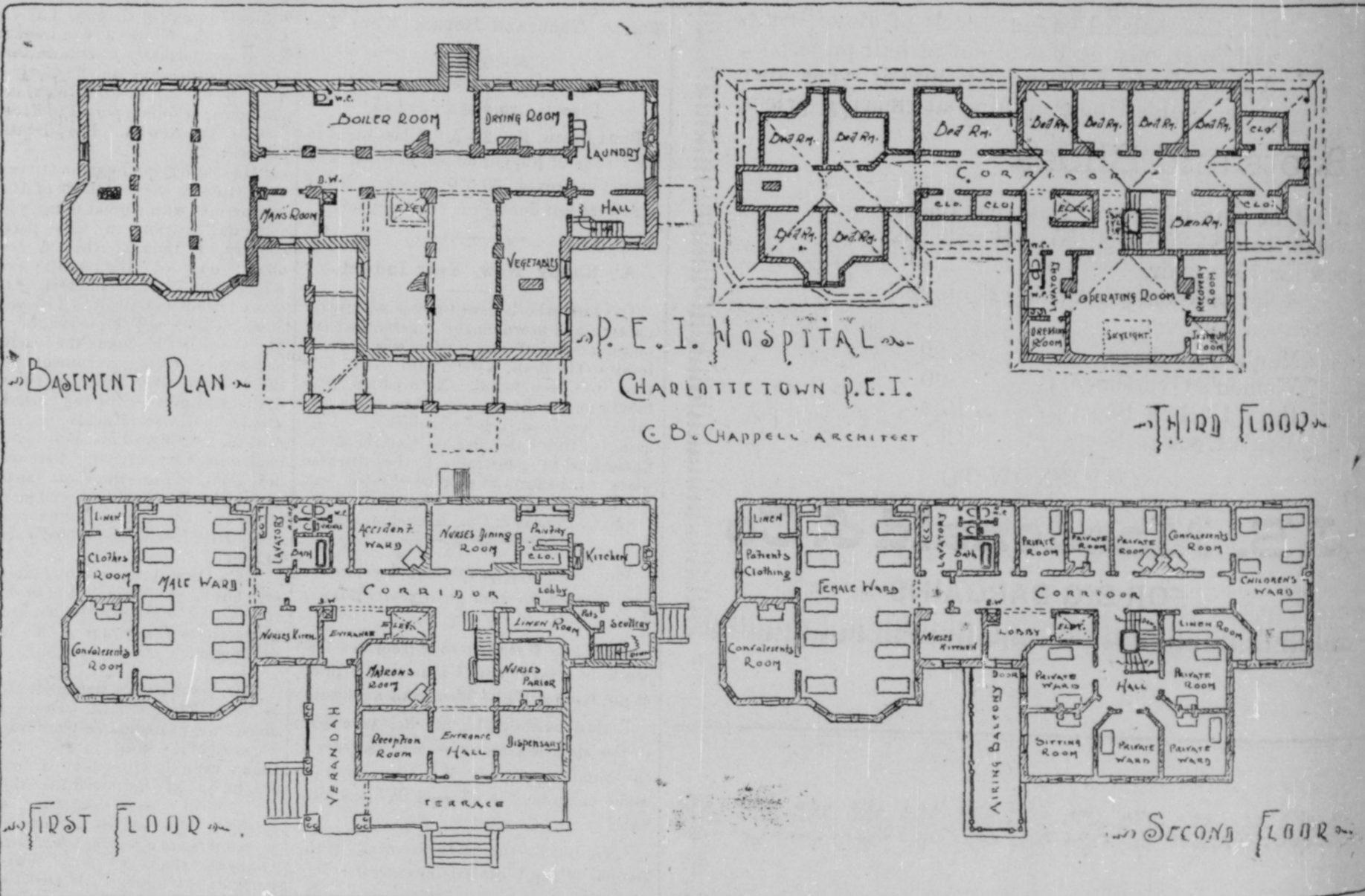
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