

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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A Huge Telegraph Concern.

An American paper says:—

In April, 1851, the New York and Mississippi Valley Printing Telegraph Company was organized under the general laws of 1848 in New York State. It was to continue in existence 100 years, and was to have an authorized capital of \$300,000. One-half of the capital stock was to be issued to Royal E. House, for the exclusive right of manufacturing and using his patent printing telegraph, and the other half was to be used for completing and putting in operation the line already in course of construction between Buffalo, N. Y., and St. Louis, Mo. From this modest beginning has grown that powerful and comprehensive organization known as the Western Union Telegraph Company, with its wires covering the entire continent and spanning oceans. The parent company early adopted the policy of purchasing and consolidating, and in 1856, when the name "Western Union" was assumed, lines aggregating 1500 miles in length had been added. On the 1st of January, 1863, its capital was increased by stock bonuses and the purchase of other lines to \$3,000,000, and on the second of March of that year, exactly doubled, the additional shares being presented to stockholders. About a year after, the capital was increased, by purchase and extension of lines, to \$11,000,000, and at the same time the whole of its stock was again doubled by an issue of 100 per cent bonus to its stockholders, making its capital \$22,000,000. From this time up to January, 1868, the United States Telegraph Company was absorbed at \$3,333,333, and the American Telegraph Company, with a capital of only \$2,000,000, at \$11,818,800, and by bonuses, extension of lines and other means, the Western Union capital was increased to \$41,008,800. In January, 1881, it absorbed the Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Company, the lines of which cost no more than \$2,500,000, and the American Union Telegraph Company, with its lines, which cost little more than \$3,000,000, taking them in at \$25,000,000, and, at the same time, issuing a stock bonus of \$15,000,000, thus bringing its capital up to \$80,000,000. More recently it obtained possession of the Mutual Union, agreeing to pay four per cent on \$10,000,000 stock and six per cent on \$5,000,000 of bonds, and thus adding \$15,000,000 to its capital. The Western Union sank \$3,000,000 in the abandonment of the Russian Telegraph, and nearly as much more by the abandonment of the California lines and contracts for lines parallel to the Pacific Railroad. It also borrowed \$5,000,000 for the purchase of real estate in New York, and pays \$75,000 per annum rental for the California State Telegraph Company and \$85,000 per annum for the Illinois State Telegraph Company. It has purchased a majority of the stock of the Pacific & Atlantic, Southern Atlantic & Franklin telegraph companies, and guarantees dividends on the minority of the stock. It recently leased the Northwestern Telegraph Company, and pays a large rental on a stock and bonded capital of that company of nearly \$4,000,000, besides rentals of other leased lines, making its capital really about \$100,000,000.

The territory now covered by the lines of the company includes almost the entire inhabited portion of the continent of North America. On the eastern coast, the lines extend from North Sydney, Cape Breton, on the Gulf of St. Lawrence to Brownsville on the Rio Grande, and on the western coast from below Los Angeles, California, to British Columbia. They reach across the continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific, along the entire length of the Union Pacific. They communicate, by allied companies, with Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. They have an exclusive connection with Newfoundland with Mexico and Cuba, and with the Anglo-American, Direct, French and American cables. The Western Union Company possesses many valuable patents, and has advantageous franchises and contracts, good for immense amounts, while a new and most remunerative class of permanent arrangements has sprung up in the rental of private wires to brokers, bankers and other business men. The general use of telegraphy for comparatively unimportant purposes has of late added largely to the revenues of the company. Invitations, congratulations, notes of sympathy, communications on the most commonplace affairs of life, are commonly sent over the wires. Indeed, it would cause surprise if it were generally understood how widely this custom has prevailed. The indebtedness of the Western Union is small, comparatively speaking, amounting to only \$6,000,000, and by the operation of a sinking fund this is being gradually reduced. The directors' board of the Western Union is composed of men remarkable not only for their immense private fortunes, but for the fact that they control interests representing infinitely greater sums. Among the directors are Sidney Dillon, president of the Union Pacific Railroad; Cyrus W. Field, director in the Atlantic Cable companies; Chauncey M. Depew, director New York Central Railroad; Edwin D. Morgan, ex-Governor of New York; Hugh J. Jewett, president Erie Railroad; Jay Gould and George F. Gould, Russell Sage, and F. L. Ames of Massachusetts.

It would be safe to estimate that the actual cost of this vast property at not more than \$20,000,000, on which it earns 30 per cent. annually. It would be interesting to know the mileage, cost and earnings of the lines in Canada at present controlled by the Great North Western Telegraph Company—another huge concern which, it is believed, is worked in the interests of the Western Union.

A meeting was recently held in Exeter Hall London, under the auspices of the London Missionary Society, to welcome home Rev. Mr. Shaw, the British missionary, who has just returned from Madagascar. He denied he had been set for by Earl of Granville. He also denied he had claimed compensation for losses he suffered, and said he would leave that to the honor of France.

The young men are requested to call and see L. E. Prowse's American hats. They are nobby and cheap.

The Dominion and Centennial Exhibition.

A Pleasant Trip With a Passing Glance at Moncton.

"OVER THE FERRY."

All night long the autumnal wind howled about the gables; and but few of the many landmen and landswomen who went on board the "St. Lawrence" on Friday morning hoped to cross to Shediac without yielding tribute to Old Neptune. It was therefore an agreeable surprise to find that the sea was not very high, and that after some little "nodding to the breeze," during which a few of the weaker brethren and sisters wished they hadn't ventured out, the steamer ploughed along in the teeth of the breeze as steadily as if the sea were calm. The passage was, indeed, a very pleasant and exhilarating one; and it ended in one of those entirely satisfactory dinners for which the "St. Lawrence" and her experienced steward are justly celebrated.

MONCTON AS IT WAS AND IS.

Nine years have passed since the writer visited Moncton. It was then a village of about fifteen hundred inhabitants; it is now a town of seven thousand. Where the scrubby fir and spruce and hemlock then grew wild, there are now many elegant residences and many quiet homes for daily toilers; and streets have been opened and lots laid out, and sewers dug, and gas and water pipes put down, and humming factories erected, where then the cattle grazed on the juicy herbage of the swamp. The proportion of workers is larger in Moncton than in any other town in the Maritime Provinces—perhaps in Canada. There are no corner-loufers or wharf-rats. The story is told of a worthy school trustee who, reading down the list of parents and children in the district, and seeing the oft-recurring words "Born in P. E. Island," "Born in P. E. Island," broke out with: "D—n those Islanders; the town is full of 'em." The New Brunswicker must have forgotten for the nonce that in settling down in Moncton the Islanders were settling down in their own country; and after he had reflected a little he no doubt felt pleased and thankful that the town is filling up with such good people. One of the handsomest and most substantial brick buildings in Moncton is just now being erected by an Islander—Mr. P. T. Egan; and one of the busiest and best men there is Mr. Paul Lea, whose "hum" is heard from early morn till dewy eve, and whose greatest trouble seems to be how to fill the orders for doors and window sashes and mouldings which come pouring in upon him. Mr. Toombs, and Messrs Pollard & Wadman are engaged in the highly meritorious business of distributing Island products among the Monctonians, thus contributing to them vigor of mind and body, and assisting more than may, perhaps, be expected in the inception and development of the grand scheme by which Moncton is being built up and hopes to profit and grow. Last but not least, we find "Tim O'Connell" dispensing good apples and good literature,—including THE DAILY EXAMINER.

Of Moncton's vigorous young industries, more anon. They deserve extended notice. In some of them we find not only steam but electricity, obediently working together for the good of skilful and enterprising men. The factories, etc., are, of course, the source of Moncton's prosperity. Monctonians were among the first in Canada to see and avail themselves of the advantages afforded by the National Policy. Thence Moncton obtained a lead,—has grown to be something more than a mere railway centre, and has, in five or six short years, attained such dimensions that her people now feel confident of continued enlargement and a great future. Owing to the rapidity of its growth the town has left some of its public buildings far behind. This fact may be fully illustrated by another fact. A short time ago, a stranger was being shown the town by one of its best men. The Custom House was pointed out, and the Post Office was pointed out, and all the most remarkable structures that adorned the streets were pointed out and commented on; when the stranger suddenly called attention to an erection in the distance and asked, "is that another public building. But before his guide had time to answer he saw by the pole that it was a barber shop! It was—well perhaps a little more than eight feet by ten!

Besides enlarged and improved Government Offices, Moncton still needs a Public Market House, a Public Hall and a first-class Hotel. These will, no doubt, come in good time; and it is not unlikely that the port will be substantially improved. There is a creek running past the lower or eastern end of the town, which it is proposed to deepen and straighten, and then place a lock at the mouth of it, admit the ships at high water, close the lock as the tide may fall as low as it can, the ships in the dock will be able to float easily.

THE STOCK IN ST. JOHN. The stock from the Island arrived on Friday evening and is safely and comfortably housed. A few animals from Nova Scotia and distant parts of New Brunswick are here; but the grain influx is expected on Monday.

W. L. C.

In the recent explosion on the steamer J. S. Robinson, Vassandson was killed. Capt McAndrew, of the canal boat Apollo, which was in the rear of the J. S. Robinson, and his wife, had a narrow escape. They were asleep when a piece of the boiler carried away a section of the roof about three and a half feet long and one and a half wide, together with a portion of the cabin nearly two feet above their heads. Captain Robinson, of the tug Hattie M. Betts, who was asleep in the pilot-house, turned a complete somersault in the air, and suddenly found himself on deck. The officers in the first precinct station house, one eighth of a mile distant, were thrown from their beds on the floor, and the whole building shook violently for three seconds. At first they thought that it was an earthquake.

On Thursday the French made a reconnaissance from Hanoi which showed the enemy's works to have been deserted. The French occupied Plimkhoa without opposition. The enemy apparently retired backwards towards Sontag.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—Please correct your error in yesterday's issue respecting the Upper Prince Street School. There was plenty of steam all forenoon up to nearly eleven o'clock, when one of the pipes began to leak so badly, steam had to be shut off until Mr. White the machinist made the necessary repairs.

Yours, etc., J. C. DOULL.

PERSONAL.—Rev. Mr. Hicks, of New Castle, and bride, are visiting at the Little York Parsonage. Mr. Hicks preached a thoughtful sermon in the Little York Church on Sabbath evening in place of Rev. G. Steel.

NEW GOODS.

OCTOBER, 1883.

Largest Stock EVER OFFERED. FULLY 10 per cent. Cheaper THAN LAST SEASON. STOCK Personally Selected, IN THE BEST ENGLISH HOUSES BY Mr. PATON. THE VERY BEST VALUE OBTAINABLE Guaranteed our Customers Dont Buy UNTIL YOU Inspect our Goods. ALWAYS CHEAP. Wholesale AND Retail!

W. A. WEEKS & CO.,

SIGN OF THE LION.

P. E. I. Steam Navigation Company.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the Steam Navigation Company will be held in their office corner of Great George and Lower Water streets, on THURSDAY, the 18th of October, at seven o'clock in the evening, for the election of Directors and other business.

By Order F. W. HALES, Secretary.

Methodist Church Re-opening AT SOUTH WILTSHIRE.

THE above Church, having undergone repairs, and having been closed for some time past, will be re-opened on

Sunday, 7th of October, 1883.

The Preaching Services are as follows:— Rev. D. D. Currie, 10.30 a. m. Rev. J. W. Wadman, A. M., 3 p. m. Rev. William Grant, 6.30 p. m. By order TRUSTEES.

Oct. 3, 1883.—w&s wkly li.

Herring and Codfish.

125 BARRELS and Half barrels Choice FAMILY HERRING. 200 Qlts. Codfish. Just received at the Fish Market. J. H. MYRICK.

Oct. 2, 1883.—3i eod.

TO LET.

THE Store and Dwelling House on Queen Street, now occupied by Alexander McKenzie. Possession given immediately. Apply to E. J. HODGSON, Water Street, or ALEX. MCKENZIE, on the premises. Ch'town, Sept. 12, 1883.—eod ti.

OLD BONES.

HIGHEST PRICE paid for old bones, in large or small lots, delivered at John Newson's Furniture Factory. JOHN NEWSON. Ch'town, Aug. 17.—2m

British Warehouse.

AUTUMN, 1883.

110 CASES AND BALES

ENGLISH AND OTHER STEAMERS. RECEIVED AND OPENED.

More Daily Expected—Prices Lower Than Ever.

W. & A. BROWN & CO.

Ch'town, Sept. 26, 1882.—wkly

A FULL STOCK OF AUTUMN & WINTER GOODS,

NOW OPENED AND OPENING AT THE

LONDON HOUSE,

Ex steamers "Caspian," "Newcastle City," "Boston City," "Waldensian," "Sicily," "Austrian," "Durham City."

This Stock comprises our usual SELECT and EXTENSIVE VARIETY of

STAPLE & FANCY GOODS,

carefully bought by one of the firm, in the best English and Scotch Houses, and marked so as to secure a ready sale.

GEO. DAVIES & CO.

Ch'town, Sept. 24, 1883.

NEW FALL GOODS

AT J. B. MACDONALD'S.

I am now receiving New Goods for Fall and Winter.

Ladies' Dress Goods, in all the newest fabrics. Ladies' Mantle Cloths, in the newest makes. Ladies' Mantles, Shawls, Silk Velvets, Velvetens. Brocaded Silks and Satins. Ladies' Straw, Plush and Silk Hats, Feathers, Flowers, Ribbons. Woollen Squares, Scarfs, in Variety.

IN THE GENTLEMEN'S DEPARTMENT:

A heavy Stock of Cloths, in Beavers, Worsted, Tweeds and Fancy Coatings. Readymade Clothing, for Men and Boys. Underclothing, Flannel Shirts. Also Parks' and other makes Cotton Warps, at the lowest cash prices.

J. B. MACDONALD,

Ch'town, Sept. 13, 1883.—wkly pres he Queen Street.

THE DOMINION WIRE MATTRESS.

Having Made Special Arrangements with the Manufacturers of this

PATENT SPRING BED,

WE ARE ABLE TO SELL THEM AT FACTORY PRICES.

7,000 Mattresses Made and Sold in the Dominion last year.

Every Mattress warranted.

MARK WRIGHT & CO.

Charlottetown, Sept. 11, 1883.—3aw 1m.

FURNITURE, FURNITURE, AT COST.

Opposite Post Office, Charlottetown.

BEDSTEADS, Chairs, Tables, Washstands, Sofas, Lounges, Parlor, and Drawing Room Bed Room Suits, Looking Glasses and Mirrors, Window Furniture, Picture Frames and Picture Mouldings.

JOHN NEWSON.

Charlottetown, Jan. 9, 1882.—1c

APPLES

At Auction,

Wednesday, 3rd inst., AT 11 O'CLOCK.

75 brls Choice Hand-Picked Apple, viz.— No. 1 Gravensteins, Autumn Strawberry, Porters, Fall Pippins.

CARVELL BROS. AUCTIONEERS. Ch'town, Oct. 1, 1883.—2i.

QUEEN'S COUNTY RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL PRIZE MEETING of this Association will be held at Kensington Rifle Range, on Wednesday next, commencing at 8 a. m.

Following is the order of competition:— 1st. Match, 200 & 400 yards, 5 rounds at each range. 2nd. Match, 500 & 600 yards, 7 rounds at each range.

Nursery Match, 200 yards, 5 rounds, restricted to members who have not secured a prize at a previous meeting of this Association or the Provincial Association.

All members competing in these matches shall appear in the authorized uniform of the corps to which they belong, full or undress.

Any member who shall appear on the range or parade the streets of Charlottetown in part uniform shall be liable to be disqualified from competing in any of the matches.

The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association Medal shall be awarded to the competitor making the highest aggregate score in the 1st and 2nd matches.

Membership fee, \$1.00

That the Prize Meeting be governed by the rules of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association of the year 1883.

By order, J. A. LONGWORTH, Secretary. Ch'town, Oct. 1, 1883.—2i.

P. F. ISLAND RAILWAY.

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION

RETURN TICKETS at one first class fare will be issued from all Stations on this Railway to Charlottetown, on the 9th, 10th, and 11th of October, inst., good to return up to and including October 13th, to parties attending the Provincial Exhibition.

JAMES COLEMAN, Supt. Railway Office, Ch'town, Oct. 1, 1883.

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VESSELS WANTED.

VESSELS WANTED, to carry coal from Lingan, C. B., for Charlottetown Gas Company. Apply to WM. MURPHY.

Sept. 25, 1883.—1w

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE WEEKLY EXAMINER, the cheapest and best newspaper published on P. E. Island. Only \$1 per year.

WANTS, LOST, FOUND, &c.

SAFE FOR SALE.—Phiberty & Co., makers. Used by us. As good as new. Will be sold cheap. Apply to A. A. BALDWIN & Co. [oct2 5i.

WANTED.—Two Girls, as housemaid and waiter in a hotel. Apply at EXAMINER Office. [oct2.

WANTED.—A Girl for general household work. Apply at EXAMINER Office. [oct2.

DWELLING HOUSE FOR SALE.—I offer at private sale my Residence on Euston Street. Good stable and rain water cistern on premises. If not sold within ten days will be to let. A. A. BALDWIN. [oct2 5i.

LOST.—A beaded basket Drape, between old fish store and Prince of Wales College. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at EXAMINER. [oct2 3i pd.

WANTED.—An Upholster. Good wages and constant work. Must be strictly temperate. MARK WRIGHT & Co. [oct2 3i.

TO LET and possession given immediately the two story Dwelling House, corner of Prince and Fitzroy streets. Apply on the premises to F. Fraser or W. E. Dawson. [oct2

TO LET.—One-half of a double Dwelling House, on Hooper Street, containing seven rooms. Rent low. Apply at JOHN McEACHER'S Dry Good Store. [oct1

CLOTHES cleaned and repaired. First class work guaranteed. Shop,—first door west Presbyterian newspaper office, Grafton St. A good Presser wanted, apply at once. R. McCUBBLEY. [oct 1.

LOST.—On Thursday afternoon, a CUFF STUD (Gold and White Cornelian). The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at the office of THE EXAMINER. [sep29 2i

FRENCH LESSONS.—A Lady wishes to form a French class, for young girls. For particulars apply at EXAMINER OFFICE. [sep24

WANTED IMMEDIATELY TO RENT, a small HOUSE, or part of a larger one. Apply at THE EXAMINER OFFICE. [sep20

A FEW GENTLEMEN can be accommodated with board on reasonable terms, in the house, corner of Great George and King streets, lately occupied by Mr. W. Hickey. MRS. SAUNDENSON. [sep 6 1883.

TO LET.—A Dwelling House on Orlebar Street, containing nine rooms. Rent low. Apply to Henry Blatch. [sep3 1f

MISS FORGAN, Cumberland Street, will be ready to receive a limited number of music pupils after Monday, 27th, August. [aug 2] eod

FOR SALE.—Plot of Land on Sydney St., Charlottetown, 16x84 feet, with Dwelling thereon, situate to the east of J. Metcalf's brick house. For terms apply to Paul Towan, Springfield, or to McLean & Martin, Charlottetown. [sep5 10] eod