

## Early Postal Arrangements in P. E. I.

**I**T would seem that the single Post Office at Charlottetown served for the whole of the Island for many years. Benjamin Chappell, the first Postmaster, was appointed in 1802, and held the position until his death in 1825. His son, Richard Chappell, then succeeded to the office, holding it as long as he lived. On his death in 1835, his daughter, Miss Elizabeth Chappell, was installed Postmistress of the Island. This lady was married to John Williams in 1840, and a few years later she gave up her office, and was succeeded by Thomas Owen.

It was the custom of the Postmaster to send out the letters for distribution. The following notice appears in Haszard's Gazette:

"POST OFFICE, CHARLOTTETOWN.

Feb. 12, 1828.

In consequence of Mr. Richard Bagnall, Hazel Grove, having declined receiving papers and letters for that quarter, they will not be left there from this date.

RICHARD CHAPPELL, P. M."

Letters were frequently advertised by the Postmaster. The subjoined notice is copied from Haszard's Gazette:

LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING IN THE POST OFFICE IN  
CHARLOTTETOWN:

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Anning John               | Burnet Matthew    |
| McArty Elenor             | Cameron Dougald   |
| Ashbridge Wm              | Campbell Duncan   |
| Brodie Charles            | McCoughren Daniel |
| Byrne Elenor              | Calahan James     |
| Byrne Patrick two letters | Calahan John      |
| Bell James                | Currie John       |
| Bott John R               | Campbell John     |