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**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
APPEAL TO THE THRONE**

Provincial Government to Demand Redress of Federal Grievances—
Sketch of Present Conditions and Events Leading Up to Them.

(Special Correspondence of The Star.)

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Jan. 23.—In considering conditions such as exist here at present it is only natural that extreme views should be presented by the opposing parties, and hence it happens that while the few who are so strongly agitating in favor of secession are perhaps going too far, it is equally true that the stand-pat attitude adopted by another class is still less justifiable.

The situation in Prince Edward Island is most serious and cannot be regarded lightly. The whole future of the province depends upon improved facilities for winter communication and to bring about such improvements the people must take united action. Business is at a standstill, and the difficulties in the way of carrying on profitable commerce are rapidly increasing. The drain on the province from loss of population, followed by loss of representation, is felt everywhere, and while the secessionists are as yet few in numbers, the conditions which arouse them are felt by all and the movement in favor of separation or some other equally regrettable course will undoubtedly spread.

This feeling is not to be feared at the present time, but unless some prompt action is taken by the federal government it will become a live issue very soon. The Islanders themselves are greatly to blame for much that has not been done. They are not united, and party feeling is allowed to come before the welfare of the province and this is one of the greatest obstacles to be overcome.

During the coming session of the local legislature an appeal will be made to the throne, asking that the Dominion be urged to carry out the terms of confederation, or failing this to grant separation. This announcement was made a day or two ago to your correspondent by one of the members of the government. This action will be taken partly in the way of political strategy, partly in compliance with the public demands. It will be the second of this kind since confederation. Agitators are spreading broadcast tales of depression in business, and while these may be at times rather highly colored, yet at the same time the quiet and steady going merchants know that the facts as stated are mainly correct, that commerce is falling off, that the island is losing in every way. Scores have expressed the opinion that they can see nothing but a dismal future in the future unless some energetic action is taken towards overcoming the difficulties. These are not the men who are clamoring for separation; they are the ones who are losing thousands of dollars every year, through the depression in trade, through the communication and high freight rates.

WINTER NAVIGATION.

Away back in the earlier portion of last century, when the Canadian fur trade was still an undreamed of development, but not so long ago as to be beyond the memory of some men now living, Prince Edward Island during the winter months was truly isolated. In those days there were no ice-breaking steamers and not even small boats to cross at the capes, but down on the Wood Islands' shore, at the point where the island lies near to the mainland, there lived a man by the name of Peter Smith. In spite of his somewhat commonplace appearance this man Smith was an energetic individual, and he conceived the idea of adding to his income by acting as mail carrier between the island and the mainland. Smith cared naught for the risk he ran—or walked—but kept his weather eye peeled and watched the ice that was continually drifting about the Straits of Northumberland. At times through the action of the winds this ice formed a solid barrier across and these times were Smith's opportunities. With a mail bag slung on his back he tramped from shore to shore, and it is a matter of record that for years, in the early twenties he crossed several times during each winter, walking all the way to Halifax, after the example of Smith, and there received the few old country letters to be carried back to the little island. A newspaper of March, 1826, tells of Smith's crossing and bringing old country adresses as late as December. Gradually attention centred on the passage between Cape Traverse and Cape Tormentine, to the western end

of the island, where the straits were even narrower than at Wood Islands. The first men to cross were Neil Campbell and Donald McDonald in 1827, and later the Muttart family and the Irvines undertook the task of crossing on the ice in small boats, carrying mails and any passengers who were by force of circumstances compelled to travel. For years this went on, and the crossing at the capes was regarded as a most important institution. The Muttarts received a small subsidy for carrying the mails, and in addition earned a considerable amount from passengers. The latter had no pleasant mid-winter excursion in crossing. They were not allowed to sit in the boats and enjoy comfort during the trip, but had to get into the straps, trudge along with the crew and help to pull the boats. Often they fell through the ice or into the open water, frequent accidents, and the whole day was spent in crossing. It sometimes happened that the boats were caught in storms, and the crews exposed to great hardships. Occasions have occurred when the mails and all but one of the boats were burned by the crews for warmth before rescue parties arrived. Yet such incidents were rare, and the crossing all but uneventful, and the experience was not considered dangerous.

There have been four occasions on which the iceboat men were particularly unfortunate. These were in 1830, 1845, 1855, and 1885. Deaths from exposure resulted in two instances.

THE ICE BREAKING STEAMERS.

Under the terms of confederation Prince Edward Island was promised continuous steam communication with the mainland, and in 1876 the first ice breaking steamer ever used in America, the Northern Light, was completed and put on the route. She was of wood and Capt. Finlayson, now in command of the ship, was in charge. The service by this steamer was maintained more or less regularly until 1888, and it was found in that time that the natural route was between Georgetown, on the eastern end of the island, and Pictou, for at this time the steamer frequently ran between the capes, and the boats had great difficulty in making the passage. The Stanley, built in 1889, was alone on the route until 1890, when the icebreaker, the Stanley, was built, and since then the double service has been carried on. The Stanley of 1889 and the Minto of 1890, however, did not have the same success. The Stanley was built to handle the situation alone, though in the majority of winters instances have arisen, by the steamers being caught in the ice and carried away, when the Muttarts have been called upon to act. They have always been ready. It is by no means uncommon for the steamers to spend two or three days in making the forty mile voyage. On different occasions they have been out for two and three weeks, drifting with and down the straits, fast in some huge pan of ice, and in the winter of 1903 the Stanley was actually six weeks on the eighteen mile passage from Cape Tormentine to Summerside, finally reaching Georgetown, having in the Minto, which had been disabled while endeavoring to assist the Stanley.

THE RUNNING OF THE ICE.

By glancing at the map of Prince Edward Island it will be seen that the narrowest part of the Straits of Northumberland is at Cape Traverse and Tormentine, while the widest part is at Pictou. Years of experience have taught Captains Finlayson and Smith that this is the natural route, and they are inclined to favor it, even when the passage to Charlottetown or other ports may be made with little or no difficulty. Conditions in the Straits are unique, for in no other place have steamship men to contend with such rigid changes. A steamer may cross in open water in one day, as the Minto did from Georgetown on Monday last, while only a few miles away the Straits may be blocked. Indeed while the Minto sped toward Pictou on Monday, the Stanley was fast in heavy ice off Pictou Island. The formation of the ice

is constantly changing and no one knows what difficulties may exist until they are actually encountered. There are obstacles other than ice to be overcome. A sudden cold snap following mild weather, causes a rise of vapor as dense as fog and this is a hindrance to navigation. Although Summerside and Charlottetown loudly proclaim the advantages of their respective harbors, yet the ice breaker captains put but little faith in these assertions. They know the difficulties to be met in all parts of the Straits. Summerside may or may not be navigable until the first of January in each winter. The chances are in its favor. The same applies to Charlottetown. And there may be times even later when these harbors are open, or nearly so, and when the steamers could run to them, but continual dodging about from one port to another demoralizes the service without sufficiently compensating shippers. The captains are ordered to act solely on their own discretion, and up to date favor Georgetown. This gives rise to much complaint.

(To be continued tomorrow.)

GERMANY IS CHUCKLING.

"Let the Monroe Doctrine Shine in the Light of Christian Charity."

BERLIN, Jan. 22.—The newspapers give great prominence to the Swetnam-Davis incident, which is causing grating chuckling in many quarters. The Berliner Post indulges its delight.

Perhaps the Mistress of the Seas considered it humiliating that a British ship had to rely on foreign succor. Perhaps she also was not entirely convinced of the usefulness of the Yankee benevolence. There is no doubt that it was a too seductive opportunity for Brother Jonathan to make a moral conquest at England's expense, and for once to let the Monroe Doctrine shine in the light of Christian charity.

The Post further warns Germany not to contribute relief for the people of Kingston, because the name of the Canadian Gas Powers & Launches, Ltd., are in a position to fill orders for stationary, portable and marine engines.

Stationary engines for dough mixers, cement mixers, grain grinding, threshing and other uses. Parties wishing to purchase a Marine Engine will please call and inspect our Solid Brass Engines, especially adapted for salt water, at 57 Water street, St. John, N. B. LAUNCHES, LIMITED.

LOST.

KEYS LOST—On Dock street, a ring containing three keys as at hall 31. Will finder please leave at General Delivery Wicket, at Post Office. 24-1-1

TO LET.

TO LET—Shop and flat. Apply 8 and 9 Haymarket square. 24-1-6

TO LET—Flat in rear of 17 St. Paul street. Apply to MRS. STEELE, on premises. 11-1-1

TO LET—Small flat on Mill street. Rent low. Enquire of BUSTIN & FRENCH, Barristers, 109 Prince William street. 4-1-1

TO LET—Two small self-contained houses, 391 Haymarket square. 9-1-1

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Who is going to Remodel your Shop to suit this year's business? Phone 1638, and A. E. HAMILTON, Contractor and Carpenter will give you estimates.

WILL NOT DISCUSS THE SUBJECT OF DISARMAMENT

Russian Programme for the Hague Conference Will be Followed—Austria Ready for Anything.

VIENNA, Jan. 23.—V. T. Stead, the English editor, had a conference here today with Baron Van Aehrenthal, the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs on the matter of the approaching Hague peace conference.

The minister said he was unable to give any official assurances on the subject before consulting with Prof. De Martens of St. Petersburg, but he thought it improbable that Austria would agree to discuss any matters not included in the Russian programme, and expressed the opinion that the question of disarmament would not be taken up. Austria would prefer that the meeting be held in the summer, Baron Aehrenthal said, but she would agree on any arrangements as to time which was satisfactory to the other powers.

WOULD NOT CHEER THE KAISER

BERLIN, Jan. 23.—Polish soldier named Wozniak has been sentenced to four months imprisonment by court-martial at Gnesen because he refused to shout "Hurrah" for the German Emperor. At the recent review the commander-in-chief of the district made a speech in which he referred to the kindly interest which the emperor took in Prussian Poland. Wozniak declared both in German and in Polish that he would not shout "Hurrah" for the Kaiser, and refused to cheer when called on.

SPANIARD LIVES TO BE 125.

MADRID, Jan. 23.—Maria Josefa Nieto died in the Provincial Hospital, Madrid, yesterday at the age of 125 years. He was 27 years old when the Spanish war of independence against Napoleon broke out, and remembered many of the stirring events which he witnessed at that period.

TO cure Headache—ten minutes use Kumford Headache Powders, 10 cents.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Three wall show cases, different sizes. Apply J. ASHINS, 653 Main street. 22-1-1

FOR SALE—500 second hand chairs, suitable for hall or meeting house. Apply J. THORNTON, 50 Smythe St. 21-1-1

SPEEDY SALMON BOAT FOR SALE.—That remarkably speedy salmon boat, built to the order of F. G. Spencer, last spring. A strong, roomy, and slippery craft, easily made sails. Only one season old. Present owner is leaving city. Apply "SALMON BOAT," Star Office. 21-1-1

FOR SALE—Two bay horses. Apply to JAMES INGHAM, 25 St. Paul street. 18-1-6

FOR SALE—House and property at Armstrong's Station, I. C. R., 10 miles from city. Pleasantly situated. Trains stop right opposite. For particulars apply A. H. STANTON, A. & I. Isaac's, Princess Street. 14-1-1

FOR SALE—Self-contained house, ten rooms. Bath, hot and cold water. Barn attached. Big bargain. Apply MR. GLEESON, Canada Permanent Mortgage Building, City. 17-1-13

FOR SALE—Frames 35c up; Hockey skates 40c up; Acme Skates 50c up; Pocket Knives 5c up; Children's Snow Shovels, 15c; Men's 25c. Everything marked in plain figures at DUVAL'S, 17 Water St. 5-1-1

FOR SALE—About twenty new and second-hand delivery Wagnas, 2 coaches, and 2 horses, carriages, different styles, ready for use, glass front coach, new trimmings, well painted; a first class coach very cheap; also three outboard carriages; best place in the city for painting and greatest facilities for carriage repairing. A. G. EDGECOMBE, 115 and 123 City Road.

GASOLINE ENGINES—The Toronto Gas & Gasoline Engine Company, having consolidated with The Delaware Iron Works, of Chatham, Ont., makers of the Delaware Marine Engines, and now known as The Canadian Gas Powers & Launches, Ltd., are in a position to fill orders for stationary, portable and marine engines, of all kinds, because of the name of the Delaware Marine Engines, and cement mixers, grain grinding, threshing and other uses. Parties wishing to purchase a Marine Engine will please call and inspect our Solid Brass Engines, especially adapted for salt water, at 57 Water street, St. John, N. B. LAUNCHES, LIMITED.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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A. FITZGERALD, 25 Dock street, Boots, Shoes and Rubbers repaired. Also a full line of Men's Boots and Shoes at reasonable prices. Rubber heels attached, 35c.

F. C. Wesley Co., Artists, Engravers and Electrotypers, 59 Water street, St. John, N. B. Telephone 222.

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3 First Class Boiler Makers.
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Apply at McRAE'S Employment Bureau, 74 King St., St. John, N. B. 8-1-1

SITUATIONS VACANT—FEMALE

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Apply to MRS. R. T. LEAVITT, 52 Queen street. 23-1-1

WANTED—Two chocolate dippers. Apply T. J. PHILLIPS, 213 Union St. 24-1-1

WANTED—A general servant. References required. Call mornings and evenings at 50 Queen street. 23-1-6

WANTED—A good general girl. Small family. Good wages. 7 Paddock street. 23-1-6

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Apply 25 Douglas Avenue. 22-1-6

WANTED—Young girl wishes a position in a store as clerk, has experience. Address E. A. care of Star Office. 4-1-1

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Small family, no washing. References required. Apply MRS. FRED. KNOWLTON, 115 King street, east. 19-1-6

WANTED—General servant; references required. MRS. H. R. STURDEE, 185 Duke street. 16-1-1

WANTED—Dining room girl. Apply CLIFTON HOUSE, Gormain street. 15-1-1

WANTED—Nurse girl. Apply 64 Garden street. 10-1-1

GIRL WANTED—A capable girl for general housework. Apply to MRS. D. MAGEE, 144 Elliott Row. 10-1-1

WANTED—A cook and housemaid. Apply to MRS. A. I. THURMAN, 112 Hazen street. 31-1-1

WANTED—Girls to work on machines or by hand. Good wages paid. Steady work guaranteed. Apply J. SHANE & CO., 71 Water street. 26-1-1

TWELVE VESSELS LOST IN THE PRESENT FISHING SEASON

Dastaways Rescued From Deserted Island

After Intense Sufferings From the Cold.

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., Jan. 22.—The captain and mate of the American vessel Vigilant, which was carried away recently from Bay of Islands by the ice, were saved yesterday by a rescuing party. The two men had spent thirty-six hours on a deserted island, without food and shelter, and suffered terribly from the cold. Their signal fire was seen by the rescuers, else they probably would have perished. Another American vessel, the Elizabeth N., of Bucksport, Me., was driven ashore today at Bay of Islands by the ice and is likely to become a total wreck. Her crew was saved. These losses make a total of seven American, five colonial fishing vessels wrecked during this year's herring fishery, in which a total of 193 vessels were engaged.

BLAMED HIS MOTOR CAR.

PARIS, Jan. 23.—M. Laurenceau, who attributed the loss of his seat at the last election to a defective motor car, claimed damages yesterday from the company which supplied him with the vehicle. The court decided against him, declaring that a statesman had no right to consider his election to the Chamber from a commercial standpoint.

SCHOOL CLOSED AFTER 200 YEARS.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The Haleshead (Essex) Grammar School for boys has just been closed after 200 years of useful work.

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