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Guelph Evening Mercury

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FRIDAY EV'NG, NOVEMBER 29.

THE POSTAL BILL.

We print to-day a synopsis of the new Postal Bill, which realizes the fears entertained of it by those most interested, and which, if it become law, will compel publishers to pay the postage on all newspapers sent through the post office to subscribers. This they must do, and then they may make what terms they shall be able with their readers. No alterations will be made during the ensuing year, but with the advent of 1889, a new state of things will probably be ushered in. In order to disappoint public expectation (which was on tip-toe for the announcement of the total abolition of newspaper postage) as little as possible, it is proposed to charge only a third of a cent per number on a weekly publication. This is whittling it down slowly, and is somewhat analogous to the conduct of men who have resolved to wean themselves off a vicious habit by decreasing gradually the number of their indulgences until they finally come to nought. But such modes of action are seldom effectual in procuring the desired result, and we will be very much mistaken if we do not find in case the Bill passes in its present form, that the popular verdict will be, that the law affecting newspaper rates had been about as well left untouched. This compromise with public feeling will not be satisfactory in either Quebec or Ontario, and the sentiment which it will be sure to evoke in the maritime provinces has been clearly foreshadowed in the first resolution of the press committee of St. John, N. B. But we will indulge the hope that ere the Bill becomes law it may undergo such modifications as will yield a revenue to the government without bearing so heavily on the publishers of newspapers.

This is a matter which deeply affects the interest of every publisher in Canada, and they should without delay enter their protest against the passing of the clause which will compel them to prepay the postage on all papers mailed from their office. If the government is determined not to abolish the postage on newspapers, it may still be reduced as proposed, and the amount collected as at present from subscribers who receive their papers direct from the office of publication. A charge of one cent for every three numbers is to be made, which on one copy sent to a subscriber for a full year would be 17 cents. This could be made payable in advance at the office of delivery, as at present, and thus publishers would be saved all the annoyance and trouble of paying postage or keeping accounts with subscribers for the same, to say nothing of the loss they would inevitably sustain if obliged to pre-pay postage for some subscribers which they would never be paid, and they would thereby lose that in addition to the loss of the subscriptions. If the Press Association is of any real use to the profession now is the time for it to act. Let its members and other publishers throughout the country follow the example of the publishers in New Brunswick, and send a memorial to the Legislature protesting against that part of the measure affecting their interests, and respectfully suggesting some mode of collecting newspaper postage (if the government is determined to impose such) which will at least bear no harder on the publishers than the present law.

It is stated that Mr. Ramsay has been stripped of his gown as Queen's Counsel because of his persistent refusal to address the Attorney-General of Quebec by the title "Honourable." So says *L'Evénement*.

A newsboy who has been selling the *Detroit Daily Free Press* for some time, on Saturday deposited in the Savings Bank \$50 the laying up of six months work. That boy's head is right.

TEN OCEAN STEAMERS IN ONE DAY.—The *New York Post* Saturday says: "The magnitude of the commerce of New York is well illustrated by the departure to-day of no less than ten large ocean steamers, all well filled with passengers. Of these two are bound for Liverpool, one for Rio Janeiro, three for New Orleans, and one for Savannah. The passengers list of the Brazilian steamer numbers three hundred and sixty-seven names, a significant indication of the extent of the trade and communication with St. Thomas."

The *Ottawa Daily News* wants information. In the public accounts just laid before Parliament, an item of \$820.87 for advertising appears in connection with the Executive Council Department. The bulk sum is stated, with no names attached. Among the incidental items, there is \$10.50 for soap, and the *Daily News* wants to know why, if they will bear investigation, the details of advertising expenditure are not as explicitly given. Perhaps the \$820.87 was distributed among the organs in return for "soft soap" longfellow is a very noticeable man as he walks along the street. He looks the bard in the full affluence of years and the full wealth of genius. His silvered hair is long and wavy. His beard grows white and thick beneath his chin, looking more like a deep lace ruff than any thing else. His voice is melodious as an organ, and his features, handsome as ever, have been touched with new lines by the action of thought and sorrow. His manners are very beautiful to all persons, and he carries about him that indescribable atmosphere that marks the perfectly-cultured gentleman.

The following is a summary of the provisions of the Bill which was brought before the Senate on the 27th.—It is a long Bill of 93 clauses covering 36 pages, royal octavo. It repeals all laws at present in force in Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, but provisionally continues existing postoffice arrangements and commissions, existing bonds, contracts, &c., are to continue in force as well as all departmental regulations, unless abrogated by this Act. Clause 7 and subsequent clauses define the duties and powers of the Postmaster-General, provide for the appointment of Postoffice Inspectors, Deputy Postmaster-General and other officers, and prescribe their salaries which shall be fixed by the Postmaster-General, subject to the provision of an Act relating to the Civil Service. Power is given to the Postmaster-General to negotiate and arrange for the conveyance of mails between Canada and the West Indies, or between Canada and Newfoundland, provided such engagement shall not have effect for more than a year unless sanctioned by Parliament at its next session. Clause 19 fixes the postage on letters for any distance within the Dominion at a uniform rate of 3 cents per half ounce, to be in all cases prepaid by stamps affixed to such letters—letters posted at any office wholly unpaid shall be sent to the dead letter office. If any letter is partially paid, it may be forwarded to its destination, charged with double the amount of postage omitted to be paid, and such postage shall be recoverable from the sender, if not paid by the party to whom addressed. On local or drop letters, the rate shall be one cent per half ounce, in all cases prepaid. Clause 22 and the following clauses provide that the rate of postage upon newspapers published in Canada, issued not less frequently than once a week from a known office of publication, and sent to subscribers in Canada or elsewhere by mail, shall from and after the 1st January, 1889, be one cent for three numbers or in that proportion for any greater number, to be in all cases prepaid at the time of posting the same by stamp or otherwise, as the Postmaster-General shall direct, provided exchange papers may be sent free, and provided also that until 1st January, 1889, all newspapers shall be liable to the rate of one cent for every two numbers, to be paid either at the Post-office where such newspapers shall be posted, or at the office where delivered. All other newspapers sent by mail in Canada, one cent each. The rate of postage upon periodical publications, issued not less frequently than once every three months, shall be one cent per four ounces, in all cases pre-paid. Books, pamphlets, circulars, packages, patterns, samples, &c., one cent per ounce, provided they contain no letter. The rates of mail matters between Canada and the United Kingdom, and the U. S. or other foreign country, to be subject to the regulation of the Postmaster-General. Clause 32 gives exclusive power to the Postmaster-General of conveying letters, &c., within the Dominion, with certain exceptions. Among other provisions of the Bill, the most important are the following:—Rates for the delivery of letters by carriers in cities, 2 cents; newspapers one cent provided the Postmaster-General may at any time establish the system of free delivery in cities. The franking privilege is continued as at present. The Postmaster-General is not liable for any letter or property lost. United States mails may be allowed to pass through Canada, upon obtaining a like privilege for the transportation of Canada mails through the United States. No Postmaster in city or town, and no officer of the Post-office Department shall vote at any election for members of Parliament. Mail contracts over \$200, are to be awarded only after advertising for tenders, and then to the lowest bidder. Mails are to be carried on the Railways on such terms and conditions as the Governor in Council may make. The Postmaster-General may, with the consent of the Treasury Board, establish a system of Postoffice Savings Banks, in connection with Central Savings Banks established as a branch of the P. O. Department at the seat of Government. Postmasters are authorized to receive deposits for remittance to the central office and repay the same, such deposits to be entered in depositor's book, and acknowledgment of it transmitted to the depositor by the postmaster general within 10 days. Such deposits not to be made less than one dollar, and shall not be liable at any time to demand, seizure or detention under legal process against the depositor. The deposit to be repaid on demand with the least possible delay. The name of the depositor or the amounts deposited or withdrawn not to be disclosed by the officers—interest on deposits to be payable for each whole calendar month at 4 per cent per annum, and to be added to principal on 30th June yearly. Certificates of deposit bearing interest at five per cent may be issued. Monthly returns of receipts and payments to be published in the *Canada Gazette*, and the monthly excess of cash balances over five hundred thousand dollars to be invested in Government debentures; an annual statement to be laid before Parliament. The Receiver General to credit the post office savings banks account with accrued interest on invested surplus, and interest at five per cent on invested balances, and debit it with expenses. The profit to form part of or loss to be made good from consolidated revenue. Penalties provided for various offences against the post office, act as under the existing Canadian law. Act to come into force 1st April, 1889.

In addition to the above Report we have received from the same source a statement of the number of animals, in the Province of Ontario, as taken by the Clerks of the various municipalities, from the revised assessment rolls of 1867. In this the total number of cattle in the County of Wellington is set down as being 35,909, of sheep 57,352, of horses 19,916, and of hogs 25,692. Waterloo has 24,855 cattle, 53,536 sheep, 9,920 horses, and 15,906 hogs. Halton numbers its cattle to the amount of 15,985, its sheep to 32,405, its horses to 6,748, and its hogs to 6,407. Middlesex is the most hog-rich of all the counties in Ontario, since it contains within its boundaries a number of 35,206. Grand Trunk Township owns 47 cattle, 373 sheep, 329 horses, 512 hogs, 193 dogs, and 5 bitches. It keeps but a small number of the latter, probably on account of the aversion which the assessors and collectors entertain for such animals. In 1861 the total number of cattle in the Province was 1,015,328, of sheep 1,170,225, of horses 377,681, of hogs 776,001. In 1867 the figures were as follows: total number of cattle 923,832, decrease 91,496, total number of sheep 1,761,618, increase 591,393, total hogs 358,519, decrease 19,162, total hogs 621,488, decrease 154,513. For the year 1867, 4,780 cattle were exported from Ontario and Quebec, 60,482 sheep, 7,625 horses, and 8,790 swine. We have no account of any imports this year, but for the year previous we find that 2,865 cattle, 3,622 sheep, 1,339 horses, and 3,764 hogs were brought from other countries to Upper and Lower Canada.

GOVERNMENT BELIEF.—The people of Sarina are to have a meeting to discuss the propriety of asking a temporary loan from government to assist in rebuilding that portion of the town lately destroyed by fire.

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All work warranted. J. CRIDFORD. Guelph, 4th November, 1867.

COMMERCIAL

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WE have opened our stock of FURS, of our own manufacture, which we will sell at LOW PRICES, viz:

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The Highest Price paid for Raw Furs Guelph, Oct. 31, 1867. s8d w732

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Lea & Perrin's Worcestershire Sauce, Harvey's Sauce, Anchovy Sauce, Mushroom Ketchup, French and Spanish Olives, Dinde Marmalade, Black and Red Currant Jelly, Anchovy and Blotter Paste, Green Gages, Damsons, Cherries, Plums, Peaches, Gooseberries and Tomatoes.

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.

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