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LOST—A large Beagle Dog, black and white. Any information regarding him will be rewarded on application to A. J. Hill, Upper Prince Street, 208 21.
LOST—Apply to Peter Bradley, 205 Beulah Street.
LOST—Between Kent Street and Victoria Ave., a black silk shopping bag, containing a purse and a key. Apply at this office.

HOW DIAMONDS ARE "NIPPED."
 Thieves Have an Instrument That Makes the Stealing Easy.
 "When we speak of a crook 'nipping' a diamond stud, we use the word advisedly," said a central station detective. "It's not a case of idle slang. In fact, nearly all the words used in a slang way by thieves and police officers come nearer to expressing the exact idea of what we mean to illustrate than most people think. Take, for instance, the phrase 'Stole a diamond.' Now, that's all right in its way, but there's a hundred or more ways in which diamonds may be stolen, so it gives no clew as to the particular method of operation. But when we are told that some crook has 'nipped' a spark we know exactly how he did it and have a fair sort of lead to work on.
 "To 'nip' a spark means to cut off a diamond from a man's shirt front. The phrase originated in the style of the instrument used by the thief. Diamonds lost in this way are not unscrewed or pulled out from a shirt front, as some people believe. The diamond nipper carries a small instrument made like a pair of nippers. It can be carried between the fingers and kept concealed in that way and has a little cup into which the diamond falls when cut from the gold mounting. When the nipper sees a stone that pleases his fancy, he simply slips his little instrument to the front, jostles and shoves his victim, perhaps curses him for 'treading on his toes' and, having distracted his attention, slips one hand close to his bosom. A simple move, a pressure of the finger, the sharp jaws clutch the shank of the pin or stud, the diamond drops into the cuplike receptacle and the nipper is gone. So is the diamond."
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A Peasant Surprise.
 For those who have thought that catarrh is incurable, and to whom the constant use of soufs and ointments has been almost unbearable, is to learn of catarrh, Catarrhozone is a guaranteed cure for these diseases and never fails to cure them. It cures by inhalation of medicated air and always reaches the right spot. This is no theory, but the results of actual experience, and thousands of testimonials back up all we say for our medicine. Price \$1.00 at all druggists, or direct by mail on receipt of price. Send 10 cents in stamps for sample outfit to N. C. POLSON & CO., Kingston, Ont.
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 Take two pills of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. A drug store will tell you where to get them. E. W. GARDNER, Kingston, Ont.

A Notorious Gambler.
 One of the most notorious female gamblers of the eighteenth century was Miss Pelham, the daughter of the English prime minister. She not only ruined herself at cards, but would have beggared her sister Mary as well had not their friends intervened and insisted on the sisters separating. Horace Walpole gives a pitiful account of "poor Miss Pelham sitting up all night at the club without a woman, losing hundreds a night and her temper, beating her head and exposing herself before the young men and the waiters." Another writer says that the unhappy woman often played cards with the tears streaming down her cheeks.
 Lady Mary Compton, an old maiden lady, a contemporary of Miss Pelham and, like her, addicted to gambling, had the same propensity to tears. When she lost, we are told, she wept bitterly—"not for the loss itself," she was careful to explain, "but for the unkindness of the cards."
Swearing.
 General Washington, it is said, once uttered an oath, and his example is presented as an excuse for the profanity of other men. But with the statement General Washington's opinion of swearing should always be joined. He said, "This is a vice so mean and low, without any temptation, that every man of sense and character despises it."
The Largest Cannon.
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List of Ratepayers for the City of Charlottetown

In default of Assessment due on Real Property, for the year ending 31st December, 1899, containing names of all such defaulters, and the amount due from them respectively, with a statement of the number of the town Lot, Water Lot or Common Lot, upon which, or any part thereof, such assessment is in default.

Name of Ratepayer in Default.	Statement or Description of Property upon which Assessment is made.	Amount of Assessment due & unpaid
Binn, Elizabeth	12, 1st Hundred	\$11.00
Coyl, Stephen	House & Land on Town Lot No. 26, 4th Hundred	\$18.00
Cudmore, Andrew	House & Land on Town Lot No. 3, 2nd Hundred	15.75
Hughes, Peter	House & Land on Common Lot No. 26	6.75
Hughes, John	House & Land on Common Lot No. 22	6.75
Loew, Walter	House & Land on Common Lot No. 21	2.25
McKay, W David	Vacant Land on Common Lot No. 31	2.06
	Mill Buildings & Land on Common Lots Nos. 19 & 20	23.12
Ober, James	House & Land on Common Lot No. 22	8.32
Purdie, Jane (W. A. O. Morson, Leslie McNut, Trustees)	House & Land on Town Lots Nos. 97 & 98, 1st Hundred	33.75
Stewart, Allan Estate of late	Vacant Land on Town Lot No. 55, 3rd Hundred	2.06
Walling, Mrs	House & Land on Town Lot No. 89, 2nd Hundred	2.38
Walling, Mrs	Vacant Land on Common Lot No. 15	1.6
Williams, John	Houses & Land on Common Lot No. 24	11.2

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of the Statute, 51 Victoria, Cap. 12, Section 91, after 30 days publication of the above list, being a list of the Ratepayers of the City of Charlottetown, who have failed to pay within the time prescribed the Assessment severally levied upon their Real Property in said City, I will make an application to His Honor, the Stipendiary Magistrate of said City, for Judgement against each and all of the lands above described, for the respective amounts so levied against them, and then unpaid, and that upon such judgement being duly entered, I will farther apply for a warrant for the sale of such lands.
 Dated this 19th day of December, 1899.
 ROBERT VANDE STINE, City Collector.

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Trains Outward. Read down	STATIONS	Trains Inward. Read up	
P. M. A. M.		A. M. P. M.	
7 15	lv Charlottetown	9 45	2 10
7 31	Royalton Junct	9 25	1 15
7 47	N. Wiltshire	8 39	1 15
8 13	Hunter River	8 25	1 05
8 31	Emerald Junc	7 44	12 39
8 47	Kingston	7 00	12 12
9 20	St. John's	6 35	11 35
P. M. 12 30	lv "Side"	ar A. M.	10 10
1 13	Wellington	9 27	
1 31	Port Hill	8 49	
1 40	St. John's	7 40	
4 05	Albion	6 36	
5 00	Tignish	5 40	
P. M.		A. M.	
2 10	lv Charlottetown	ar	10 10
3 35	ar Mt. Stewart	lv	8 45
3 50	lv Junction	ar	8 30
5 02	Cardigan	7 15	
5 25	Georgetown	lv	6 50
P. M.		A. M.	
3 45	lv Mount Stewart	ar	8 25
4 23	Morell	7 57	
4 52	St. Peter's	7 28	
6 20	Souris	lv	6 00
P. M.		A. M.	
5 15	lv Emerald	ar	7 35
6 05	ar Cape Traverse	lv	6 45

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 Notice is hereby given that a half-yearly dividend at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, on the Capital Stock of this Bank, has been declared, payable at its Banking House, on and after January 2nd, 1900.
 The transfer books will be closed from the 5th day of December, 1899, to the 2nd January, 1900, both days inclusive.
 By order of the Board,
 J. M. DAVIDSON,
 Cashier.

Annual Meeting
 —OF THE—
MERCHANTS BANK OF P. E. ISLAND

The Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of the Merchants Bank of P. E. Island will be held at its Banking House, Great George Street, Charlottetown, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of January, next, A. D. 1900, at the hour of 11 o'clock, a.m.
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