

SHIP NEWS.

Fort of Charlottetown.
ARRIVED.
May 12.—Diamond, Bondrot, Arichat; Electric Flash, Fougere, St. Peters, C B; Laura E Franklin, Chapman; brig Sirius, King, Louisburg; Leonore, Jimmo, Wal-lace; Floresta, Gilchrist, Pugwash; Julia A. Finlayson, Pinette; Swallow, Vanamber, Tidnish; Sir William Aitken, Pictou; Samuel Drake, Olsen, Louisburg; Meteor, Griffiths, Fernambuco; Soudan, Barrie, St John's, Nfld.

CLEARED.
May 12.—Leonore, Jimmo, Chatham; Julia A. Finlayson, Pinette; Swallow, Vanamber, Tidnish.

Fort of Summerside.
ARRIVED.
SS Acadian, Delisle, Montreal, mdee; Lochiel, Wright, Richibucto, lumber.

CLEARED.
Lochiel, Wright, Richibucto, hay and lumber; Acadian, Delisle, Nfld via Ch'town; Acadian, Delisle, Nfld via Ch'town; Acadian, Delisle, Nfld via Ch'town; Acadian, Delisle, Nfld via Ch'town.

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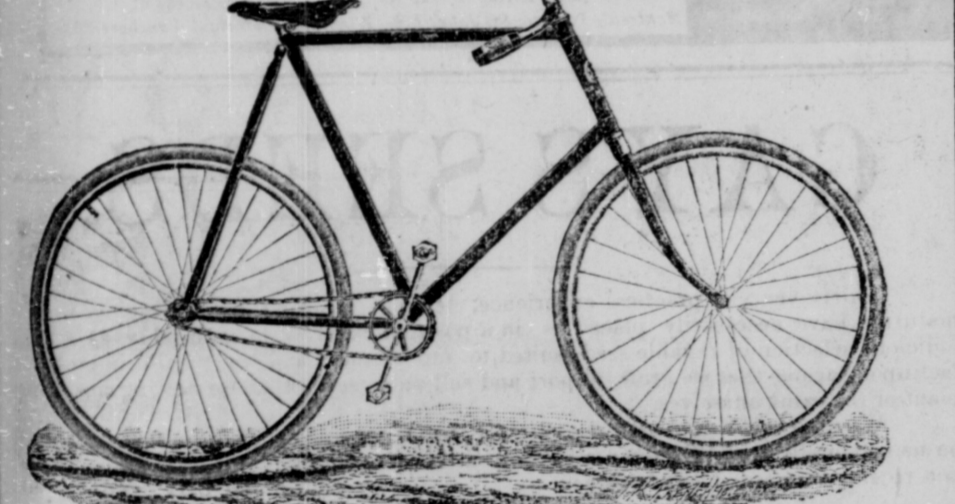
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AN OPEN LETTER TO HON. F. PETERS.

SIR.—I was just handed a little pamphlet carefully stenciled and styled your "Budget Speech." You start out with praise of the dead and the great Liberal victory of your party in Nova Scotia, your past policy, and your present policy—the politicians' duty, together with your usual bluff of boldness and brag. On reading it, I wondered if it was the same little boy I knew in knickerbockers travelling back and forwards to the classic school room of Dr. Leeming, and I wondered further whether, true to his inherited ancestry, he had the special privilege of scattering his speech broadcast over the land at the public expense while other members of equal mental calibre with himself are denied this privilege. Equal rights and privileges do not then enter into your ideas of reporting the doings of parliament, and while ostensibly under the guise of economy, you pretend the change is in the interests of the taxpayers, yet it is altogether in the interests of the party in power.

Your speech, if remarkable for anything, is more remarkable for what it does not contain than for what it does contain. From your standpoint it is an able exhibition of your propensity to galvanize and pick out of your career the less objectionable points. A mistake common to politicians of all creeds, you make in making or comparing the expenditures of the late government with your own. Separate items in different years do not show correctly either your policy or that of the late government. I am no advocate or defender of the late Sullivan Government or the McLeod Government. They were not perfect. But I think their sins were notably those of omission more than commission. The public are now only concerned with good government and the duties of politicians. If anywhere to be regarded by the people, the first duty to require of a public man is to be careful that his public declarations accord with his private ones, and that public pledges made in the interests of good government and the people are faithfully carried out. The morality of the people is sadly defective if they can listen to a man on the hustings make speeches, and the moment he is elected to parliament throw his speeches and promises to the four winds of heaven. That man should be tabooed out of public life as a man unworthy of any confidence whatever. Some years ago it was my privilege to listen to you on the hustings. You promised that if it were your lot to have the Government you would have the accounts published at the end of the year, no waiting for the Governor's consent to table them in the House—everything was to be open and above board. Another reform you promised was to provide a reporter for the courts so that the people would have a correct report and not depend on the judges' notes. You instanced the loss of time which witnesses had to endure and at great loss to them on account of the time taken up in recording the evi-

dence. A shorthand reporter was then a great idea. You spoke of the consolidation of our statutes and the money squandered upon that work, and you promised that in a very short while you would complete the consolidation. What have you done? Are the statutes yet to be used in the interests of the lawyers, and must another \$14,000 be spent upon them by your party if they are to be returned at the coming election by a long-suffering people? You are the Premier of this little Province and the leading executive officer therein. I beg to remind you that there is no circumstance which tends more effectually to degrade a man in the eyes of the community at large and to disqualify him from obtaining the confidence essential to success of all his subsequent exertions, than an opinion, even though ill-founded, of his insincerity. As custodian and guardian of the people's money, you are a failure. Money raised from the people for the public benefit is designed to be applied in the payment of actual services—not in gratuitous donations. Witness your conduct in the land office. How the assets of the department have been squandered in discounts beyond anything ever heard of before in any well-organized country—favoritism to your own friends and to others whose influence you doubtless intended to silence against yourself and your party. From the first moment of your occupying a station in the executive government of this province you should devote yourself to a scrupulous discharge of its duties. You will admit that the public has the same right to your exertions that any other master has to those of any other servant. To diligence you will add punctuality even in matters of comparatively small importance, as well as those of superior magnitude. Unwilling to cause disappointments, the first officer of a government will be cautious of exciting expectations; slow to make promises he will be strict in fulfilling them. As an honest man, then, in the employ of this Government, you had no right to enter the employ of the Federal Government, for your time belongs to this province, unless you renounce your salary as Attorney-General during your absence. It is no argument to say your predecessors or others did it. No man can serve two masters; and as such your Government should dismiss any official in the dual capacity. The leader of a pure Government should be uncorrupt himself—set his face against every mode of corruption in his dependents, and not connive at dishonesty in them in which he would deem it dishonest to be personally concerned. The good of the country should be the leading object of his labors, and mindful of the express and solemn terms in which Revelation prohibits her votaries from pursuing the most valuable object by any other means than truth and virtue. While prosecuting violations of the Canada Temperance Act, and pursuing people and lodging them in the jails of the Province, the Leader of a Government should not be supporting a club where liquors are used in contravention, although sold to himself, of the Canada Temperance Act. In the whole catalogue of vices that surrounds members of a Government and leading politicians, there is scarcely one more encroaching than political corruption. It is a disease which makes its advance with such unsuspected rapidity, that almost before it attracts notice it has seized the vital. What has been once done pleads precedent, and a former transgression often seems to require. The only antidote by which you can secure yourself from the contagion, is the habit formed and resolutely maintained of deciding at once on every case on the stable ground of rectitude, without exposing the bulwarks of integrity to the risk of being undermined, while you are holding parley with expediency.

Your speech is no guarantee that if you are returned to power your Government in the next four years will be any better than it has been in the past. Instead of sinking the country with a debt you should have started right by taking the people into your confidence—tell them plainly the exact situation by the published and unpublished accounts, and settle down to a working basis that will commend itself to the people of this Province. Instead of that your system of taxation was a fraud on the people; and complicated and extensive and varied, as it is, what you propose now is not much better, although it may in some degree be an advance of your acreage valuation.

You may claim some credit with your road machines; but in the hands of the Supervisors, under a faulty Road Act, they are apt to be used as engines of corruption and favoritism, although I think the road machine itself is an improvement, in its introduction, for which you deserve credit. The same principles of integrity and candour which should guide your conduct in your private affairs will not be laid aside in your parliamentary capacity. You should entertain no animosity against a man for withholding his support from you, nor should you ascribe to indirect views what may fairly be attributed to conscientious conviction. You should discourage in your adherents the desposition, too often found in servile and little minds, to blacken the private characters of their political antagonists, and of neutrals held in still greater abomination. A British statesman would embrace every occasion of doing justice to their worth. In the coming contest I would advise you to beware of exciting suspicion or by any instance of active conduct that your professions of patriotism, zeal for liberty, of disinterested solicitude for the public good are merely your exterior garb; a sort of robe of office, a dress to be worn in Parliament, which, while it dazzles the beholders with its glaring brilliancy conceals the real form and lineaments of the wearer.

I have not time to follow your budget any further but may return to it on a future occasion. A TAXPAYER.

PERSONAL.

Rev. J. C. M. Lean is in the city. Dr. Montague has left Ottawa for British Columbia on mining matters. Miss Emma Kerr, of Charlottetown, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Oliver Jones, Main Street, Moncton, N.B.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector McLeod, of Charlottetown, returned home last evening via Point du Chene and Summerside. They spent the winter in New York. Mr. John Schurman and family, of Locke's Shore, left Monday morning for the west, where they will locate, probably at Wilmar, Minn.—Summerside Journal.

Mr. J. H. Cross, representing J. Cohn & Co., Montreal, and Mr. John D. Burns, representing A. Keith, Halifax, who have been east in the interests of their respective firms, returned to the city this forenoon. Mr. Burns goes west this afternoon.

Mr. Geo. P. Irving, of Vernon River, the delegate from the Grand Lodge, I. O. G. T., of this province to the meeting of the International Supreme Lodge at Zurich, Switzerland, will leave Charlottetown tomorrow morning. The meeting in Zurich will be held next month.

Dr. Macneil, of Stanley, and Neil McKelvie, Esq., of Summerside, left yesterday for Moncton where they will attend a joint meeting of representatives of the Masonic Grand Lodges, of New Brunswick Nova Scotia and P. E. Island.

The latest arrivals at the Queen Hotel include: James Laird, New Glasgow, J. N. Berjman, Pugwash, Mrs. Angela Finlayson, Summerside, Miss Margaret Rogers, Alberton; Mrs. Ernest Kemp, Shediac; Mrs. William Harris, Beach Point; R. H. Craswell, Bloomfield; H. A. Whitman, Bridgetown.

At the Hotel Davies: Thos. Douglas, Halifax, N. S.; J. A. Clarke, St. John; W. A. Cookson, St. John; E. Packard, Montreal; R. C. McLeod, Summerside; George Oland, Halifax, Alex. Monroe, J. M. Robertson, D. M. Ferguson, J. H. Cross, Montreal; W. M. Brashear, Toronto; Lloyd Edmunson, Hamilton; Clarence Smith, London, Eng; John D. Burns, Halifax.

ROSENEATH NOTES.

The Roseneath Hall, which is beautifully and conveniently situated on a corner of the farm of O. S. Gordon opposite the junction of MacLaren's Road with the Georgetown Road, is rapidly nearing completion, and when finished will be a useful institution, an ornament to the place and a monument to the pluck and enterprise of these taxpayers to whose energy is due the credit for this neat and commodious hall. Contractor Johnson, of Cardigan, who designed and superintended the work, sustained his reputation as a hustler and skilful mechanic. The Directors have decided that this Hall shall be free for all religious services, and arrangements will probably be made to hold weekly services.

The Roseneath Lodge, I. O. G. T., which is successfully presided over by Mr. G. W. Smith, and ably assisted by a popular and efficient staff of officers, is in a flourishing and prosperous condition. The amount of seventy dollars which this Lodge realized on their concert was presented to the Hall Company.

The Roseneath School, which has a very large attendance, gives entire satisfaction under the efficient management of our popular teacher, Mr. McMillan. J. D. Maclellan, son of Mr. Daniel Maclellan, who has had such a long and painful illness, is rapidly recovering.

Mr. George Bulpitt, who has been down with rheumatic fever, is about again, and will in a short time be able to resume his duties on the farm.

Mr. Edward Bulpitt has purchased a valuable registered Ayrshire bull calf from parties in Ontario, which is pronounced a "daisy" by those who have seen it.

Arthur W. Smith, the boy who had his hand taken off by the cylinder of the threshing mill, has suffered a great deal and is not yet fully recovered but is doing well lately.

Roseneath is to have the honor of sending a representative to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in the person of that popular young gentleman Corporal T. J. Donahoe. We wish Tom a jolly good time. Another paint can fatality. Mr. Arthur Gordon, of this place lost a valuable cow by getting into some old paint cans. HAYSEED.

Roseneath, May 10, 1897.

DIED.

In this city, on May 12, 1897, Alexander McPherson, Engineer, in the 55th year of his age. May he rest in peace.

[Funeral from his late residence, cor. Queen and Bayfield Streets, on Saturday at 8.45 a. m., to St. Dunstan's Cathedral.]

At his residence, Long Creek, Lot 65, on Thursday May 13th, Neil Bell in the 84th year of his age. His parents were amongst the emigrants who came to this Island in the ship Spencer from the Island of Colonsay, Scotland, in the year 1806. The deceased was a kind neighbor and much esteemed by a large circle of relatives and friends. He leaves two sons and three daughters to mourn the loss of an affectionate father. (Funeral Saturday next at 1 o'clock.)

At Georgetown, on the 10th inst., Mrs. Sylvester Kehoe, aged 85 years, leaving a large family of sons and daughters.

Landing.—A lot of Fence Rails at Connelly's Wharf today for James Barrett.

Fifty light all-wool Tweed Suits for men, worth \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$8.50, now for \$4.25, \$5 and \$6—grand value. See this lot at J. B. Macdonald's old stand, Queen Square. 113 3i

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