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We trust that those of our friends who received "stamped" envelopes and have not been able to respond up to the present, in consequence of the obstructions to traffic, will now attend to the matter without delay, as the track is clear.

The Fishery Question Again.

Hon. Mr. Peters and the Patriot are strenuously endeavoring to galvanize a spark of life into the defunct Fishery Award matter. This question has now been kicked, as a political football, between here and Ottawa for about eight years. It has played its part in the scheme of deception and misrepresentation that has been the principal shibboleth of our Liberal friends in the Provincial Legislature, during all these years. But it is now so dead that all the disingenuousness of the Liberal machine operators can scarcely revivify it.

The following letter from the Minister of Marine, dated at Ottawa on the 4th, inst., and addressed to Premier Peters was published in the Patriot on the 13:

"Dear Mr. Peters—I have your letter of the 25th, ultimo, and I regret that there is some misapprehension in regard to the reply given by me in the House of Commons on the 23rd, ultimo, to Mr. Martin, in answer to a question by him as to whether the Government had decided to distribute among the Provinces interested, the amount of the Halifax Fishery Award. As no decision on this question has yet been reached, and as it will, as you are aware, form a portion of a reference to the Supreme Court of Canada, on the different fishery matters in dispute between the Federal and Provincial Governments, my reply of "no" to his question could imply nothing more than that no decision in the matter had yet been reached."

If our Liberal friends can extract any hope from this precious document, or if they expect to make any political capital out of it, they are very much less astute than they imagine. It would be difficult to conceive a more harmless or non-committal document than this letter of Minister Prefontaine. The best answer to this milk and water epistle is the official statement of the questions of Mr. Martin and the answers of the Minister. This is found in Hansard of Feb. 23rd, and is as follows:

HALIFAX FISHERY AWARD.
Mr. A. Martin asked:
1. Has the government decided to distribute among the provinces interested, the amount of the award received by Canada, generally known as the Halifax Fishery Award?
2. If so, on what basis is the distribution proposed to be made?
3. If not, is the question to be submitted for decision to the Privy Council of England or the Supreme Court of Canada?
4. Will the government take action in regard to the settlement of this question during the present session of parliament, if not, already settled?
Hon. Raymond Prefontaine

(Minister of Marine and Fisheries).
1. No.
2, 3 and 4, answered by No. 1.
Mr. A. Martin. Is the third section of the question answered?
Mr. Prefontaine. Yes, it is answered by the first.

From this it will be seen that the Minister gave categorical negative answers to each of the questions asked by Mr. Martin. But to remove all possibility of doubt as to the Minister's answers Mr. Martin repeats his question regarding the reference to the Privy Council or Supreme Court of Canada, and the Minister confirms his "no", already given. In the face of all this, is there an intelligent elector in this Province who cannot see through the ruse attempted at deception in connection with this matter?

Collateral evidence as to the correctness of the Minister's statements to Mr. Martin is found in the Government's answer to interrogatories of New Brunswick members. That Province is also interested in the matter, and their Legislature being now in session, the Local Government are, of course, as desirous as our own to create the impression that something is to come out of the controversy that will bring more money to the Provincial treasury. A few days ago the Patriot quoted a paragraph of an interview of Mr. Pugsley by a representative of the St. John Telegraph. Mr. Pugsley had recently returned from Ottawa, and he was pleased to say the fishery award matter was making satisfactory progress, and he expected an important and satisfactory announcement within a few days. It may be said just here, that Sir Wilfrid and his colleagues have at the present time other fish to fry. Not only that, but Mr. Pugsley has evidently been drawing on his imagination; for we have the Government's reply to Mr. Carvill, one of the New Brunswick members. It was to the effect:

"That a proposed case for reference of division of Halifax fishery award had been received from the provinces interested, but it had not yet been approved by the Minister of Justice, so it was impossible to say whether such case might ever be submitted to the Supreme Court."

This negative answer is a little less emphatic than that given to Mr. Martin; but it was given some days subsequently to that given to the member for Queen's, and we may be sure the Government by this time had been advised to be more guarded, as the shape these matters were taking was a source of embarrassment to Mr. Pugsley, Mr. Peters and their friends. The Patriot published on Monday a number of letters received by Mr. Peters in answer to enquiries regarding this matter. These letters were all read by Mr. Peters during the election campaign last autumn, and are about as much value as last year's almanac. They are from the Minister of Marine; the deputy Minister of Justice; Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the deputy Minister of Marine. October 3rd is the latest date of any of these letters, and they contain nothing except the expression of hope that the Minister of Justice might render a decision in the matter. Is it not time the kicking of this political football between Charlottetown and Ottawa came to an end?

DIED

In this city on March 14th, James Bradley, aged 86 years. R. I. P. [Funeral will leave his late residence, Great George Street at 7.45 Thursday morning for St. Dunstan's Cathedral, thence to Kelly's Cross for interment.]

A Royal Booklet

The Grand Trunk Railway System are distributing a very handsome booklet descriptive of the Royal Muskoka Hotel, that is situated in Lake Rosseau, in the Muskoka Lakes, "Highlands of Ontario." The publication is one giving a full description of the attractions that may be found at this popular resort handsomely illustrated with colored prints of lake and island scenery, the hotel itself and many of the special features that may be found there. It is printed on fine enameled paper, bound in a cover giving the appearance of Morocco leather, with a picture of the hotel and surroundings on same, and embossed in high relief. A glance through the booklet makes one long for the pleasure of summer and outdoor life, and copies may be secured gratuitously by applying to

J. QUINLAN, D. P. A., G. T. R., Montreal.

Two hundred and sixty people lost their lives as a result of an explosion in the Cambrian collieries in the Rhoads Valley, Wales, on the 11th, inst.

The sailing fleet of twenty-two steamers, carrying 3,800 men, sailed at daylight Monday from St. John's Nfld in their annual hunt for seals among the ice floes along the coast. Twenty will cruise north for Labrador waters, and two will enter the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The weather was very stormy fairly, and it is expected that the cruise will prove an arduous one.

The Russo-Japanese War.

The Victorious Japs— Dreadful Slaughter— Mukden has Fallen.

London, March 9.—General Kurapatkin is giving ground before the armies of the Japanese. Yesterday he abandoned his positions south and southwest of Mukden, burning such supplies as he could not carry with him. The Japanese artillery is thundering at the very gates of Mukden which position the Russians still hold but which they are preparing to evacuate changing their base to Tie Pass, which is forty miles north of Mukden. So far as the retreat has progressed it has been orderly. What the Japanese may have in store for defeated army on its retirement northward remains to be disclosed. There is a report that General Bennetkampff the foremost Russian commander of the Russian army in Manchuria has been cut off on the east from the main force and Japanese troops in considerable numbers are said to be already in the vicinity of Tie Pass. The retreat will cost the Russians in the matter of supplies and heavy gear. Neither our own nor correspondents have yet ventured to estimate the number of killed and wounded in the eleven days fighting. The Russian casualties in the fight Tuesday on the left flank are said to have been fully 700. All reports indicate the Japs utterly reckless sacrifices in making attack after attack against the Manchuria gus and infantry fire which literally moved them down making human flesh so cheap that the survivors could bastion themselves behind piles of corpses. After this action Kurapatkin's disposition may be regarded as certain. The minister Sachharoff is named as probable successor though the Grand Duke Nicholas and Nicholassevitich or a board of strategists may be entrusted with the direction of affairs. General Bennetkampff particularly distinguished himself during the fighting in the mountain south-west of Mukden.

Tokio, March 9.—A great battle raged all yesterday along the entire enormous front. The Japs were generally victorious, and drove the Russians from a series of important positions. By night fall it seemed imperative that Kurapatkin would have to withdraw his shattered forces and avoid a complete disaster. The battle is the bloodiest of the war.

It is estimated that the Japs lost fifty thousand men, making a joint slaughter that far exceeds one hundred thousand. The Japs cut the railway north of Mukden, leaving only a roadway as avenue of retreat for the Russians. It is impossible to ascertain the number of prisoners taken. Tokio is celebrating the victory.

Tokio, March 10.—The Japs occupied Mukden this morning. Yinkow, March 10.—Mukden fell at 10 o'clock this afternoon, (Friday morning) The Russians are panic stricken. Thousands of prisoners and enormous quantities of stores and guns have been captured by the Japs.

St. Petersburg, March 11.—Last night all our armies commenced to retreat. The greatest defeat in the history of the Russo-Japanese war was made known in St. Petersburg last night, but only in the paltry eight words from Kurapatkin to Emperor Nicholas which were first about the streets in newspaper extracts and passed from mouth to mouth. Two thoughts instantly formed in the minds of everyone and two words were on every lip, surrender and peace, the former decided, the latter hoped. Kurapatkin is no maker of phrases. His words are quoted like the famous "All is lost save honor," but his message hides more than probably any other sentence in the literature of war. St. Petersburg knows nothing of the extent of the disaster nor even the lines of Kurapatkin's retreat, whether the route to Tie Pass is still open or whether he is endeavoring to cut his way through to safety, or whether he has taken to the mountains. If it be the latter he will be hemmed in and starved into surrender as Bessine was at Meia. That the Russians have lost many guns and a large quantity of ammunition and supplies is certain, for with but a single track railway to the north it would be impossible to remove the large stores which are gathered together at Mukden. These it seems have been destroyed. The Japs have not yet reported the capture of the guns which they generally do almost immediately but it seems hardly likely that Kurapatkin could have removed all his artillery on the first of January according to the correspondents who have just returned from Mukden, the Russians had in position along the Shakhe and Hun Rivers 1500 guns, including a number of six and eight inch guns in cement foundation, straddling the railway just north of Shakhe station. In addition many guns had arrived in Mukden during January and February, so the Russian artillery when the big battle started must have numbered nearly 200 pieces. The result of Oyama's great turning movement depends almost entirely upon Kurapatkin's army which has not yet been definitely located, although it is supposed to be moving from the East towards Kurapatkin's line of retreat. Should he reach the military road which runs almost in a direct line from Fushan to Tie Pass before the passage of the Russian army—the circle will be complete as Nagai's guns already command the railway, and should soon control the Mandarin Road, which is but a short distance east of the railway, and runs parallel with it. The army of General Nambu which has been pressed back across the western plain, fighting every inch of the ground, is going northward to protect the line of retreat from attacks from the westward, while General Bidering is protecting his rear against Okn and Nodzu, and Ninewiton is doing his best to hold the military road against Kuraki. They have numbers against them but have succeeded against odds in similar retreats before.

Tokio, March 11.—The Russian forces are now retreating from Mukden northward. They are flanked on both sides by the Japanese troops in pursuit, and are suffering heavy losses. St. Petersburg, March 11.—Kurapatkin last night, in addition to

announcing the retreat of the Russians, adds:—"Our retreat is being conducted with the enemy harassing both flanks. The second army suffered the heaviest in killed, wounded and prisoners. How many have survived is not known. The army is still in danger."

London, March 13.—While Kurapatkin has apparently succeeded in saving more of his artillery than seemed possible, his losses in men, ammunition and commissariat in the battle of Mukden, are far greater than earlier reports indicated, and even the portion of the army which succeeded in extricating themselves from the position around Mukden is still in serious danger. The Japanese generals, realizing that with a little more speed they could have inflicted a crushing defeat on the Russian army after the battle of Liao Yang, determined not to again allow an opportunity to pass, and consequently determined following after the defeated and sorely harassed Russian forces. While a small portion of Kurapatkin's army reached Tie Pass, the greater part of those who escaped from the battle of Mukden are still straggling northward, being at last accounts about twelve and sixteen miles from their goal with Japs flushed with victory and reinforced by fresh men harassing them from all sides. Even should the remnant reach Tie Pass it is hardly possible for it to make a stand there against the overwhelming force opposing it, especially as the Russians must be worn out and weakened by loss of men, guns and ammunition. It is more likely that Kurapatkin will fall back to Harbin and wait there for reinforcements which St. Petersburg has promised him. The possible obstacle to this plan is General Kawamura's army which has not yet been located and which also may be heading for northern capital. Kurapatkin admits 1190 officers and 46,931 men not responding to roll call. This is rather vague. It may or may not include thousands of wounded who have been sent north, and again it may not include losses suffered by the third army with which Commander-in-Chief was not in communication for some time. The figures given by Japanese war office appear to be more reasonable, namely, 40,000 prisoners, 26,587 dead left on the field, and 9,000 killed or wounded; the latter figures of course include the dead found by the Japs. The Russian losses therefore total over 100,000 men, more than one third of the whole army.

London, March 14.—The Russian General Staff reports that the main body of the Russian army has already completed its retreat, and the rear guard southward is falling back slowly. The Japs, March 14.—As after the battle of Liao Yang the Japanese advance was slow, so it is in the present case. The leading columns are ten miles south in touch with the Russian rear, but operations at present are not serious, though it is possible that a wide turning movement by the Japanese is in progress. In the grand army order is being observed, and the Japs with remarkable celerity. The plain in front of Tie Pass has been cleared, regiments reorganized and the soldiers who a few days ago were terror stricken are now signing around their camp fires and bled with new courage.

The struggle for the possession of Mukden cost both sides at least 200,000 men.

Winter Communication

The postponed meeting for the purpose of discussing the question of winter communication with the mainland, and the non-fulfillment by the Federal Government of the terms of Confederation, was held in the Market Hall here on Friday night. There was a fair attendance, and the meeting was presided over by Mr. Donald Nicholson, President of the Board of Trade. Several speakers addressed the meeting and the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, this Province of Prince Edward Island entered the Canadian Confederation under these explicit terms as to communication with the mainland, and the Federal Government has failed to fulfill the terms of Confederation, and the people of the Province are suffering thereby, and Whereas, these terms have not been fulfilled to the great hardship of the people and the detriment of the Province.

And Whereas, a tunnel under the Straits from Carleton Head to Money Point, as already surveyed and reported upon by Sir Douglas Fox is a possible solution of the said terms of Confederation.

Resolved, that this meeting of the people of Prince Edward Island in general convention assembled, do hereby call upon the Federal Government to fulfill the said terms of Confederation.

And Further Resolved, that pending the construction of such tunnel we demand that daily communication by navigation be maintained, by the construction and operation of a third powerful steamer of the most approved ice-breaking type, and that one of the steamers be used on the western route in winter.

Resolved, that the Provincial Government be, and is hereby requested, to urge insistently on the Federal Government the absolute necessity of implementing the terms of Confederation; and Further Resolved, that one claim for compensation for the non-fulfillment of such terms be yearly served upon the Federal authorities.

charges in car lots would be as follows: P. E. I. Railway, 50 miles \$12,240.00 Straits Ferry, 40 miles 9,520.00 I. C. R., 300 miles 24,480.00 Total \$46,240.00

The charge for marketing the same products by a continuous haul of 400 miles would be \$28,560.00, showing an arbitrary of \$17,680.00 against the Province. The annual export of oats is approximately 2,000,000 bushels, or 68,000,000 lbs, which bears transportation charges as follows:

P. E. I. Railway, 50 miles \$54,000.00 Straits Ferry, 40 miles 40,800.00 I. C. R., 300 miles 106,400.00 Total \$201,200.00

which, if taken on a continuous haul, would be carried at a cost of \$115,600.00, showing an arbitrary on this product of \$85,600.00.

The annual exports of beef and beef products are, approximately 1,898,800 lbs, bearing the following transportation charges:

P. E. I. Railway, 50 miles \$7,799.00 Straits Ferry, 40 miles 5,459.00 I. C. R., 300 miles 14,817.00 Total \$28,075.00

This shows an arbitrary over a continuous haul of 400 miles of \$10,918.00. The annual export of potatoes is approximately 2,000,000 bushels, or 120,000,000 lbs, bearing the following transportation charges:

P. E. I. Railway, 50 miles \$89,000.00 Straits Ferry, 40 miles 72,000.00 I. C. R., 300 miles 196,000.00 Total \$357,000.00

If carried on a continuous haul of 400 miles, the cost would be \$204,000.00, showing an arbitrary against this Province of \$153,000.00.

As no interprovincial trade statistics are kept, it is impossible to ascertain the actual annual imports to P. E. Island. A statement may be arrived at on the following basis, viz: A steamer the size of the Northumberland has a net carrying capacity of 1,000 tons of ordinary freight. Assuming that 200 cargoes were made in a year, and one half cargoes of inward freight were carried each trip, the aggregate would be 200,000,000 lbs, which, taken on a basis of classification No. 5, and assuming the freight to originate on the I. C. R. 500 miles from the ferry terminal, and was carried 50 miles on the P. E. I. Railway, to points of distribution, the results would be as follows:

I. C. R., 500 miles \$440,000.00 Straits Ferry, 40 miles 140,000.00 P. E. I. Railway, 50 miles 180,000.00 Total \$760,000.00

If carried on a 600 mile coastwise haul rail rate, the cost of carriage would be \$460,000.00, showing an arbitrary by one connecting link of \$300,000.00.

A recapitulation of the arbitraries on the export of five classes of natural products, and 100,000 tons of inward freight would be as follows: wine and wine products \$17,680.00 Oats 85,000.00 Beef and beef products 19,918.00 Potatoes 150,000.00 100,000 tons inward freight 300,000.00 Making a grand total of \$682,598.00

Whereas, the above complaints are made on classification 4, 5 and 8, with the ferry arbitraries added, products that come under a higher classification would show a much higher arbitrary.

Whereas, the unsatisfactory and oppressive transportation charges seriously hamper the shippers of Prince Edward Island, and retard the prosperity of the Province generally.

Therefore Resolved, That this meeting of delegates of the Board of Trade of P. E. Island, and delegates representing the shippers of the Province, and the different electoral districts of P. E. Island, do earnestly protest against the arbitrary freight rates now in force on the Government Railway, and the subsidized steam ferry operating between P. E. Island and the mainland; and while looking forward to the completion of the tunnel in the near future, when a car ferry service or a tunnel shall be established, in the meantime firmly but respectfully urge upon the Federal Government the absolute necessity of giving the shippers of P. E. Island immediate relief from the excessive transportation charges, by carrying freight on the Government railway and a subsidized line, on the basis of a continuous haul, with an arbitrary of 2 cents per 100 lbs. on all classes of goods to cover cost of handling on the ferry steamers, and placing Prince Edward Island on the same transportation basis as was applied to the Island of Cape Breton before the car ferry across the Straits of Canada was established.

In the opinion of this meeting, the Federal Government should at once appoint a Royal Commission of experts in transportation to inquire into the transportation service on the Government Railway, and the subsidized connecting line between the mainland and P. E. Island, with a view of adjusting the same on an equitable basis, so as to put P. E. Island on a parity as possible on an equal footing with the other provinces of the Dominion in matters of transportation.

St. Patrick's Day Friday next will, be appropriately celebrated in this city, under the auspices of the Benevolent Irish Society. St. George High Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 10 o'clock, when an appropriate sermon will be preached by Rev. Father McGrath of Moncton. The usual parade of societies will follow. The days proceeding will close by a dramatic performance at the Opera House, entitled "The Hand of a Friend."

The Stanley left Georgetown on Monday morning of last week, with freight, passengers and Nova Scotia mails. She got into heavy ice off Cape Bear, and remained in the ice, drifting back and forward with the wind and tide, and now and then attempting to forge ahead, whenever a chance offered. On Saturday she was able to move and succeeded in making her way back to Georgetown. Yesterday morning she started again and at six o'clock last evening she was stuck fast in the ice about half way between Cape Bear and Pictou Island. Meantime the Minto sticks fast to the pier at Pictou, except that now and then she makes a trip out to the edge of the ice barrier, surveys the situation and returns to the wharf.

In the C. M. B. A., Hall, Vernon River, on Friday night David Hill's thrilling drama, "The Mountain Rose" will be presented by local talent. The play is a strong one depicting the noble as well as the passionate side of human nature. It opens in the home of Malvin Shortwell in the vicinity of Denver. "Doc" Brady enters and carries off his wife and child. The scene changes to the mining camp of the Rocky Mountains, where the child was carried. The rough yet honest hearts of the miners are humorously drawn out. The tragic scenes between Shortwell in search of his child, and "Doc" Brady are of the deepest excitement. Lay the "prospector" strikes it rich" as far as gold is concerned, but is rather nervous about making a "strike" for "Row's" hand. He succeeds however, by the aid of his friends. There are five acts in the drama which will require about two hours and a quarter for rendition, but from the time the little of the curtain in the last act, there is not a dull feature. The stage in the hall has been elaborately fitted up for the occasion. It will be worth while to have a seat in Vernon River Hall, at 7.45, on the 17th, inst.

Ladies and Misses Cloth Jackets now half price at Stanley Bros. This is one of the best assorted stocks in the province. We hate to sell them at the price; but they are yours for just half value—and remember they are all this seasons Coats. Stanley Bros.

WANTED—At the King Edward Hotel a girl to do general housework; also a girl to do kitchen work. No Washing. March 8, 1905—23

Mortgage Sale.

To be sold by public Auction, on Thursday, the 8th day of April, A. D. 1905, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, in front of the Law Courts Building in Charlottetown, under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in an Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the Twenty-ninth day of February, A. D. 1895, and made between Robert Wood, the elder, of Millville, Lot Forty-nine, in Queen's County, Farmer, and Richard Wood, his son, of the same place, Farmer, and Mary Wood, wife of said Robert Wood, and Annie Wood, wife of said Richard Wood, of the one part, and Louis H. Davies and James M. Sutherland, of Charlottetown, Trustees of the Marriage Settlement of Robert Bruce Stewart, of the other part, all that tract, piece or parcel of land situate lying and being on the north side of the said Main Street, in the City of Charlottetown, bounded and described as follows, that is to say: Commencing at the corner made by the junction of the Georgetown Road, with Wood's Road on the north side of said Georgetown Road; thence northwesterly along the east side of Wood's Road until it strikes the said Main Street; thence westerly along the said Main Street until it strikes the east side of Wood's Road; thence westerly along the same to the place of commencement, containing one hundred and twenty-five acres of land, a little more or less.

If the said property is not sold at the time and place aforesaid, the same will thereafter be offered at private sale.

For further particulars apply to the office of Messrs A. Macdonald, Solicitor, Charlottetown. Dated this third day of March, A. D. 1905. DAVID B. STEWART, Assignee of the said Mortgage. March 8th, 1905—51

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Flannelette Waists. We have a small lot of about 2 dozen Flannelette Waists in very pretty patterns and shades all new this fall. They are marked \$1.15 each. We want to clear them out at once, so to-day you take your choice at 70 cents each.

Ladies' Coats. To-day we place on sale six cloth coats at a special price of \$8.90 each. You can see them in our eastern show window. They are one of the best values we have ever offered in ladies' coats. If you need a new coat see them at once.

Ladies' Underwear. Ribbed cotton fleece undervests long sleeve special 25 cents. White ribbed cotton fleece vests, long sleeve, special price 35 cents. Ribbed union vests with long sleeves, special price 50 cents.

Hosiery. Imit. ribbed cashmere hose, regular value 20 cts., special price 16 cents. Ribbed and plain all wool cashmere hose, special price 25 cents. Special line of heavy ribbed all wool stockings, special price 30 cents.

Men's Underwear. Men's heavy fleece lined underwear, a splendid line marked 60 cents per garment, special to-day per garment 50 cents. Men's all wool unshrinkable underwear per garment 75 cents. Men's black cashmere half hose, special heels and toes, seamless feet, special price 25 cents.

Sale of Dress Skirts. These skirts are made in the very latest styles. The material is just the right weight for this season of the year. There are about 15 skirts in the lot, all well finished and perfect fitting. Come in to-day and have a look at them.

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