

THE HERALD

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24, 1913.

SUBSCRIPTION—\$1.00 A YEAR.

TO THE UNITED STATES \$1.50

PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

AT 81 QUEEN STREET,

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. ISLAND.

JAMES McISAAC,

Editor & Proprietor

We wish all our friends a "MERRY CHRISTMAS."

Commission of Inquiry.

The high cost of living is a question engaging a great amount of attention just now. It is a live question all round not confined to any particular country or locality. So serious has this matter become that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the opportunist, always waiting for something to turn up, has seized upon it as a shibboleth for vote catching.

It requires but little consideration these days to convince the average man that when it comes to the process of making the pocketbook "look thin," Mr. High Cost of Living has much to learn from that other eminent economist Mr. Santa Claus.

Secretary Houston Washington issued an order on Monday continuing the quarantine temporarily put on potatoes from the British Isles, Canada and Europe. The action was modified, however, by a second order providing that quarantine could be raised in case of countries or districts which can show their potatoes are free from potato wart or powdery scab, the disease complained of.

was laid before Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King, then the Minister of Labor, but aside from a partial investigation into wholesale prices, that gentleman refused to have anything to do with it. When Hon. T. W. Crothers came into the department, after the change of government, he was quick to take advantage of the plan and has had a vast mass of information secured which will be available as a ground upon which the present commission can work.

From all this it will be seen that while the Liberal Leader has been mouthing about the country regarding the necessity of grappling with this important question, the department of the administration which naturally would deal with such a subject, has been quietly gathering information upon this work. There are two outstanding features in the announcement from Ottawa that the cost of living will be investigated. One is that the Government, through the sensible medium of expert evidence and advice, will find out what is necessary and may then be depended upon to apply the remedy.

It requires but little consideration these days to convince the average man that when it comes to the process of making the pocketbook "look thin," Mr. High Cost of Living has much to learn from that other eminent economist Mr. Santa Claus.

Never has so many British immigrants left Canada just before the holidays to spend Xmas and the winter at home as those going this year. The immigration department is glad to see them go. "The more the better," said an official of the department at Ottawa. "Every man of them is a voluntary immigration agent from Canada. They will all be back in the spring and will bring thousands of good settlers with them."

Reports from money order departments in connection with the post offices in the large cities indicate that the "stranger within our gates" remembered those in the old land more bountifully this year. Such statements do not coincide with the reports of financial depression and hard times.

Those plain and humble patriots who formerly composed the Laurier government sat down to a sumptuous and costly banquet in the Ritz Carleton Hotel in Montreal and after dining and wining on the best in the land proceeded to solemnly discuss "the high cost of living."

Newspapers supporting the Wilson Administration in the United States are pointing to Secretary of State Bryan as a "big gun." This leads the Boston Transcript to remark that he looks more like the man, who put "blunder" in "blunderbus."

The delegates of the twelve nations, including Canada represented at the London international conference on safety at sea were received by King George at Buckingham Palace last Friday afternoon. Each of them was introduced and presented separately in the throne room by Sydney Buxton, President of the Board of Trade.

Steamers arriving at Sydney, Australia, within the last few days bring terrible details of the recent volcanic eruptions on the Island of Ambrym, in the New Hebrides group, in which 500 natives lost their lives. Witnesses of the disturbance describe it as having been so sudden and violent that they expected to see the whole western side of the island disappear. With a terrible roar, which was followed by a rapid succession of artillery-like detonations, all the craters of the volcano entered into full activity, spouting flames and lava and throwing out huge boulders.

WANTED. Several hundred HERALD subscribers to send in their subscriptions by this day week. We are extremely thankful to those who have already remitted and beg to remind all yet to be heard from, that only one week of this year remains. They will thus see that if they do not want the New Year to catch them with this obligation undischarged, they have no time to lose.

Job Printing at the Herald Office.

Fire in a Dockyard.

A fire at Portsmouth England involving damage variously estimated at from \$1,250,000 to \$2,500,000, devastated the famous dockyard Saturday night, and resulted in the loss of two lives and the destruction of the century old semaphore tower, which in the pre-telegraph days was the great signalling station between the fleet and the Admiralty.

TWO MEN PERISHED. An examination of the ruins Monday disclosed the fact that two of the three signalmen who had remained in the tower to summon help when the fire broke out, were burned to death. The third managed to make his escape through the smoke and flames to an adjoining roof and there fell unconscious. He was subsequently rescued.

Nothing is known as to how the fire originated. When it was first observed from the deck of the new battle cruiser Queen Mary, it had already obtained a good hold on the inflammable material in the loft and sail house. All the fighting apparatus in the dockyard was rapidly brought into action and the efforts of the men were devoted to preventing the fire from reaching the main store at the end of the building, which was filled with thirty thousand tons of heavy oil.

MANY RELICS BURNED. The huge wooden semaphore structure surrounding the rigging house was a blazing beacon within half an hour after the outbreak and collapsed on the roof of the main tower and building, converting the whole into a fiery mass. Fire parties were sent to the dockyard from all the warships in the harbor, and the battle cruiser Queen Mary, on which burning brands were falling, was towed out of the danger zone.

The Culture of Black and Silver Foxes.

A timely publication, THE CULTURE OF BLACK AND SILVER FOXES, has recently been issued by the ROD AND GUN PRESS, Woodstock, Ont. This book is a series of articles written by Dr. L. V. Croft, who in addition to being a successful breeder of foxes in captivity, is an expert in veterinary science and his attitude in these articles is that of a real sportsman. To those breeders of fur bearing animals who have no knowledge of veterinary science—and comparatively few of those who are engaged in this new industry have—Dr. Croft's book will be of inestimable value.

Minard's Liniment cures neuralgia.

KING EDWARD HOTEL. Mrs. Larter, Proprietress. Will now be conducted on KENTSTREET Near Corner of Queen.

Look out for the old sign, King Edward Hotel, known everywhere for first class accommodation at reasonable prices. June 12 1907.

Hard Coal. Daily expected per schooner "B. Bowers" and "Freedom," one thousand tons bet quality Hard Coal in Egg, Stove and Chestnut sizes. C. Lyons & Co. Charlottetown, P.E.I. Nov. 30 1910.

As the end of the year 1913 is almost upon us, we desire to remind our friends that remittances for subscription to THE HERALD are now quite in order. We have fairly kept our part of the annual contract and have sent out the paper every week since the beginning of the year, and have not troubled our subscribers to any great extent, about money.

MOORE and McLEOD (The Busiest Store on Charlottetown's Busiest Street. 119-121 Queen Street Ch'town. Men's Stout Tweed Overcoats Very Special Value at \$8.00

EXAMINE WITH CARE the very best things that any mail order house will offer in overcoats—consider the smartest and the best value that any other house can give you—and if we do not beat the best—do not buy from us. That's fair isn't it?

Overcoats For All Men Who Care For Fit. Makes no matter of difference what your want in overcoats may be, we can do a little better for you. This mens department has the NEW goods. It has the RIGHT goods, selected by men whose business is to know about the right clothes.

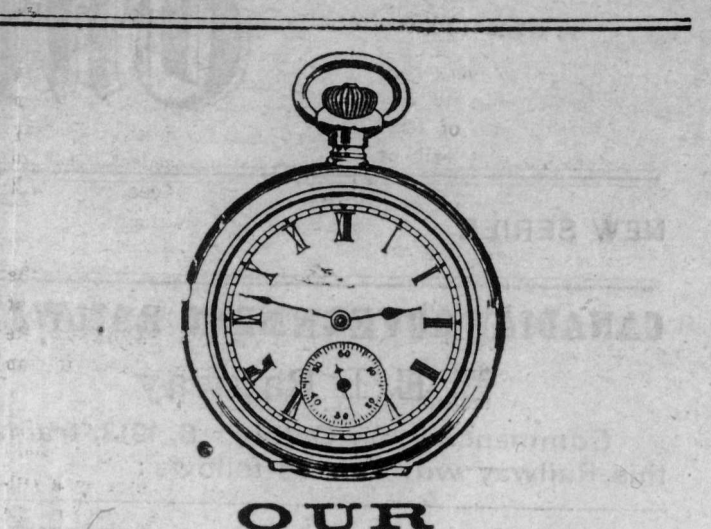
Reasons Why The C. B. C. Is The Best. The Charlottetown Business College's claims of superiority are not based on hot air, bombast or broadside bragging. The equipment of this college is complete in every respect. There are enough typewriters, forms, etc. for every student, and therefore none are kept back and none especially favored.

Charlottetown Business College -AND INSTITUTE OF- SHORTHAND AND TYPEWRITING L. B. MILLER, Principal, VICTORIA ROW.

Spring & Summer Weather. Spring and Summer weather calls for prompt attention to the

Repairing, Cleaning and Making of Clothing. We beg to remind our numerous patrons that we have REMOVED from 23 Prince Street to our new stand 122 DORCHESTER STREET.

Next door to Dr. Conroy's Office, where we shall be pleased to see all our friends. All Orders Receive Strict Attention. Our work is reliable, and our prices please our customers. H. McMILLAN



OUR Waltham and Regina Watches Are Splendid Timekeepers Being accurately timed from actual observation of the stars with transit instrument and chronometer. You make no mistake in buying one of these watches

IN OUR OPTICAL DEPARTMENT Each eye is tested separately and fitted with the special lense that is required and mountings wished for. THE JEWELRY AND SILVER DEPARTMENT Is supplied with many rings, brooches, lockets, chains, studs, spoons, trays, baskets, tea pots, novelties, etc. etc.

RING MAKING Gilding and expert repairing done on the premises. E. W. TAYLOR, South Side Queen Square, City.



MANUFACTURED BY R. F. MADDIGAN & CO. CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

TRY OUR Home-Made Preserves! Made from home grown fruit. We have a large stock on hand. Sold in Bottles, Pails, and by the lb.

EGGS & BUTTER. We want EGGS and BUTTER for CASH, or in exchange for GROCERIES.

House Cleaning Supplies! We Have a Full Line in Stock Give us a call.

EUREKA TEA. If you have never tried our Eureka Tea it will pay you to do so. It is blended especially for our trade, and our sales of it show a continued increase. Price 25 cents per lb. R. F. Maddigan & Co.