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Subscriptions for 1902 and previous years are now overdue; and sub scriptions for 1903, are such expressions of opinion, he now payable. Our friends not be unbiased jurors in the case. will please bear these After some discussion on this and tacts in mind

## Stock Farm Cattle.

ing, the 14th. When the House met yestarday afternoon, Hon. For some time it had been reported that the Goverment Stock Mr. Rogers, chairman of the com-Farm cattle had been sold at pri- mittee reported that they were unable to find any authority emvate sale to the Dominion Packpowering the committee to take ing Company. The report seemed almost to incredible to be taken evidence under oath. The Leader seriously; but no doubt any of the Government stated they longer remains regarding the mat- had no authority to examine ter, the Government, through the witness under oath, or to punish for breach of privilege. Further-Commissioner of Agriculture, more it was a question as to what have committed this most arbitray was really a breach of privilege. act. The statement tabled by He therefore moved that the com-Hon. Mr. Rogers, in answer to mittee be discharged. Hon. Mr. the inquiry of Mr. Morson is Gordon twitted the Government confession of this hitherto unand Mr. Whear on the inglarious heard of violation of the regulatermination of what was entered tions governing the stock farm.

on with such a flourish of trum This overriding of the peoples, cherished rights; this breach of pets. They had shown admirable ery is too expensive, the burden of taxprivileges, heretofore regarded by discretion in getting out of the hole as well as they could. This the people as inviolable, is an ac-

tion that deserves the most unqualified condemnation of the tax payers of our Province. The regulations of the stock farm require that the sulplus stock shall

The proceedings in the Legis- made of any fat cattle from the Govern be sold at public auction, in such a way that the people of the three lature on Monday afternoon were ment Stock Farm during the present counties may have an opportu- brief, as the House did not meet year, and if there had been tabled a nity of securing a proportion of till quite late. In answer to were sold, to whom they were sold, the them, if they so desire. This re- questions by Mr. Currie, Hon. Mr. date of the sale or sales and the prices gulation up to now has not been Cummiskey said the Government obtained. Hon. Mr. Rogers laid a statedeparted from; but under the had had an examination made

management of Hon Mr. Rogers by an engineer of the proposed minion Packing Company, weighing the unjust and arbitray course site of the bridge across the North respectively 900, 960, 1260, 1350, 1270, was pursued of ignoring law and River near Brighton ; had received 1260 and 1870, and that the price paid precedent and of disposing of an estimate of the cost of the by the D. P. C. was \$3.75 per hundred these cattle at a private bargain proposed bridge, and that the to the Dominion Packing Com- estimate was, with a swing and pany. The selling of the cattle span to admit of the passage of without giving any notice to the vessels \$200,000, and without the Commissioner of Public Works said the public was bad enough; but the swing and span \$150,000. Premselling of them at reduced prices lea Peters said that the estimated had been received as follows : \$225, was unpardonable from any point cost of a peir in the channel, nec. \$248, \$264.50, \$297, \$297, \$475 and \$690.

of view. That they were sold essary in case of a swing and span The contract, he said, was let at the lowest figure. away below ordinary prices for alone was \$45,000 such stock is proven from th Hon. Mr. Rogers moved the evidence of many in a position to second reading of the bill amend- to the importance of framing our statknow. It would appear that the ing the domestic animals act. He utes so clear and distinct that no man Government's motto is ; "Nothing said the alterations were intended can err concerning them. The resources is too good for the Packing Com to prevent the running at large pany." The weights of these of certain male animals and precattle were respectively 900, 960. venting hogs from running on the so drawn up that magistrates found 1260, 1350, 1270, 1260 and 1170 shores and eating fish offal, some--aggregating 8170 pounds. The thing very bad for the character amount received for the cattle was of our Island pork. Mr. Mathie-\$306.371. The price received son pointed out to the Commiswas 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cents a pound, and we are ioner that the amended act as informed on the best authority lrawn would not accomplish the that 5 cents a pound is the lowest bject intended as it was very deprice that could easily have been ective. He dwelt at some length procured for them. That price pon the faulty nature of the would have amounted to over bill. The commissioner admitted \$400, altogether, or upwards of the correctness of Mr. Mathieson's adiourned. \$100 more than was received. contention, and thanked him for It is said that the Dominion Packhis criticism. The necessary coring Company actually sold two of rections, he said, could be made the cattle at 5 cents a pound and in committee. Progress on the sent them to a firm at Pictou. bill was reported, and the Speak-They have thus been offered an er took the chair opportunity of conducting a profitable speculation at the expense The Commissioner of Public of the tax payers of this Province. Works then moved the second Surely this is a manner of squand reading of the bill to " Amend the ering the public money that the Public Roads Act 1901 and an them trouble in case of levy upon good people will not tolerate. The act in amendment thereof" Leader of the opposition has given Among the proposed amendments notice of a resolution on the mattare the following : er, and we will return to the ques-Section 19 is repealed and the followtion after this resolution has been ng substituted submitted and discussed. It is as The Overseer shall forward to the follows: "Resolved that this Road Inspector on or before the fourth pair in collusion. fuesday in July in each year a full and Palmer opposed the House disapproves of the action written return of the names of all men dment Mr. Mathieson pointed of the Government in selling by liable to pay taxes under this Act in his out that great care should be private sale to the Dominion recinct, and also the number of horses exercised in the passage of the bill les Packing Company certain surplus able to be taxed in his precinct and the the relationship properly existing between stock of the Government Stock ames of the owners thereof. And the husband and wife should be disturbed aspector shall on or before the first Anything that would tend to weaken the Farm, that is to say; seven fat fuesday in August in each year forward marriage tie would be wrong. Although, cattle for the price of three dollo the Commissioner of Public Works at marriage, the property of the wedded ars and seventy-five centssper such returns. The Inspector shall be pair is made a common fund, the wife hundred pounds, a rate far below authorized to sell and shall sell at public Auction the making of any new;road their market value, contrary to or bridge or bridges when required by the law and to the practice estab. he Commissioner of Public Works so to lished in such case, and involving

before the committee the Editor of very arbitrary. Something might hap- the Government of Prince Edward Islan pen a valuable horse while engaged to receive temporary loans. he Guardian, appeared in his breaking the roads in other hands than own defence. He took exception his owner. He thought it would be fair said year from said loans account. to the composition of the commit- to give an aged person au option to pay something if he wouldn't wish his horse tee. He considered Hon. Mr. PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY Rogers, a calleague of Mr. Whear to go out in the Government, should not be a member of the committee;

neither should Mr. Read of Sum-

nerside, as he, as well as Mr.

Rogers had already expressed

pinions strongly adverse to the

Guardian. In consequence of

considered these gentlemen could

other points the committee ad-

journed to reassemble last even-

ends the fiasco.

Sessional notes.

Fovernment on said loans seconst during Mr. Mathieson criticised the bill at said year. 5 The total balance of interest due an ome length. The Commissioner, he pointed out, always expressed himself unpaid on said loans account at the clo as profoundly satisfied with the public of the year ending 31st December A. D

He said that it was an improper thing answer. to permit an overseer or his agent to go

into the stables of such persons and

take out valuable horses regardless of

On Tuesday Mr. John McLean pre-

of Souris praying for an act of incor

Mr. Morson asked the Commission

of Agriculture if any disposal had been

tition for the position.

read a first time.

pounds.

coads act. Every change, in the Com. 1902. nissioner's opinion, was for the better. The Premier replied to questions 1 and 2 Mr. Mathieson was of the opinion that that he was having statements made up never in the memory of the oldest in- Regarding 3 he said that there is no in nabitant was there a time when the terest due-interest is not due till the winter roads had been so scandalously man asks for it. As to 4 the public acreglected, as during the past few years. counts will show. Concerning 5 he could Winter roads were of importance, as only say that the total balance has not well as those of summer. As regards been computed. There is no interest due the amendment about taking out the until the respective accounts are made up. torses of the aged he thought it would Mr. Mathieson asked if the House wa make matters worse. It applied to the to understand that there was no interest horses not only of men but of women ; due on the Loans Accounts until it was and then there were the borses of clergy. asked for. Premier Peters declined to men, who were exempt from taxation. discuss the matter. He had given hi

Shocking Murder.

2 The amount withdrawn during

3 The amount of interest accrued du

on said loans account during said year.

4 The amount of interest paid by the

the wishes of their owners. The pro-What appears to be one of the mos posed increase in the pay of road makshocking murders ever committed in ers from \$1,50 to \$2 per day he regardthis Province took place at Lot 48, about ed as objectionable. He thought there three miles from Southport, shortly was no-difficulty about getting men to after midnight Saturday night last. work for \$1.50. As a matter of fact he The victim was Alexander McGregor thought there was considerable compe Stewart, of that place, and the man who ommitted the awful deed is Joseph

Carver, of the same locality. The facts, so far as recorded, seem to beas sentel a petition from the inhabitants ollows: Carver was employed by Stewart as a laborer on his farm ; he had poration. Mr. Anthony McLauchlan hired for a year and had put in about presented a counter petition setting forth four months of his time. He then left that the town be not incorporated, beand went to work with someone else cause the proposed municipal machinand is said to have been overpaid by Stewart for the time he had worked ation too heavy for the few upon whom there. On Tuesday evening of last week it will be levied and the proceeding too the day he left Stewart's, it appears he hasty. Mr. McLean then presented a came back for some collars or other lobster act of the Government bill in accordance with the prayer of trifling articles, and that he acted his petition which was received and strangely, carrying a gun with him right to the bedroom. On Saturday Carver

had been to Charlottetown and was evidently drinking, to some extent at least. After he returned Saturday evening he went to Stewart's about 10 o'clock at night, made considerable noise and asked Stewart for his clothing. Stewart refused to give them to him, but told

statement showing how many animals him to come on Monday when they would settle. Carver returned about twenty minutes to twelve with a single ment on the table showing that seven barrel gun, and after making considerahead of fat cattle were sold to the Dob'e fuss and again demanding his clothes, Stewart handed them to him at the same time taking the gun from Carver and breaking off the stock. Carver went away, saying as he started

for the road that he would have Stew art's heart's blood before Monday. In answer to questions by Mr. Mathie-Stewart remained up, and about half son regarding Lewellen's bridge the past twelve he heard him shouting and cursing as he came towards the house contract had been let to Mr. John Han-He had a double barrel gun. He broke drahan by tender, that seven tenders the kitchen window and made a terrible noise. Stewart told him not to make so much noise. He replied that he would break every window in the house.

at Morell Hall on Wednes-Stewart went out, taking with him the barrel of the gun he had broken. Carver

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considerable loss to this province and unfair discrimination against other parties engaged in the cattle trade.

A Ridiculous Fiasco.

OUR readers will remember that on the 4th inst. Hon. Mr. Whear asked for a committee of the Legislature to investigate extent as inhabitants between the ages certain charges made by the of eighteen and sixty years are under Guardian newspaper. The committee was granted under the following resolution

Resolved that the charges made by the Guardian newspaper published in Charlottetwwn in the issue thereof of the second and They were now utilizing the system of third days of April instant which statute labor so far as the winter roads

Section 26 is amended by adding the following : Provided that the said Overseers shall

have power as they are hereby required during the winter season to summon borses or teams from inhabitants over the age of sixty years in their respective precincts for the breaking of the froads as provided by the said Act, and such inhabitants shall be liable for n-glect or refusal to comply with such summons

in the same manner and to the same the provisions of the said Act. The bill also increased the pay of the

men on the road machines from \$1.50 tions of dishonest people. A vote being taken on Mr. Morson's amendment it was

lost on a division of 10 to 15. Mr. Mr. J. A. McDonald observed that the Irving and Captain Read voted with the Government had gone back somewhat opposition and Mr. McKinnon with the on the principles they had laid down. Government.

to \$2.

are hereto annexed and which are concerned. To such an extent were they pushing this feature of the Act that The business of Thursday the 9th was allege a branch of the privileges they proposed taking the horses out of mostly devoted to asking of questions, Among these was the following in which of this House, be referred to a the stables of all persons sixty years of Mr. Mathieson asked the Leader of the special committee with power to age to break the roads whether or not Government to lay on the table of the summon and examine witnesses the owners were willing In his opinion I this feature of the bill was tyrannical, as House a statement showing in detail; 1 The amount received by the Governon oath and to send for persons, this feature of the bill was tyrannical, as no option was given to persons over ment during the year ending 31 December gapers and documents. On the 8th sixty. Mr. Carrie also considered this A D 1902 by virtue of the Act to enable Co,

During the afternoon sitting on Tnesstarted towards the stable and Stewart day, Hon. Mr. Gordon called attention followed him. When deceased was about fifteen yards from the house, Carver, who was but a short distance shead of him, turned round and disof the English language being ample for charged the contents of one barrel of the this purpose they ought to be carefully gun into Stewart's body. The charge used. In many cases our statutes were struck the groin, causing a wound about wo inches square clear to the bone. much difficulty in interpreting them Mrs. Stewart followed her husband out correctly. In this connection he quoted of the house and hastened towards him a section from the Public Roads Amend. when she heard the shot, but had ment Act from which, he said, a magis scarcely time to reach him when he fell trate might easily draw the inference dead in her arms. He probably lived that he was to summon a horse before ive minutes after being shot. She askhim. It reminded him of the saying of ed Carver to assist in carrying the dead the late Hon. Joseph Howe : "Ther man into the house. He refused and is no end to the manufacture of laws walked away. Mrs. Stewart then gen nor to the confusion which the mannsome of the children to the neighbor facture produces." After considerable and sent word to Dr. Dewar at South iscussion the Amendment Act was port. The Dr. telephoned to the anth agreed to, committee rose and the House prities and the brother of the deceased in Charlottetown. Early on Sunday norning a police sergeant, a police

officer and a constable started for the The greater part of Wednesday's sitscene of the tragedy, as did also Dr. ting was occupied with discussion of the Distress Act, and amendments thereto McNeill, Coroner. Carver got the double parrel gun from Charles Pippy, of the Mr. Morson submitted an amendmen to the effect that married woman wh neighborhood, saying he wanted it to shoot geess. After the shooting he have property of their own and who brought back the gun and told Pippy he desire to protect it as against purchase had shot Stewart. He then went away for value and creditors of their hushan

should file a statutory declaration speci and slept in a barn at the five mile fying the articles which belong to them house. In the morning he started for John Stewart's (Sailor Jack), about two Such a declaration would, he said, save miles from Sonthport. Here he was ar of the husband, besides protecting the rested by the officer's of the law shortly after his arrival Sunday morning. sheriff against the danger of seizing th goods of the wife together Meantime the Coroner empaneled with those of the husband. As jury and held an inquest over the body law is at present sheriffs levy of the deceased. Their verdict was that their peril, and creditors are liable "On Sunday morning, the 12th April,

1903, Alexander McGregor Stewart came to great wrongs by a dishonest to his death by Joseph Carver, who fel Messrs. Whea niously with malice aforethought, did amend with a double barreled gun unlawfully kill him." The officers with the prisoner arrived in the city shortly after icon on Sunday, and at two o'clock Carver was arraigned before H. Jas Palmer, Stipendiary Magistrate for Queen's County. He expressed himself as ready for trial; but on recommendation of the Attorney General was refund is not answerable for the husband manded to jail til to-morrow, Thursday debts. He considered the proposed amend when the preliminary trial will take ment would tend to guard the community place. At the inquest evidence leading of interest in respect to those who ar to the above recorded verdict was given by Mrs. Stewart, William McGregor, married. Mr. Gallant opposed the amend Dr. Dewar, Charles Pippy, William ment on the ground that unnecessary con plication might arise, in consequence ther Pippy and some other witnesses.

> Alexander McGregor Stewart, the nurdered man, who was 44 year of age, was a comfortable and respectable farmer, residing in the old Stewart home-

father had resided. He has four brothers and three sisters. Bruce Stewart of this city, head of the foundry estabiashment of Bruce Sewart gates, who were sent by the government and company, is a brother of to Great Britain to tell the people there the deceased. He leaves a widow and of the opportunities for farming in the

Carver is about 38 years of age, and sanative of the locality, where another orother resides.

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