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We wish all our friends a
happy and prosperous New
Year.

In this issue will be found
an open letter to Captain
Joseph Read, from Mr. M.
C. Delaney. This is an ad-
mirable letter and deserves
careful perusal. It meets
and refutes in a masterly
manner all the sophistries
aired by the Captain in his ef-
fusions in the press. Apart
from its cogent reasoning and
unanswerable argument, the
letter is admirably written.
It is quite evident Mr. De-
laney could give the Captain
cards and spades, and then
beat him out of sight as a
letter writer. We have heard
the Captain, before now, in-
troduce himself to a public
audience, as "A live lion
stuffed with straw," but, in
the first onslaught in the
public press, Mr. Delaney
has completely strangled
his opponent. The letter is
well written, clear, and
collapses and flabby. Don't
fail to read this very inter-
esting letter.

Election petitions have
been filed against the return
of Captain Joseph Read, by
Mr. M. C. Delaney, who asks
for a scrutiny and claims the
seat. As an alternative he
asks that the election may be
declared void on the ground
of corrupt practices. A peti-
tion is also filed against the
election of Hon. James H.
Cumiskey, on the ground
of corrupt practices, also against
the return of Hon. Matthew
Smith, on like grounds.
These petitions were filed on
Saturday, the last day for
filing such petitions for Queen's
County. On the same day
the Liberals filed petitions
against the return of Mur-
dock Kennedy for the first
district of Queen's County.
On Monday, the last day for
King's County, petitions were
filed by the Conservatives
against the return of Lauchlin
McDonald for the first district
and James D. McInnis and
Robert N. Cox for the second
district. On the same day
petitions were filed, by the
Liberals against the return of
Mr. John A. Mathieson and
Mr. John McLean. The
time for filing petitions for
Prince County does not ex-
pire till Saturday next.

Filing, thirty-three and twenty-five per
cent discount on regular prices at Prower
Bros. big clearance sale. Their advertise-
ment is in this day's Herald Read for
yourselves.

The usual combination of fire and lack
of fire equipment, resulted in the total
destruction of the parish church at Coles
De Lac on the 22nd with a loss of \$60,000.
The village is forty miles west of Montreal
and the church was the main building.
The fire was discovered when it had gained
considerable headway. Little could be
done as the hamlet had no fire fighting
equipment. The men of the village had
to be called in from the nearest town.

Open Letter to Captain
Joseph Read.

Sir,—In the Examiner of the
15th inst., you have seen fit to
make some wild, loose statements
intended as an apology for the
Sheriff of Prince County for giv-
ing you the Councilor's seat for
the Fourth District of Prince, to
which I was elected, and for your
conduct in taking it at his hands.

Let us first look the facts in
the face and then consider your
excuses.
Counting all the votes recorded
on the poll books and all the special
votes I had a majority of two.
Neither you nor your political
friend the Sheriff, Returning
Officer, can deny this. You pro-
ceeded to wipe out this majority.

How? You had one vote struck
off from the poll book because, as
you claimed, and your Sheriff
supported you in the claim, he had
not polled his vote at the proper
poll. There was no question that
he was a legally qualified voter in
the district. I had objected to a
vote polled for you on the same
ground, but as a matter of course
my objection was over ruled,
though it was much better found-
ed than yours. This still left me
a majority of one. The special
votes were next attacked. One
had voted for me on the wrong
form. He had used the schedule
intended for a vote for an As-
semblyman. I am advised on the
best authority that the Sheriff
had no right to judge of the suffi-
ciency of this form, and that his
duty was to have counted this
vote for me leaving it to the
courts to decide its validity. But
he struck it out.

If that were all some doubt
might remain; but let all men of
honor judge between us. There
was a vote, that of Hugh Camp-
bell, given for you on exactly the
same kind of schedule, voting for
you as Assemblyman while you
and I ran as Councilors. The
two votes were on an equality.
If one should stand so should
both. If one should fall so
should both. What was done by
you and this Sheriff under the
orders of Premier Hazard? YOU
STROKED OFF THE VOTE IN
MY FAVOR AND COUNTED
THE VOTE GIVEN IN YOUR
FAVOR! Neither you nor Prem-
ier Hazard, nor the Sheriff who
obeyed his orders, can deny this.

The schedules of those votes are
in the hands of the Provincial
Secretary and prove this iniquity
up to the hilt.

When in this infamous manner
you swept away my majority,
then the Sheriff, who had done it,
gave you his 'casting vote,' and so
you stand today the "Hon" Joseph
Read. Would any honorable
man take such a seat by means so
dishonorable? You say you in-
tend to take the seat. As well
might an armed robber say he
intended to take my purse.

Now let us see your excuses.
"First because I represent the
large majority of the electorate,
all the honorable electorate,
whether they voted for me or
not." If there is any sense in
this it means that you threaten to
represent the District in spite of
the majority who voted against
you. And you talk of honor!

Then you proceed: "I am sure
that my majority of one obtained
at the last election is of far more
value than my large majorities of
1900 and 1904." Of far more
value to whom? It must be to
yourself. It should be "worth"
much to you. Few men would
take your present position at any
price, and none who valued a good
name. Was it to act thus that
you got your seat in this tottering
government? Or what made it
of such value?

"Not less than twenty-five votes
without legal qualification voted
for Mr. Delaney," you say, "and
not less than thirty purchased
votes also—quite as illegal." This
is the language of a man reckless
of truth and full of malice. If
you have one particle of respect
for the people of my district, or if
you have any reputation to guard,
you will retract this or give your
proof. Failing this you stand
convicted as a slanderer and an
ingrate. The voters of my dis-
trict took you when no other
would, and gave you honors which
you ill-deserved. Now you turn
upon them and rend them, be-
cause they have found you out
and told you so.

Your second pretext for taking
my seat is more ridiculous, if
possible. Take your own words:
"I did not ask three men to vote
for me" (Take that as a sample
of the men of Badeque) You
were evidently not born to be
drowned.

You know,
You know,
You know,

Now hear this truthful one con-
tinue: "I asked the people from
every public platform not to split
their votes between Mr. Kennedy
and me but to vote for Mr. Delaney
and Hon. S. E. Reid, whose elec-
tion I was trying to promote at
the expense of my own."

Your language is queer. Whose
election were you trying to pro-
mote? Was it S. E. Reid's and
mine or S. E. Reid's alone? If
mine you succeeded; if S. E. Reid's
you failed most ignominiously. In
any case the people did not appear
to take your advice. But if there
is any meaning in what you have
said it is that you carried S. E.
Reid as a burden on your back,
that you tried to save him and in
the trial lost him and ruined
yourself politically.

What have the friends of S. E.
Reid to say to this? The common
opinion was that you were the
burden he carried on his back.
But why is it now that having
tried to promote S. E. Reid's elec-
tion and my own by advising the
electors to vote for us and having
lost him you try to take from me
the seat to which I was elected?
You promoted S. E. Reid's elec-
tion and mine with a vengeance.
Your treatment of your fallen
colleague will hardly be regarded
by his friends as generous when
you try to place upon his should-
ers the burden of your defeat. It
is on a par with your promotion
of the public interest in the matter
of the Government hay, the seed
oats and other matters of which
Mr. Kennedy convicted you so
effectively at the public meetings.
As a "promoter" you are the limit.

Here your "reasons" end, and out
of the incoherent mess that follows
some stray statements may be
gathered from the fotsam and
jetsam of your wreck:

(1) "He (the Sheriff) gave me
the vote as he would have done
if he were an unofficial citizen
and declared me elected as he was
by law commanded to do."

What law is there commanding
the Sheriff to give YOU his cast-
ing vote? There is none. Who
then commanded him not only to
strike off votes in my favor but to
count votes equally defective in
yours? Was it Premier Hazard?
Or was it you as an embryo mem-
ber of the Government? And
what would have happened him
if he had not obeyed the com-
mand?

There was a time when Sheriffs
were free men, and when no man
could command and compel them
to do wrong; but by the law as it
has been made by you and your
political associates they may be
so "commanded" on pain of im-
mediate dismissal if they disobey.
Yet this country is supposed to be
free, and we pity the poor
Russians. It was thus that in
1904 by "command" two seats
were given to your party which
should have been awarded to the
Conservatives.

(2) You propose a remedy
which may shed some light on
your devious path. Here the
curious thing is in your own
words: As to Mr. Delaney petition-
ing for the seat he is at liberty to
do so (mark the concession) and
that the law may work no hard-
ship to him by reason of putting
up the necessary deposit I will
give him the \$800 to carry on the
suit on his own personal prom-
isgory note."

Where did you get all this
money? Does this explain to
any degree why your getting of
the seat was of so much more
value to you than in 1900 and
1904, or what does it mean? All
men in business on this Island
know that you could take my
note for \$800 to any Bank and
cash it and that your endorse-
ment would add one cent to
its value.

Is this some new confidence
game you are trying to work on
me? If it is an accommodation
note you wish to float you had
better apply to your friends in
the usual way and they may help
you out or not as they see fit. I
do not require to carry on my
business on accommodation paper
nor will I lend my name to you
to be exploited.

(3) You mention the names of
some respectable men who voted
for you, some five or six in all.
There were really many more
than that. But if they know you
as you should and will be known
how many of them will vote for
you again? Not one. Nor will
any honorable man.

(4) You and Matthew Smith,
you say, are the only ones in an
area mentioned who have been
able to survive the late "unpre-
cedented cataclysm" and keep
your "heads above water." You
were evidently not born to be
drowned.

You do not wish to put the
responsibility of a new
Government on the
Government.

and inducements of those in power
who desire at all cost to hold
office, you would not have de-
scended so low.

You should realize in the case
of a few years ago when a man who
had a RIGHT to a seat in the legis-
lature as you have NOT was bought
to change his allegiance and sustain
a government defeated at the poll.
He sustained the government, and
when he had secured their purchase
he was thrown aside and disreputa-
ble, forsaken by those who had
had need him for their base ends.
He is gone, and those most instru-
mental in his temptation and fall
are gone. Your case is even worse.
You have no right to a seat in the
House on either side. You may
take it. You will be elected by all.
Your future will be blessed, and in
the end the men who use you will
do as they did before, and in their
heart, as you well know, despise
you and throw you into the rubbish
heap to perish miserably.

I shall return to this matter again
as occasion may require, and in the
meantime I am much more your
friend than those who counsel you
to conduct unbecomingly any man
who desires to do the right.

M. C. DELANEY,
North Tryon, Dec. 18, 1908.

The winter carnival committee in Mon-
treal have decided on the design of the ice
palace, which is to cost \$3,000. There
will be three towers, the tallest 190 feet.
Building operations will commence as soon
as the river ice is thick enough for the
blocks. The blocks are to be cemented by
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L. B. MILLER,
Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 23, 1908—U Principal.

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Ready-Made Clothing 1/4, 1/2 and half price. Dress Goods 1/4 and 1/2 (specified)
Millinery, Ready-trimmed Hats and untrimmed Hats 1/4 price; Millinery trimmings
1/2 and 1/3
Furs and Fur Lined Coats 1/2 off
All Ready Made Garments for Ladies in mantle room
Coats, Skirts, Misses' Jackets, Rain proof Coats 1/2 and 1/3 price
Staple Department, Household Cottons and Linens 1/4 off
Corset and Hosiery Department, also Ladies' Underwear, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, specified
Coatings, Striped Broadcloths, Beavers, Cheviots, Friezes, etc., for Ladies Suitings
at 1/2 off
A big Lot of Ladies' Suitings comprising Checks and light colored Tweeds, Harris
Homespun, half price
Men's Furnishing Department 1/4 off. Special lines specified, 1-3 off and half price
Ladies' Ready to wear Department, Waists, Silk and Wool Wrappers, Wool Jackets,
1-3 and 1-2 off
Ladies' White Underwear 1-3 off
All our Ostrich Boas and Ostrich Feathers 1-3 off
Silks, Satins, Ribbons and Velvets 1-3 off
Kid Gloves, Silk Scarves, Wool Scarves, 1-3 off
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Watson's Underwear, and Pen Angle, 1-4 off
All English Underwear half price
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All Smallwares, Combs and Hair Accessories, 1-3 off
Stockinette and Overalls, 1-4 off
All our Men's Fur Coats 1-3 off
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Blankets, all 1-4 off
Eiderdown Quilts 1-4 off
Dress Ruching, half price, white, cream and black
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ings, Suitings, Dress Goods and Linings
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