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**The Evening Star.**

J. E. COLLINS, Editor. FREDERICTON, FEBRUARY 19, 1880.

Suppose some of those people who have been reading the STAR for nearly two years without paying for it were to bring us a load of wood!

**A WORD TO HON. MR. O'CONNOR**  
—A POST OFFICE OUTRAGE.

Some time ago the editor of the STAR received communications from persons about Gibson, complaining of the recklessness of the postmaster of that place, one Mr. Garden. It was charged by the correspondent that on more than one occasion the mail bag for Gibson was found hanging on Mr. Garden's gate post, which fact was thought to be an account of the disappearance of several letters and newspapers from the said mail bag. In answer to this correspondence, signed "A Victim," Mr. Garden runs to the Telegraph, the Grit organ of St. John, and instead of denying the charge, if he could deny it, writes over his own name the following, which we wish the Postmaster General to look at carefully:

It so happens that about two months ago, I was obliged to attend Court in Fredericton as a juror, and the person that I left in charge of the post office did not happen to be in when the courier came along with the mail; consequently he hung the bag (which was an old one and had a small hole in it) outside the door, but it did not remain there more than ten minutes. In the meantime the individual, "Victim" offers to produce, came along, and took a paper from the bag that was properly sealed, and the missing letters might have gone the same way.

Is not this a most outrageous state of affairs! but the worst feature of it is the postmaster makes no attempt to excuse himself for his criminal neglect. With what indifference he speaks of the "old bag" with "a hole in it," as if an old bag with a hole in it is the proper receptacle for Her Majesty's mails! As if hanging on a gate post where any one may get it is the place to leave a mail bag that may contain money letters, or correspondence of great importance!!

Mr. Garden says he was attending a jury. What right had he to be off from his post attending the jury during the hours his office should have been open? And after the mail bag had been bleached on the fence for perhaps half the day, who opened and distributed the mail? Or was there any provision made for its distribution? There was none. And why should the people who expected mail even in that "old bag," with "a hole in the bottom" of it be expected to wait till the jurymaster returned from the court? Let Mr. Garden answer this, or let Mr. Inspector McMillan answer it. And at any rate why should the mail courier, whoever he may be, hang Her Majesty's mails on a gate post? Does he not know that a gate post is not a post office? We think Mr. McMillan might, too, give some explanations while Mr. Garden is at it.

There is a good deal of rottenness about our postal service here that we should wish the Postmaster General to enquire into. There are more loose screws than those in the Gibson office. We have to request the Postmaster General to make prompt enquiry into the whole matter.

Indeed we might remind Hon. Mr. O'Connor, in this place, that the affairs of the Fredericton Post Office are also far different from what the public could wish them. This office seems to lack anything that even might be nicknamed "system." When the people through, on the arrival of the large mails, to the office windows, it often, too often, we are sorry to say, happens that no more than one clerk can be found inside, seldom more than two, while there are three windows at each one of which there should be a clerk, considering that there are five officials in the department. We have ourselves as frequently as otherwise, seen some of the clerks walk into the office just as the mails are over and after the people have been kept standing an hour for mails which should have been assorted and distributed in a third of the time. There are as many clerks to be seen

inside during the quiet hours of the day when scarce a person visits the office as after the arrival of the mails. We hear perpetual grumbling about this, and have more than once directed attention to it; but the desired change has not been made.

It may be that the clerks "play" on Mr. Thorne, and that he knows nothing about it; indeed he has mentioned to us his willingness to do what was right, and his anxiety to conduct the department so as to please people. We believe Mr. Thorne has been a most diligent officer in his day; but he has served long, and is now past that time when men are happy in expedient, and resolute in will, so we think the Government should fix on him a respectable retiring allowance for the rest of his days. There is sadly needing at any rate some one who will conduct matters about the office to the satisfaction of the public.

We do not speak here of the gross insolence of some of the clerks, or of the "any complaints that reach us" about the more detailed management of the office, because it is not our duty inasmuch as the Government has an inspector; and further because we do not want to act in the role of an informer. But we do think, without censuring Mr. Thorne, a gentleman whom we believe to be diligent as he can, that a change is sadly needed. We hope Mr. O'Connor will give the matter his earnest and prompt attention.

**SOME FREDERICTON KEARNEYS**

An ordinarily constituted City Council might object to paying a debt of honor, when the creditors made known that they expected it to be paid; but the city council that will grant a sum of money to a society who declare they don't want it, must be very great-hearted indeed. This is the kind of a City Council Fredericton has. A fortnight ago, St. John was willing to take \$5,000 from us and our Council repudiated paying the amount; ten days ago St. John said, "We don't want the amount and will not take it;" two nights ago our City Council said: "We will grant you the \$5,000. Noble fellows! Why the heart of each must be as big as that of an ox. But wouldn't it be cruel if St. John would say one of these days: "We will take the amount!" We can't believe, however, St. John would be so heartless as to do this.

The next stride on the communistic programme will be an attempt to abolish the police force, to sell the city horses and the city plough; indeed we have heard that some of the Kearneys speak of selling the City Hall. We had not given them credit for such a knowledge of the history of the Commune, which they are so cleverly repeating; but people will be mistaken, and so too must we sometimes.

We fear our Civic Government will soon be a thing of the past: if it is to be degraded as seems now but too painfully to be its lot, better it should be. The small minds of rebellious and iconoclastic tendencies would not then have an opportunity of disgracing others at the same time that they disgrace themselves—if the latter condition be possible.

**A LIBERAL BY THE DONATION CANADIAN GOVERNMENT.**

When Sir John announced in the House yesterday that the handsome sum of \$100,000 had been granted towards the Irish Relief Fund, Mr. Anglin, in his characteristic way, remarked, "Too little." It would be interesting to know how much Mr. Anglin would have the government give; but any member, be he Grit or Tory, whose mind is not warped out of measure by the rancor of political disappointment will say that the donation is a generous one, and just as much as Canada could be expected to give. Had Mr. McKenzie been in power—and thank fortune he is not—Mr. Anglin's great heart would have gone out to the Grits for his "noble generosity;" and the few readers of the Freeman that are scattered over New Brunswick in saying their heartfelt prayer for their starving fellow-countryman in his little cabin, would not forget to say one word to the Great Father for the generous McKenzie, whose magnanimity had been so eloquently told by Mr. Anglin in the Freeman.

**GEMS FROM THE PRESS.**

Puck's last number comes out with a parody on the Ten commandments. This vile little publication ought to have a limited sale in this city.

Says the Summerside Journal:—The Rev. Mr. Deinstadt preached a vigorous sermon against dancing, in the Methodist Church, last Sunday evening.

That worthy preacher is evidently a fanatic and an enemy to physical development.

Several fearless writers on the Canadian press are literally "skinning" Major de Witton, whose sour officiousness is rendering him hateful to the people. If we thought we could get a paper with a marked paragraph recommending his dismissal, to the Governor General, we should willingly write the paragraph; but the Major is, beyond doubt, on the alert, and takes good care to let nothing catch Lord Lorne's eye, censuring himself, that he possibly can intercept.

The News is now absolutely over. First it wavered; then it became "Independent"—fearless in speaking the truth; and now—now, alas! it is emulating the spinnel.

De Lesseps' engineers have published their report, and favor a level Canal. The cost is set down at \$48,000,000 francs or \$140,000,000. The scheme proposed is a mighty one, but some of the leading American press are raising such a howl about the French getting a footing on the Continent, contrary to the Monroe doctrine, that it is doubtful if Congress does not nip the project in the bud. But, if Congress intend doing this it will have to bestir itself, for once when foreign capital is embarked, foreign government would protect that capital.

**THE CZAR.**

ABOUT seven o'clock Tuesday evening an explosion occurred in the basement of the Czar's Imperial Winter Palace, under the principal guard room, by which eight soldiers of the guard were killed and 45 injured. The flooring of the guard room and several gas pipes were damaged. Another miraculous escape for the Czar. If he is not soon killed he will become presumptuous enough to think he is either not mortal, or that he is under "the gods peculiar care."

**THE EXODUS.**

The Grit papers groan about the exodus from the provinces; and every worthless fellow who is charitable enough to his country to clear out, gives cause for lamentation to the Opposition press. We suppose a certain defaulter who left Andover a few days ago makes one on this mournful list of out goers.

We regret to have to hold over our Supreme Court news till next Saturday.

**The Greenland Whale and the Grampus.**

The grampus ("Delphinus grampus") is the most voracious of the inhabitants of the ocean. It does not devour one-third of the animals it kills. It is the greatest enemy of the whale and dead bodies of whales have frequently been found having large pieces of flesh torn from the body, and the lips mutilated or destroyed. As soon as the whale opens its mouth to defend itself the grampus darts at its large, soft tongue, tears it off, and causes the death of the animal.

It is said that the grampuses are fond of amusing themselves by mobbing the Greenland whale, and that they persecute it by leaping out of the water, and striking it sharply with their tails as they descend. In consequence of this it has been called the thrasher or killer. The swordfish is reported to join the thrasher in this amusement, and to attack the whale from below to prevent it from diving. Whatever may be said of the latter part of the story, the former is certainly true, and is corroborated by Captain Scott, who has often seen this strange sight.

The grampus is from twenty to thirty feet in length, and from ten to twelve feet in girth. It has forty-four conical, strongly-made and slightly curved teeth. Its color is black on the upper part of the body, gradually changing to white on the abdomen and part of the sides, and there is generally a white patch of considerable size behind the eye.

Although it sometimes wanders to more southern regions, its favored home is in the northern seas that wash the coast of Greenland and Spitzbergen. The Greenland whale, northern whale or right whale, as it is indifferently called, is an inhabitant of the northern seas. It is when full grown about sixty or seventy feet in length, and its girth about thirty or forty feet. Its color is velvety black upon the upper part of the body, the fins and the tail; grey upon the junction of the tail with the body, and at the base of the fins, and white upon the abdomen and fore part of the lower jaw. The velvety aspect of the body is caused by the oil which exudes from the epidermis, and aids in destroying the friction of the water. The jaw opens very far back, and in a large whale is about sixteen feet in length, seven feet wide, and ten or twelve feet in height. The most curious part of the jaw and its structure is the remarkable substance that is popularly known as whalebone, which is found in a series of plates, thick and solid at the junction of the jaw, and splitting at the extremity into a multitude of hair-like fringes. On each side of the jaw there are more than three hundred of these plates, which, in a fine specimen, are about ten or twelve feet long and eleven inches wide at the base. A large whale furnishes about one ton of whalebone. These masses of whalebone are placed along the sides of the mouth for the purpose of aiding the whale in procuring food and separating it from the water.

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**LOST.**

BETWEEN the Western Union Telegraph Office and Cropley's Corner, A GOLD EAR-RING, linked pattern, with small spiral ornaments. The finder will be rewarded by leaving the same at the STAR office. F'ron, Feb. 7, 1880.—3ms

**LOST.**

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Respectfully, D. LUCY. Fredericton, Oct. 7, 1879.—6ms.

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**TO LET,**

THE Brick Dwelling House on Queen Street Fredericton. Also, the Shop in same Building, both at present occupied by Mr. B. Evans. Apply to Mr. Evans, or to BERTON BROS., ST. JOHN. Feb 3—3ms

**TO LET.**

A Small Cottage in St. John Street, next to Mr. Patrick Sweeney's Store. Possession can be given immediately. For particulars apply to Mr. Sweeney, or to the subscriber. JOHN NEILL. Feb 4—1f

**TO LET**

And Possession given 1st of May.

A HOUSE on St. John Street, at present occupied by G. H. Sewell. It contains 6 rooms, together with a Pantry, Kitchen, Wood Shed and a frost proof cellar and a good well of water and plenty of yard room. It is in good repair. For particulars enquire of P. FITZPATRICK. F'ron, Jan. 31, 1880.—1f

**TO LET.**

THE SHOP at present occupied by Andrew Anderson, Esq., opposite the New Post Office. Apply to P. McPEAKE. F'ron, Jan. 27.—Far Rep

**TO LET.**

THE SHOP formerly occupied by Mr. Thomas Morris, in the building known as the "Albion Hotel." For further particulars enquire of T. M. SPAHNN, Queen Street, Fredericton. Jan 15.—8ms.

**To LET.**

THREE Houses in Gibson, and possession given on the first of May next. For particulars apply to the subscriber. JOHN NEILL. Gibson, Feb. 5.—1f.

**TO LET,**

THE Large Store in the subscriber's building on Queen Street. Rent to suit the times. JOHN RICHARDS. Jan. 27.—3 wks

**TO LET.**

THE SHOP at present occupied by Mr. SAMUEL OWEN in the subscribers building, Queen Street. Possession given 1st of May. Apply to Miss E. W. MILLER. F'ron, Jan. 27, 1880.—1f.

**TO BE RENTED.**

THAT splendid Store with plate glass front in the subscribers new building, situated between the store occupied by Mr. Thomas Lucey as a Boot and Shoe Store and Mr. S. F. Sime's Jewelry Store, and well adapted for Dry Goods, Clothing, or a Fancy Stock. Possession given immediately if required. Also, the Shop now occupied by Mr. Daniel Lucey, is a Boot and Shoe store. Also, the Shop at present occupied by Mr. John Owens as a Grocery Store and the dwelling over the same. Possession given 1st of May. OWEN SHARKEY. Jan. 22, 1880.—Rep 1f.

**FOR SALE OR TO LET**

THE Dwelling House on Carleton Street, at present occupied by Mr. H. E. Perley. Enquire of CHAS. E. PERKS. F'ron, Jan. 31, 1880.—1f

**TO LET.**

THE Shop and Dwelling on Queen Street, now occupied by Mr. John Moore. Apply to FRANK McPEAKE. F'ron, Feb. 14, 1880.—1m

**TO LET.**

A HOUSE with Barn and garden attached, on Westmorland Street. Possession given immediately. —ALSO— A house on King Street, with garden attached. Possession given immediately. —ALSO— The upper flat in the subscribers house. Possession given 1st of May. Apply to W. H. QUINN. Fredericton, Feb. 3, 1880.—1f.

**TO LET.**

THE House on Queen Street, opposite the Brayley House, at present occupied by Dr. Currie; also, the two stores or offices in same building, occupied by W. C. Brown, J. P. and Miss Davidson. Also, the lower flat of the House on Campbell Street, occupied by Mr. Geo. H. Simmonds. Possession given 1st of May. RAINSFORD & BLACK. F'ron, Jan 31, 1880—1f

**TO LET.**

THE Store and Dwelling House on King Street, and lately occupied by the late John D. Rainsford. The store is a good one for carrying on a Town and County trade. The accommodation in connection with the property is as follows:—A large Store fronting on King Street. Also, a small Store adjoining, suitable for Mechanic Shop or any small business. There is also a large Back Store and Woodshed and Barn attached. JOHN MACKAY. Feb. 3.—2ms. Far Rep 5ms.

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**COMPLETE CLEARANCE**

of the whole stock by that date. Gentlemen who may require

**CUSTOM CLOTHING**

Made in the best manner have an opportunity

**TO PROCURE THE SAME AT LOW PRICES.**

All who are owing the subscriber are requested to call and pay, and all who hold accounts against me will please present the same for payment.

**P. McPEAKE.**

P. S.—Stop Furniture including Plate Glass Mirrors, Reflecting Mirrors and a very large Fire Proof safe will be sold at a Bargain.

Fredericton, February 17, 1879.

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**WINTER DRY GOODS, FROM DATE,**

The Whole Stock will be offered at Greatly Reduced Prices, in order to make room for spring importations.

**GENUINE BARGAINS CHEAP FOR CASH.**

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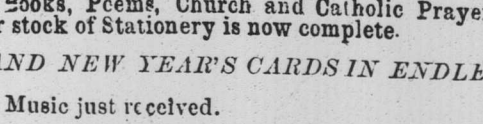
Great Bargains may be Expected.

Fredericton, January 15, 1880.

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