

WHAT ABOUT THE MINTO ?

Sir,—It is gratifying to learn that the Charlottetown Board of Trade has at length determined to make an effort to have The Minto come to Charlottetown early in March. The Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Capt. Finlayson, or whoever is responsible for the service this winter, has evidently turned a deaf ear to the interests of the people of this Province. If The Minto is anything like being up to the standard of efficiency guaranteed by Messrs. Farquharson, McKinnon & Co., with the ice not sufficiently strong in Pownal Bay for mud digging, with the Straits comparatively clear, with the horses dropping through the ice in Charlottetown Harbor, and men actually stumping in the middle of February, not one day should have passed without The Minto clearing from and entering the port of Charlottetown.

It is an undeniable fact that between 80 and 90 per cent of the Minto's freight is transported from Charlottetown, as shown by the long train of cars that daily pull out of the station for Georgetown; and what is true of our winter exports is also true in regard to our imports. This transportation adds greatly to the earnings of the P. E. I. Railway, and thus Superintendent Sharp will be enabled to show a decrease in the deficit, as owing to the South African war and the boom in Sydney our winter exports have been greater than heretofore. But while the P. E. I. Railway may thus show greater earnings, it will be at the cost of the farmers and producers in this province. Place the Minto on the Charlottetown-Pictou route and the farmers who today are paying the freight to Georgetown would have this money in their pockets. But this will not suit the Government. The Minto is kept on the Georgetown route, and thus are the farmer-fleeced.

The Patriot informs the public that The Minto is one of the finest steamships in America. If so, why not come to Charlottetown and thus save to the farmers the cost of transportation to Georgetown? Can it be possible even, after all the certificates published in the Patriot as to her capabilities, that Captain Finlayson is actually afraid to put her into ice?

Notwithstanding all that has been written in The Patriot, it is an undeniable fact that The Minto's machinery has not been working smoothly, and that on Sundays she has been turned into a veritable workshop, repairing the engines. It is a notorious fact that in making the trip across the Atlantic a sliding valve was so much worn that a new one had since to be put in; and so rapidly did it wear, that Inspector Stevens was telegraphed for and arrived in Georgetown on Jan. 15th in order to see if she was safe to run; and as a result a third valve has been ordered. After an expenditure of between \$8000 and \$9000 on her in Charlottetown, even to make her passable, such is the condition of the boat that the Patriot characterizes as being "one of the best in America."

We have been told that she carries one third more freight than the Stanley. If the Editor of The Patriot wished to put himself right on this matter, he would have examined the gross and net tonnage as stamped on the hatch-combings of the respective steamers, and he should know that the carrying capacity is indicated by the net tonnage, and from the fact that the Minto is 1200 tons gross and 370 tons net, whilst the Stanley is 1000 tons gross and 394 tons net, it should be apparent to a mind of even the most limited capacity which steamer is capable of carrying the more freight.

Munchausen has related that, when travelling in the Alps, he was overtaken in a snow storm, which continued unabated for several days. Finding that he could not bring his horse through the drifts he tied him to what seemed a post, and started for the nearest hamlet to secure help. Shortly after it began to rain and in two days when he returned with a guide, he was amazed to find his horse tied to the top of the spire of a church, which he had thought was a post. So great was the depth of the snow, "Doc Peets" we are told, was hunting a few years ago in the mountains of the R. River country, and owing to a great snowfall, he was driving his horse while he was following on foot when suddenly the horse stamped through the snow and was lost to view. "Doc" had to camp for two months and sustain himself on deer meat. At the end of that time he snow disappeared and he was surprised to find his horse grazing along the shores of the R. River, having fallen through the snow into a tunnel made by its waters, and he was supremely gratified to find him all right, only his hoofs were a little soft by continued moisture. With the testimony of Mr. McLaren that the robins are in the woods near Georgetown, with the statements of Jeremiah S. Clarke that owing to the mildness of the winter the elder bushes are putting forth their buds to a length of four inches, the editor of the Patriot in the manifest desire to break the record of either Munchausen or Doc Pete, has declared that, in that very same week the Minto was "stuck" off Pictou Island "the ice being 25 feet thick by actual measurement." Pictou Island is evidently "out in the cold."

The next time the Minto is "stuck" it will not be surprising if we hear that a glacier has broken loose from Cape Bear and blocked up the straits. The public this spring can be prepared for some thick ice stories by "actual measurement," if they read the Patriot.

Win-lor-Roa, Feb. 17th.

DIED.

At Charlottetown, P. E. Island, on Thursday morning, Feb. 22nd, Florence Jane aged 17 years, eldest daughter of John T. and Elizabeth Peardon. [Notice of funeral tomorrow.]

DRAWING OF PRIZES.

The Grand Drawing of Prizes in connection with the Provincial Bazaar was held last evening in the Cathedral basement hall in the presence of a large number of people. The detailed arrangements were perfect and everything passed off to the entire satisfaction of all present. The following is a list of the successful parties:—

- A building lot in Charlottetown, (No 187.)—Ezechiele Roberts, Kinkora, Lot 27.
- A driving sleigh, (No 8719 John Coady, Alexandria, Lot 49.
- A set of driving harness, (3702)—Ivan J. Walsh, Mount Stewart.
- A suit of clothes, (8605)—Mrs. Owen Beagan, Johnston's Ri. er.
- A gentleman's overcoat, (39)—James Hogan, Gratton street, Charlottetown.
- A parlor suite, (5177)—J. J. Lacey, Tracadie Cross.
- A barrel of flour, (8748) Mrs. J. M. Bra—, Mill View.
- A silver watch, (121)—Miss Johanna Feehan, Mount Stewart.
- A parlor lamp, (10296)—R. B. McKinley, Charlottetown.
- A 5 o'clock tea set, (8196)—Mr. Ruppinger, Portland, Oregon.
- A fancy cushion, (11452)—Mrs. James Bambrick, Glenora.
- A fire screen, (9896)—Angus Morrison, Poplar Point, Lot 55.
- A gold-headed cane, (769)—Frank Trainor, 8 Bond street, Boston.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Dr. Doble, of Veruon River, is in the city.
 Rev. Dr. Walker, of Rollo Bay, came to the city by this morning's train from the east.
 Messrs. Benj. Hertz and J. M. Davison were passengers by this morning's train from the east.
 Mr. C. C. Carlton, of Souris, is a guest at the Queen Hotel.
 Mr. R. C. McLeod, of Summerside, came to the city this forenoon. He is a guest at the Revere Hotel.
 Rev. J. J. Macdonald, of Kinkora, is visiting Charlottetown.
 Mr. J. J. Hughes, of Souris, is in the city. He is registered at the Hotel Davies.
 Attorney General McKinnon returned from Ottawa last evening.
 Mr. R. E. Mutch, of Jenkins & Son, has returned to the city after a visit to relatives in Earncliffe.
 Mr. A. A. McClaskey, of St. John, is among the latest arrivals at the Hotel Davies.
 Mr. Arthur Peters yesterday afternoon received a telegram from his brother, Mr. F. Peters, Q. C., stating that he was "all right."

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Auld returned to Charlottetown last evening, after visiting some of the principal cities in the neighboring republic.
 Mr. Michael Davitt has resigned his seat in the Imperial Parliament, and is going to South Africa "for change of air." He knows where he belongs.
 Viceroy Lord Curzon presided at a meeting at Calcutta inaugurating a famine fund at which the leading Maharajahs and British officials were present. The sum of £50,000 was subscribed.

SUPREME COURT.

WEDNESDAY, Feb 21.
 The argument in the matter of the estate of the late William Dodd, was concluded yesterday afternoon. Judgment was reserved.
 The court refused a rule for a new trial in the case of Matheson vs. Grant.
 Court stands adjourned until Thursday, 15th March.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Meeting of Prince Edward Preceptory in Masonic Temple this evening at 8 o'clock.

Don't miss the Carnival Friday night, or you will be sorry. This event will be without doubt the finest show ever held in the rink.

19 pairs men's calf, good-year welt boots, regular price \$3, now \$2.35.—K. K. Jost.

Eggs 14 cents at Brax's grocery.

—It is reported that the good times in Great Britain are attracting large numbers of immigrants from Europe.

—While we are in doubt and waiting for news, there is one assured fact that the Boers under Cronje are no longer an immediate menace to the British people in British territory. They are now fighting a defensive action in their own territory.

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Local and Other Items

SUPREME COURT.—The Supreme Court opens at Georgetown on the 27th inst.

C. O. F.—Conv. Abegweit, No. 81 meets tonight at eight o'clock.

THE TEMPERATURE.—The coldest during last night was 5 above, the warmest up 1 p m today was 24 above.

REV. LEO WILLIAMS, uniformed as chaplain to "The soldiers of the Queen," was singing the solo in above chorus to night at the Opera House.

THE PROBS.—Winds increasing to moderate gales from east and northeast; sleet or rain tonight in western portion and tomorrow further east.

PATRIOTIC DRUGGISTS.—All the druggists have agreed to close their stores to night at 8 o'clock to allow their employees to attend the Patriotic Concert.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.—I will sell by public auction on the premises, on Wednesday, Feb. 28th, at 12 o'clock, the property of Great George Street, belonging to the estate of the late Hugh Perkins.—R. Beairto, Auctioneer.

BASKET SOCIAL.—There will be a basket social at Lennox Island on the evening of the 22nd instant, followed by a concert which will be under the direction of Professor John S. Copage. The proceeds will go towards the fund for a new parochial house. By order of Chief Sark.

ADMIRALTY COURT.—The Admiralty Court met this forenoon for the trial of the action for damages growing out of the Tiber-Jennie M. collision. There is a large number of witnesses to be examined. The case will probably last until next week. Mr. A. Peters, Q. C. is counsel for the plaintiff; Mr. F. L. Haszard, Q. C. is counsel for the defendant.

BIOGRAPH FILMS BURNED.—Last evening Messrs. F. S. Jost and W. P. Doull gave an entertainment to the inmates of Falconwood asylum. Mr. Jost's graphophone grand furnished the music, songs, etc., and Mr. Doull's stereopticon and biograph the pictures, all of which were keenly enjoyed by the patients. A slight accident at the close set fire to Mr. Doull's biograph films, some of which were consumed. The fire, though regrettable was extinguished without the aid of water and without serious consequences beyond the loss of films which we understand was financially considerable.

LOYAL ORANGE LODGE.—At the annual session in Summerside a few days ago officers were elected as follows:

R W G M—Murdoch McLeod, Charlottetown, (re-elected.)
 D G M—J D Bruce, Valleyfield.
 J D G M—A Sterling McKay, Summerside.

Chap—M. McLeod, New Argyle, (re-elected.)

G Secretary—Angus Beaton, Brookfield (re-elected.)

G Treasurer—Joseph Wise, Milton, (re-elected.)

G Lecturer—A A McCaul, Ellerslie.

G D O—J D McKinnon, DeSable.

D G Secretary—D D Rourke, Commercial Cross.

The various reports showed the association to be in excellent condition and great enthusiasm all along the line.

MR. WILSON'S DEATH.—In yesterday's issue there was published a short paragraph from the Gold Hunter relating to the death at Caledonia of a man named John Wilson said to be from Prince Edward Island. Mr. Wilson's death, according to a private letter from Caledonia, was due to heart failure resulting from an attack of peluria, and occurred while he was eating his breakfast at his boarding house Mr. Daniel S. Macdonald, a native of Victoria County, C. B., has known Mr. Wilson for six or eight years and has been his boss in the construction of railroads at different places during that time. The letter says that Mr. Macdonald always found the deceased a sober trustworthy man. Mr. Macdonald has taken charge of Mr. Wilson's personal effects, and would like to hear from his relatives or friends. His address is Caledonia, Queen's County, N. S.

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