

THE HERALD

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We wish once more to remind our subscribers that we wish them to pay up. Quite a number of subscribers have not paid anything for years. We wish those to understand that these amounts should be collected this fall. It should scarcely be necessary to remind these people that it requires money to conduct a newspaper. Knowing this why do they neglect their duty in the matter?

Uncle Sam and The Seals.

It is on record that the United States authorities have delegated Mr. John W. Foster to confer with representatives of the Canadian Government on the seal fishery question. This Mr. Foster is none other than the "counselor or attorney of the Alaska Seal Fishing Company." To this company the United States have farmed out, for a large yearly rental, the exclusive right to slaughter seals on the Pribiloff Islands. It is not then to be wondered at that Mr. John W. Foster would be anxious that Canadians should be prohibited from capturing seals on the high seas, or anywhere else, as such prohibition would leave more seals for Mr. Foster's company, and consequently they would make more money. But it would be a most surprising thing if any such one-sided arrangement were entered into on the part of Canada. Canada's rights to pelagic sealing, or sealing on the high seas, were recognized and declared by the Paris Tribunal, more than four years ago, and although Mr. Foster and some others of his ilk in the United States might wish to take from Canada these rights, many of the leading newspapers in that country fully recognized them. The Boston Herald has been outspoken in the matter, and so has been the New York Herald. In the course of a recent article on this question, the last named journal most emphatically insisted that the Paris Tribunal had settled the matter, and that it was the duty of the United States to have accepted that decision without a murmur, instead of striving, as they had ever since done, to evade the judgement of that Tribunal to which they had voluntarily appealed. The New York Journal of Commerce, another influential paper, in a recent article touched on the matter after this fashion: "What would we do if we were in the place of Canada? The Paris Tribunal decided that it was as lawful to take seals upon the high seas as to take them on land. Besides the whole world is now so much more important still as the seal. But there were times when we would have fought had either England or Russia attempted to interfere with our right to take whales upon the high seas. Had it been perfectly clear that the whales made their home at certain seasons of the year within the territorial waters of England or Russia, we would have insisted that when they left their homes and wandered out far into the deep they belonged to any man who could capture them. This is the position of Canada with regard to the seals, and it is a difficult position for us to meet unless we think the seals are worth going to war about, and of course no one thinks of that. Waiving, for the moment, the "difficult position," in which the United States might find themselves in the event of war, it is our friends across the line is the unreasonable disposition to accept the decision of an arbitration that does not give them everything. Probably the Geneva award, on the Alabama claims has spoiled them in this respect. It is that they may be, their conduct in the Behring Sea affair has been nothing short of contemptible. The Paris Tribunal decided that the United States should pay damages for the loss occasioned by the seizure of Canadian sealers; but up to the present time, no damages have been paid. The matter could have been settled at the time by the payment in a lump sum of \$425,000; but they were not satisfied with that; the Senate threw out the appropriation, and another arbitration was called for. Years have been spent in talking about these damages, and it is not improbable that the finding of the last tribunal will be equal to double \$425,000. But will the United States pay it? Their past conduct plainly indicates that they will not, if they can help it.

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SOME of the coal mining regions in Cape Breton are now about to realize the beneficent results of the monopoly granted to the Dominion Coal Company by the Liberal Government of Nova Scotia. In another column will be found an able article on this question, taken from the Antigonish Casket.

The oat trade yesterday was tolerably brisk and the supply fairly good. The highest price paid by shippers was twenty-nine cents. Among the vessels loading are the San Juan, for St. John's, Nfld., loaded by Peake Bros. & Co., the schooners Union, James Semple, Brilliant and Bonney, for Provincial ports, loaded by Carvell Bros. The last named firm have just sent two cargoes of oats, about 10,000 bushels, from Crapaud to Point du Chene by the steamer Weymouth. Notwithstanding the number of live hogs that are coming to town the pork trade was fairly brisk yesterday. The prices paid ranged from four cents and a-half to four cents and three-quarters. Potatoes were selling for twenty-five cents a bushel. Capt. R. McMillan's steamer Elliot is expected here tonight from Sydney. She will load with potatoes for the Boston market.

THE message of President McKinley, presented to both Houses of the United States Congress at the opening of the regular session of the fifty-fifth Congress on Monday last, is a moderate and conservative deliverance. He says much about the war in Cuba and the relations of Spain to that dependency and to the United States, but does not commit himself to the principle of acknowledging the status of insurgent Cuba. On the currency question little comfort is afforded the free silverites. The annexation of Hawaii finds favor with the President. As regards the seal question his Excellency hopes that Canada will be so kind as to leave all the seal killing to be done by the United States lessees of the Pribiloff Islands, which shows that President McKinley possesses the virtue of hope in a very eminent degree.

FROM evidence on record it would appear that the matter of personation in elections is not confined to Centre Toronto and a few other places on this side of the Atlantic. The evil seems to exist to some extent in the old country, as the following from the London Mail indicates: "A gentleman who had come all the way from Cambridge to vote discovered on reaching the polling place that someone had been there before him. There was a very large portion of removed voters registered. This fact, in connection with the circumstances...

THE trouble in Cape Breton. (Antigonish Casket.) If the Casket did not a few years ago, when the question of the Dominion Coal Company's charter was before the public, speak on the subject, it was not for lack of pronounced views upon it. It was, unfortunately, at the time, a party question; and being one in which the interests of religion were not involved, it was one which, in our view of the present, would be inevitable. To-day the people of two of the leading mining towns of Cape Breton are faced to face with the loss of their property for business through the action of the company in closing down two of their important mines. The Premier of the province has entered an emphatic protest against the action, and the press of the country is loud in its condemnation. This condemnation, needless to say, is quite merited, and we can only hope against hope, and we fear—that some party may be found of bringing to the fore of public opinion the bear upon this powerful corporation and preventing it from turning flourishing towns into deserts and robbing hundreds of the savings of a lifetime by one fell stroke of its pen. In laying the blame for the present situation upon men who put in the hands of the company the power to create it, we have no wish to carp at what they did. We recognize that the body which they called into being is and has been very far indeed from being an unmitigated evil. On the contrary, it has done a great deal for the coal industry in Cape Breton. Even now comes the news that it has contracted for the placing of nearly a million tons of Cape Breton coal nearly in Boston. This, if true, is a big item on the credit side of the Dominion Coal company's account with the Cape Breton people, and in that credit the late government of Nova Scotia is entitled to share. That all this cannot offset the company's arbitrary action in the matter referred to, nor compensate for the placing in its hands for a century to possess such absolute control over the property and rights of the people. We have said that the question was at the time a party one; but those who favored the legislation were by no means all of one party. Many of the leading men then in opposition in the province gave their entire support, from motives that, in the light of the methods by which such legislation is generally carried, can only be conjectured. When the secret history of that legislation is written, if it ever is, it will be found to reflect little credit upon the public men of Nova Scotia. In the entire liberal party in the province—there was found but one man—Prof. B. Russell—to protest against the creation of this huge monopoly, and he was in those days only an amateur in politics. We confess our inability to conceive the absence of that spirit, which was safely buried for ninety-nine years as a preliminary to the company's formation. The lesson of the whole case is an obvious one. It has been learned, and we trust it will not soon be forgotten. The dangers of that legislation were as clear to every thoughtful man of unbiased judgement at the time as they were to Prof. Russell, or as they are today. That those whose names were blighted by the danger by their party allegiance. The moral is that a man should never permit that allegiance to close their ears against the voice of reason.

THE Toronto World says that the Centre Toronto election will be a close one. It says: "Firstly, Positive proof is in the hands of the conservatives that the liberals spent \$20,000 in cash in order to carry the riding. It will be interesting to find in what way was made of this money used. Secondly, Organizer Robert Birmingham has information to show that a band of well-known professional 'repeaters' from Buffalo spent yesterday at the City Hotel, in Toronto. Other parties came down from Woodstock and other Ontario towns, and the total number of Grit pluggers in the city is said to be about 300. Thirdly, Warrants are understood to have been favored out at Police headquarters in the apprehension of several of these 'professional gentry.' Barrister John Greer got the police magistrate to issue one warrant on a charge of perjury and personation against a certain man, who is alleged to have voted as G. H. Trewin, of St. Mutual street. The occurrence is located at polling booth No. 10, at 215 Church Street. Detective Cuddy has the warrant in hand. Fourthly, Under the Dominion Election Act a voter may be asked to swear that he received no consideration for his vote. It is reported from a polling booth in St. John's ward that certain men, and a certain man in particular, refused to take the oath. Their action will be inquired into. Fifthly, under the Election Act, non-resident voters must pay their own fares to and from the polling place. It is reported that a few last year's jackets at half price. 87 Gentlemen's Heavy Winter Overcoats and Ulsters in the best styles, some of the latest designs, having been paid for at all. These men came from all parts of the country, some from as far west as Chicago and others from as far east as Halifax. Sixthly, It is asserted that the hiring of carriages to bring in voters will be charged against the Liberals. Seventhly, Another charge mooted is the intimidation of conservative employees in the post office on some inland revenue and other local federal offices, in order to prevent them exercising their franchise. A complete system of espionage was kept up against them all day yesterday. On the strength of the above charges and others, a protest of the election is expected to be entered. The World also says that the deputy returning officers were all rank Grits, and some of Howland ballots were rejected on trivial grounds. It demands a recount as a preliminary to an election protest."

The Fisheries.

At a meeting of the Boston Fish Bureau, held on Friday last, a resolution was adopted to the effect that the bureau and the fish and salt fish trade of Boston petition the president and congress to have a joint commission appointed by the United States and Dominion of Canada to investigate the fisheries and the trade relations between the two countries. This action is the direct outcome of the conditions arising from the organized attempt on the part of Gloucester citizens to divert the fish trade which has hitherto been done in Boston to Gloucester. It is explained, however, that for a long time it has been felt that the fish business and allied industries of the city were not up to the standard they should be. The movement at Gloucester precipitated matters. It has been known, moreover, that the fish business in Boston has been growing less and less profitable, and the main point considered at the meeting Friday was to see what steps could be taken to revive the trade. It is thought that an investigation will suggest the way to bring about the result. On the same day the Gloucester Fish Commission, the body which is to handle the fish business transferred from Boston, held an enthusiastic meeting and the uppermost subject was the fish trade. President Wm. H. Jordan occupied the chair and stated that business would start on Monday, and that every Gloucester vessel would be in the water. In relation to the reported antagonism to the fish trade, the Gloucester men will not do so wildly, but they think they can sell goods just as well as Boston merchants at as good prices, and they will do so whenever they can. Captain Thomas Hodges, who has been to Portland interviewing the trade, said that the dealers there were in hearty sympathy with Gloucester, provided the latter did not go into the barrel trade. Other places promised cooperation.

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Ask to see the 500 yards double width Dress Stuff at 25c. It's a range of Tweed Effects worth from 30c. to 40c.

Good wide Grey Cottons, 36, 46, and 56. English Flannellets, 5c. English Flannellets, 10c. and 12c. usually sold at 14c.

75 Ladies' Tweed and Colored Tweed and Irish Frieze Jackets, New Frocks, New Blouses, with New Sleeves, \$1.75, \$2.25, \$3.35, worth \$4.50, \$5.00.

23 Ladies' Black Beaver Jackets—Only one of a style and only women's sizes, 36in., and 38in. busts.

Bought at 6c. on the \$1.00, made to sell \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$18.00 and \$22.00, will be offered at a price that will make them go.

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15 dozen Wool Cashmere Gloves, best English make, bought direct from the factory from 15c. a pair.

5 boxes Yelling, all the newest spots and colors from 25c. up to 30c.

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1,500 yards All Wool Dress Serge, 36in., 40in., and 44in., also 46in. and 52in., at 23c., 32c., 45c., 55c. and 65c. Social offer in 44in. at 38c.

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5 dozen Kid Gloves, lined, 75c. regular \$1.00, for 50c.

30 dozen Men's Winter Caps, 20 per cent off.

15 dozen Boys' Peak Caps, in Navy, Brown and Drab, ranging in price from 25c. to 60c., 30 per cent.

8 dozen Rob Roy Caps, with feather, 35c. and 50c.

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We are sorry to learn that Messrs. Patrick McIntyre, Duncan McCormack, Philip Stone and Angus McIntyre, intend taking their departure in the early spring, for the "Klondyke gold field."

Our school is progressing favorably under the management of T. C. Lannan.

The Bridge on McLeans' Creek is in a deplorable condition much to the annoyance of the travelling public, as it does but a narrow path, and is in fact, as it is entirely submerged at high water.

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