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In consequence of the crowded condition of our columns this week, we are obliged to leave out editorial and other matter.

We trust those of our subscribers who may not yet have sent in their subscriptions will be mindful of us at this festive season and forward their dollars as a kind of Christmas box. It will gladden our hearts to receive a number of such Christmas boxes.

The letter of Mr. David Egan, agent of the Mount Stewart Post Office, published in this issue, deserves careful perusal. The office was wanted for a Grit healer, and in order to pave the way for him the salary of Mr. Egan was cut down, on the plea that the business of the office had decreased. Mr. Egan's letter shows that the decrease was not real, but on the contrary the business had increased. The Patriot referring to the letter, without publishing it, with characteristic dishonesty informs its readers point blank the business of the office had decreased. All patrons of the Mount Stewart Post Office, regardless of politics, are indignant at the action of the Government in this matter.

The steamer Dalton Hall, that had been here loading produce for the old country took her departure yesterday morning with a cargo valued at one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. This is certainly a valuable cargo of the products of this Province to be got together at short notice and at a season of the year when the bulk of what our farmers have to dispose of had already been sold. This shipment under such conditions affords some evidence of what a productive province we have and of what could be done in shipping our agricultural products to the old country if proper facilities were afforded. Many cargoes such as that shipped on the Dalton Hall could be sent from here to the British markets if steamers were supplied for their conveyance. At least four or five such shipments as the one in question could be sent yearly if the people had an assurance that the facilities of shipment would be supplied. It is a decided advantage to have our products sent directly from here to the British market. In this way what we send will reach its destination in the shortest time possible and in the best condition. Besides these direct shipments serve to advertise our products, and as nothing but the best will command the higher prices in the old country, these products will necessarily become a distinct feature of the British markets. Success in shipments of this kind will stimulate our producers and shippers to greater efforts in providing cargoes and improved methods of farming, so as to get from the soil a very much greater yield of valuable products than at present, something easy of accomplishment. In view of all these considerations we trust every success will attend the Dalton Hall enterprise.

The sailor found afflicted with smallpox on board the schooner Robin Hood at Georgetown, was taken to the Marine hospital at Keppoch on Monday of last week, and at latest accounts was reported progressing towards recovery. It is now in a fair way towards recovery he cannot, according to all accounts, attribute all his good fortune to the prompt and good management of the Local Government. It appears the law prescribes that when a mariner develops contagious disease after the vessel has entered at the custom house in this case the care of the patient devolves upon the local authorities, instead of the Dominion Government. In consequence of this the patient could not be attended by Dr. Conroy, port physician here, who is an official of the Dominion Government. The position is explained in the following instruction from the proper authority:

OTTAWA, Dec. 7. P. Conroy, M. D. Am wiring McDonald, Georgetown, transfer of patient not within jurisdiction of the department. All we can offer is to allow him to be placed in quarantine building, Charlottetown, to be attended and maintained there at the expense of Georgetown municipality.

T. MONTZAMBERT, M. D., D. C. P. H. Of course Georgetown having no municipality the responsibility in the case devolved upon the

Provincial Government. This responsibility of the Provincial authorities were very slow about assuming, saying at first they had nothing to do with the matter.

Finally they made a start by sending to Georgetown a man named Musick to bring the sick man to Keppoch in a buggy. Music appears to be of very convivial habits and on this occasion was completely intoxicated. In consequence of his drunkenness his driving was very reckless, and he ran into telegraph poles, truck waggons and anything else that offered. The result was that the buggy broke more than once on the journey. Kind hearted people came to his assistance and at one place near a school, all the pupils came out to take observations. Now, all will admit that this was a good way to communicate smallpox to those unsuspecting people. He succeeded in reaching Keppoch and on the following day quite unassisted came to the city and strutted about until he was arrested and quarantined. The negligence and blundering of the Provincial authorities did not end here. The patient was suffered to remain in the hospital, together with the nurses already there, from Monday till Thursday evening without medicine or medical attendance. Not only that; but the authorities sent out no provisions till Thursday evening. On Thursday afternoon the Provincial Government sent Dr. Handraban to the hospital; but in the meantime the patient might have died. In such conduct as that anything of which a Government should feel proud?

Mount Stewart Post Office. INTERESTING LETTER FROM MR. DAVID EGAN. Dear Sir,—There seems to be considerable discussion about the contemplated change in the Post Office at Mount Stewart, and lest my position be misunderstood by your readers it would like to lay the matter plainly before you. I resigned my position because I did not find it possible to maintain it under a smaller salary than I had been receiving in former years.

For the past seven years the salary apart from some small commissions, was \$150 per year. On the 1st of last April the salary was reduced to \$144, the reasons given for the reduction being that the business of the office had decreased. I find on looking over my accounts that from 1st July 1898, to 1st July 1899, I am charged with stamps to the value of \$320.70; from 1st July 1899 to 1st July 1900 with \$230.09; and from 1st July 1900 with \$238.80. There does not seem to be a striking difference in sale of stamps for those years. There is, however, a decrease over previous years, owing to the introduction of the two cent stamp. Formerly the postage on 100 letters meant a revenue of \$3.00, now it requires 150 letters to produce the same amount; hence a decrease in the value of stamps sold must naturally follow.

But there is still a further reason for this apparent decrease. Previous to the years to which I have referred, persons wishing to remit small amounts by mail, used postage stamps, but the introduction of the postal note system replaced this method of remitting, and a decrease in the sale of stamps was the result.

Our Money Order Book affords sufficient proof that our business has not decreased as the following figures will show. The amount of cash received for Money Orders said: From July 1st 1897 to July 1st 1898 was \$2175.24. From July 1st 1898, to July 1st 1899, was \$2841.59. From July 1st 1899, to July 1st, 1900, was \$4302.48. From July 1st, 1900, to July 1st, 1901, was \$4738.93.

We find the number of letters registered at the office increasing also: From July 1st 1897, to July 1st, 1898, 410. From July 1st, 1898, to July 1st, 1899, 438. From July 1st, 1899, to July 1st, 1900, 517. From July 1st, 1900, to July 1st, 1901, 618.

These figures taken from our books ought to afford conclusive proof that our business has not decreased. For the princely salary of \$144 per year the post master here is required to furnish twenty-five Post Office accommodations in the village, provide fuel and light, be in his office from 7 a.m. till 8 p.m., and besides regular office work sort and make up mails twice a week for five miles off-shore. In winter he is expected to be on hand any hour of the day or night, not excepting Sunday, to receive a mail from the Minto school.

In conclusion, Mr. Editor I would like to draw attention to the fact that the salary which is claimed to be a commission on the sale of postage stamps did not vary for the last seven years—that it varied this year in we presume, a proof of local Tar's famous statement that "Elections are not won by prayers."

Thanking you, for your valuable space, I remain, Yours Truly DAVID EGAN.

The Prices. The market was small yesterday. Pork was selling at 7 1/2c, geese inside the market house brought from 7 to 8c, per lb, and turkeys 8c. All other commodities remained at the same prices as last week.

Butter, (fresh) 0.23 to 0.24 Butter (salt) 0.20 to 0.21 Beef (small) per lb. 0.05 to 0.10 Beef (large) per lb. 0.04 to 0.10 Calf skins 0.08 to 0.09 Ducks 0.50 to 0.70 Eggs, per 100 0.25 to 0.26 Fowls 0.30 to 0.50 Geese 0.80 to 0.80 Hay, per 100 lbs 0.55 to 0.58 Lamb 0.08 to 0.08 Lamb (carcass) 0.44 to 0.05 Mutton, per lb. 0.05 to 0.06 Oats 0.00 to 0.48 Onions (per own) 0.00 to 0.25 Potatoes (buyers price) 0.00 to 0.20 Pork (small) 0.10 to 0.14 Pork (carcass) 0.00 to 0.72 Sheep pelts, for five mice 0.35 to 0.40 Turnips 0.10 to 0.11 Wild Geese 0.80 to 1.00

The Herald's Scoop-Net.

CONDUCTED BY TOM A. HAWKE. Christmas is getting mighty handy. You can tell that by the smell of spruce which comes floating down Queen Street on the cold December air. This is the time of year when the bird which happens to be so unfortunate as to be born a goose or a turkey is liable to get it on the neck—and make its departure from this vale of tears without even getting time to murmur a last goodbye to home and relations. The poor dumb animals, especially of the bovine kind, are also liable to drop off very suddenly about this time; and all to satisfy the appetite of that hungry glutton—man!

'Tis a season of joy and gladness, indeed; but the poultry if they could speak, would undoubtedly object strongly to the season being marked by so much "fowl play," and the cows would voice their sentiments in a series of indignation meetings, holding forth that the human race must be very careful in their future behaviour as the cows would not be responsible while their lives were at stake. But such foolish talk as this must not be further allowed to enter the meshes of the Scoop-Net. We will not cloud our intellects with such light and empty vapourings. We will take a walk up the street and see how our advertisers are getting along. If you wish you can accompany me—in your mind's eye. The first store we strike on Victoria Row, is that of Messrs.

PROWSE BROS. & CO. The metre is purely accidental and no poetry was intended in the above; so kindly excuse me this time. Oh! Yes, Prowse Bros. are doing a booming business just now. Three stores in one and always more than one in the three. What the people want and always have it on hand. Their Xmas display is simply grand; as a small boy remarked, "it beats the band,"—but there I go again—can't help it. Although Prowse Bros. got a bad scorching in Sydney they are taking it with a good grace. They need never fear a worse scorching later on if they continue to act right in this world.

STANLEY BROTHERS store, a little further on has a display of Dry Goods for Xmas, right up to date. Their Dry Goods are good goods, goodness knows. They are good men; they have good customers and they give good bargains, and everything seems to look good for them in the future. They are not saying much, but are getting there just the same. The establishment of

JAMES PATON & CO., of which we gave an extended account last week, is now the centre of attraction for the youngsters, yes, and the oldsters too. The kids come to see Santa Claus and the grown-ups come to see about his stock-in-trade. Santa is getting to be an old man now, but he doesn't show it. After we get out of the excitement at Paton's we move further up and stop a moment at

J. W. TAYLOR'S. This is the finest jewellery store in Charlottetown and he sells real jewellery. He is making special bargains for Xmas—no need to mention that. If you need a good watch, try him. He doesn't sell turkeys. But we have no time to mention all the pretty things sold here. Mr. Taylor has a store full of time, so you had better call on him quick.

JOHN NEWSON the furniture man keeps a splendid variety of everything in his line. Read his ad. in this paper. Everything he sells is useful; no fear of your buying a nuisance at Newson's. If you want a suit of clothes as good as can be obtained in the city drop into the store of

D. A. BRUCE. He has a staff of experienced workmen who can fit you out in a 14 shape. No cutting out the cloth with a broad-axe here. You should see the overcoat he can sell you for \$9.00. It's all right. He carries everything in Men's Furnishings. The clothing sold by him will stand hard wear. Talking about hard wear reminds me that the hardware store of

FENNEL & CHANDLER is right alongside. A good Xmas present for your boy would be a pair of skates or a jack-in-the-box. Buy both and keep his mind from wandering. This store is also headquarters for stoves. It would warm your heart to see them. Oh, Fennell & Chandler are the men who know all about the hardware trade. Now, if you don't mind we will cross the Square to Sunny-side. My Gracious!

J. PERKINS & CO., are doing it up brown this year. Their splendid large store in the new Prowse Block is doing a business as rushing as any, and the others are not a bit idle. The display of nice millinery is simply grand. Words fail me. Hard by P. Perkins & Co's is the large furniture store of

MARK WRIGHT & CO. This is indeed a large store. If you cannot get what you want in furniture here, it can't be got anywhere. If you mark right what I say you will not be astray. A few doors west we come to P. E. L.'s greatest crockery store kept by

W. P. COLWILL. He carries on a continual war with China. He says China must go. He believes in the Open Door Policy. That is—that everyone is welcome to inspect his goods even if the door has to be left wide open to accommodate them all. Everything in Crockery is sold and special Xmas inducements are offered. We were almost forgetting that

HASLARD & MOORE'S bookstore is situated between Wright's and Colwill's. Just look at their two windows filled with beautiful and desirable articles suitable for Xmas presents, and all at bargain prices. You will Haasard nothing but going inside and will gain Moore by going inside. On Upper Queen Street Mr.

P. MONAGHAN keeps another big crockery store. He believes in buying a vast stock and then rushing the whole thing out in a hurry at bargain prices. A good idea, too. Turning down Queen St. we come to the Talloring and general Dry Goods establishment conducted by

JOHN McLEOD & CO. He keeps on hand a vast supply of

English and Scotch tweeds, broad-clothes and all accessories of the trade. He can rig you out in grand style. But perhaps you do not feel like leaving all your patronage with one merchant, if so GORDON & MACLELLAN

a few doors up, are well able to take a hand in the game. Their unequalled supply of cloths and their fine work have gained for them an enviable reputation in the tailoring line. Further down Queen we come to the great book store conducted by

GEORGE CARTER & CO. It is whispered that Santa Claus is going to take up his headquarters here. Don't see how he manage to be in so many places at once. But it seems he can manage it. This is a mighty store. Upstairs nothing but toys, toys, toys; downstairs books, books, books. Every child in the city seems to find attraction in this store. Can't blame 'em. I would like to stay there myself until I got hungry and then I would gravitate into

BEER & GOFF'S great grocery store a little further down. The supply of Xmas groceries is something extraordinary. Of course everybody knows Beer & Goff's and nothing we can say will enlighten anyone on the subject of that store. The great dry goods establishment of

WEEKS & CO., next claims our attention. It's not easy to say anything very original about a dry goods store nor is it necessary; but it seems strange to think that although you can get everything in collars, braces, hats, etc. in a few minutes yet it takes Weeks to supply them. And Weeks is the man who knows how, especially in the happy holiday season. It is too bad that Messrs

DRISCOLL & HORNBY should meet with an unfortunate fire just at this time. They have the sympathy of all for they are good obliging fellows. We hope to see them on their feet again soon. Right across the street is

J. B. McDONALD'S new store, at his old stand. This store has been especially fitted up to meet the requirements of his ever-increasing trade. Mr. McDonald's reputation for cheapness in selling dry goods and boots and shoes is well known, and you need never go bare-footed if you call on J. B. There is another store a little further down conducted by

A. M. MORGAN who also sells footwear, and good footwear. His window is full of rubbers just now and there are a good many "rubbers" outside the windows as well. This store is also headquarters for trunks and valises. Right across the street beneath the Herald Office

R. F. MADDIGAN & CO. carry on a big business in the grocery line. They have laid in a tremendous stock of raisins, currents, fruits, spices and the other eatables required for the season. You will find pleasure and happiness in a visit to this store—for joy is always here. The rack here during the last few days was very great and in fact the same may be said of

JOHN MCKENNA on the corner. His customers are all satisfied with him and it doesn't McKenna difference what other people say. We almost forgot to say that

AULD BROS. the well-known egg dealers on Grafton street can supply Blatchford's Calf Meal to all; not saying that all are calves, however.

Readers of the Scoop-net will have to pardon the scribble of this column for

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sacrificing it to the interests of our advertisers, but we owe our existence in a great measure to these persons and this is the only way we have to show our gratitude. No doubt some people who read these paragraphs are feeling disgusted and weary and are almost inclined to succumb. Before doing so however, go to

JOHN McRAE'S on Lower Queen Street and get your life insured—or if you prefer—go to F. W. HYNDMAN'S—they're both good men and their terms are easy; then when you have done so meander up Kent Street to

CAIRNS & McFADYEN'S and order a good substantial tombstone. You can get a splendid one at a reasonable price here, and your friends will think the more of you for doing so. You can get a tombstone here that will last you a life-time. Just stay alive and see if you don't believe me, and don't die till your time comes.

115 Black Oil Coats (double), a splendid coat for farmers and others who are a good deal exposed to the cold weather. Long and medium, price \$2.00 and \$3.25 for sale at McDonald's & Co's.

DIED At the Charlottetown Hospital, on the 3rd inst., James J. McNally, aged 56 years. He died fortified by the last Sacraments and the rites of our holy religion. His funeral took place from the home of his brother at Johnston's River, to Fort Augustus, on the 5th, where a Requiem Mass was sung and the funeral service performed by the pastor, Rev. A. J. McDonald. May his soul rest in peace.

At Kinross, on the 3rd inst., Mrs. Jas. C. Greenan, leaving a husband and family.

Our Saskatchewan Buffalo Coats are the real thing to keep you warm when driving. See them.—J. B. McDonald & Co.

MR. A. J. McLELLAN, of Glencorral, has just completed a new saw mill, that runs well, and from which his patrons and the public generally may expect first class work.

The department of agriculture, Ottawa, has received an order from the war office for 1,000 more tons of Canadian flour to be shipped to South Africa. This will make 2,914 tons of flour sent to the Cape.

A man named Patrick Mullins, while engaged in the work of hauling up the pile driver, was struck by the wire cable which suddenly tightened. He was rendered unconscious, and received injuries to his chest.

Miss Emma McAulay, of St. Peter's Bay, left for her home a few days ago after an extended visit to friends in Charlottetown. Miss McAulay made many friends while in this city who regret her departure, and hope for her return in the near future.

The lecture on Daniel O'Connell, delivered by Rev. Dr. Monaghan, in the A. O. H. Hall, was fairly attended and much enjoyed by all present. The Rev. lecturer graphically sketched the trials and triumphs of the "Liberator" during the course of his public career, and pointed out the influence for good exerted by the powerful advocacy of this singularly able and energetic personality.

At the last regular meeting of Branch 254 C. M. B. A., Kensington, the following resolutions were proposed and carried unanimously: Whereas, God in His omniscience has called to his eternal reward Joseph Sheehan, brother of our worthy member, Wm. T. Sheehan; Therefore Resolved, That the sympathy of this Branch be extended to Bro. Sheehan and family in their bereavement.

Further Resolved, That this resolution be published in the Island papers and in The Canadian.

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A Ladies' Coat Bargain

Worth \$5.00 to \$8.00 each FOR \$2.00 each. These Coats are all black, well made and perfect fitting. The reason for the cut in price is the sleeves are too large. You can easily remedy that, and you save \$3.00 to \$6.00 on a Coat.

A lot of Capes \$3.00 each W R T H UP TO \$12.00

These are suitable for middle aged ladies. They would also do splendidly for a heavy warm driving wrap. \$3.00 each.

These are BARGAINS. Stanley Bros

IT PAYS TO BUY AT PERKINS'

Blankets

Not all good blankets are all wool. Some are strengthened and bettered by a warp of cotton; or in other words, are better blankets at the price than if every thread were wool. But whether you want the all-wool or the mixed kinds, you may be sure we'll point out the difference to you. This is a safe place to buy blankets.

- Cotton Blankets, 85c. and \$1.20
Union Blankets, \$1.50 and 2.50
Wool Blankets, \$3.00 and upwards
All-wool Moncton Blanketing 90c. per yard.

F. PERKINS & CO. THE MILLINERY LEADERS.

They Help.

It is the little expenses that count. It is the small leak that sinks a big ship. Housekeepers can save quite an item in their Grocery bill by dealing at McKenna's. Everything new and fresh at the Corner Grocery.

JOHN MCKENNA.

A BIG SNAP! For the lucky buyer Men's Underclothing At less than first cost

Some of the lines are broken in the sizes. A few of the Linders and Drawers we cannot match.

JUST THINK! A nice heavy all wool Linder for 38c., 50c., and 75c. each. Come quick as they cannot last long.

GORDON & MACLELLAN, Men's Outfitters.

Market Day Bargains AT PATON & CO'S.

50 Ulsters, \$5 and \$7 for \$3.75.

Thirty-five Boy's Ulsters worth up to \$4 for \$2.25; 185 pairs factory Pants, \$2 50 kind for \$1.50; 58 Suits, \$3 kind for \$4.75; 18 Men's Suits, \$4.50 for \$2.75; 78 ends 1 1/2 yard Brussels Carpet, best make, worth \$2.25 for 98 cents; Sheepskin Lined Coats, worth \$5 for \$3.75; Rainproof Reefers, \$2.50 and \$3.50; 183 Boy's Pants, worth up to \$1.75 for 75 cents; Boy's Reefers, \$1.00; 83 Youths Ulsters, sizes 32 to 35, worth up to \$6 and \$7 for \$3.75; 89 Beaver Overcoats, worth \$6.50 for \$4.75; one lot of Clothes at half price.

A Good All Wool Ulster worth \$7.50 for \$5.00

We will save you many dollars on Furs.

83 TRIMMED HATS, \$2.75 quality for \$1.75, \$4 hats for \$2.50, \$5 hats for \$3.25, 50 hats, good, stylish; Hats for ladies worth up to \$1, 25c.

24 Ladies' Jackets, long lengths, not the newest, worth \$4 and \$5 for \$1.50. 15 Ladies' Capes, \$5 and \$7 for \$4. One lot Serge Skirts, \$4.75 quality for half price. 50 Ladies' Short Jackets half price. One lot of Ladies' Suits half price.

Kumfort Mitts 35 cts., Men's Reefers \$3.25, Underwear, fleece lined, \$1.20 for 90 cts.

MEN'S OVERCOATS, \$5, \$6 and \$8, worth \$2 more.

500 Ladies' Hats at 1-4, 1-3, and many half price. Come along and get value for your money.

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