

THE HERALD

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24th, 1901.

SUBSCRIPTION—\$1.00 A YEAR, PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY JAMES MCISAAC, Editor & Proprietor.

The New Road Act.

Most of the time devoted to public business in the Legislature last week was occupied in discussing the new Road Act. This act is very long and it is impossible in a brief space to do more than touch on its most salient features. By the new act the office of road supervisor is abolished, and so is statute labor. Each county is divided into two road divisions and for each of these divisions an Inspector is to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. The salary of an Inspector shall be a sum not exceeding \$250 per annum. This year the Inspectors shall be appointed on or before the first day of June; but after this year the Inspectors shall be appointed annually on the first Wednesday in January. Each county is divided into road districts, about the same as at present, and the districts to be included in each of the road divisions will be determined by the Government. The districts are also to be subdivided into overseers precincts somewhat as at the present time. In lieu of statute labor or the option of paying commutation money, all male persons between the ages of twenty-one and seventy are to be taxed the sum of seventy-five cents and every horse over three years of age is to be taxed twenty-five cents. Clergymen are the only persons exempt from this tax. The sale of the making and repairing of the roads and culverts in each district is to be let by public tender called for by the Commissioner of Public Works. The contractor, to whom the work shall be let will enter into an agreement with and furnish bonds to the Commissioner of Public Works, and each contractor will be furnished with a road machine for his use during the term of his contract. The work of the contractor shall be under the supervision of the Inspector, on whose certificate the same shall be paid, with the exception of twenty-five per cent of the amount of his contract which he shall receive when he enters into an agreement for the work. The Commissioner of Public Works is not obliged to receive the lowest or any tender, and he may cancel a contract at any time if, in his opinion, there is sufficient reason therefor. The overseers shall be appointed by the Inspectors. These overseers are to report to the Inspectors the condition of the roads and bridges in their respective precincts; they shall also report to the Inspectors in cases in which contractors are not doing their duty under their contracts; but their principal duties are in connection with breaking and keeping open the roads in the winter season. These, in brief, are the leading features of the new road act, as presented by the Government.

The Opposition presented several amendments, or alternative propositions to be substituted for certain portions of the act as brought down by the Government. 1. They accepted the abolition of the Supervisors and the appointment of the Inspectors. 2. They proposed, instead of imposing an indiscriminate tax, to retain the statute labor with certain modifications. They proposed that all male persons between the ages of sixteen and sixty should be liable to statute labor, except clergymen and school teachers. 3. They proposed a rearrangement of the precincts and a lessening of the number of overseers, and also paying the overseers a small amount annually for their time and trouble. They also proposed that the Inspectors should mark off each year the portions of road to be done by the road machine, and otherwise arrange operations so that contract work, the road machine work and the statute labor should not overlap or conflict one with the other. They favored letting all contracts by public competition, and also spending all the commutation money in the precincts in which it is collected. These propositions were all rejected by the Government.

We have given above a brief outline of the Government's new road act and of the alternative propositions of the Opposition. It seems to us that the propositions submitted by the Opposition were most reasonable and such as must commend themselves to unbiased and right-thinking men in every portion of the Province. It remains to be seen how the Government's new act is going to work

and how it will be received by the people. It seems a hardship to remove the option of working statute labor or commuting the same for a money payment. The new act seems also to leave very absolute and arbitrary powers in the hands of the Commissioner of Public Works. At all events, it was not uninteresting to hear the Premier and other members and supporters of the Government acknowledging, when this new act was introduced, that serious abuses had existed in the matter of spending the public money on the roads and bridges. That was well known to the most casual observer for the past eight or nine years; but the Government and their friends would be very sorry to make any such acknowledgment until on the eve of substituting another act, which they hope perhaps to operate with even greater success as a political machine.

Dominion Parliament.

Ottawa, April 20th. IMMIGRATION. Last week closed with a Doubtful debate, in which Mr. Uriah Wilson showed up the vast expenditure on immigration and the undesirable and in every way unsatisfactory return. At this moment 2,000 Italians, who are good for nothing but selling oranges have arrived. The cost of the agencies in the United States alone is \$37,866. The outlay has gone up and is going up at a frightful pace, and without corresponding results. Thus in 1899 the number of immigrants was 44,543, costing \$255,878.88; in 1900 43,697, costing \$434,562.61. Increase in immigrants, 154; increase in cost, \$178,683.73. Each one of the 154 therefore cost the respectable sum of \$1,160.25. They ought to be a silver buckled aristocratic immigrants at over one thousand dollars apiece. This is not the only way Sifton comes high.

OUR MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

There was painful evidence on Monday that the Minister of Agriculture is too small for the job. He commenced by saying there had been no lack of cold storage accommodation, and went on to explain how the lack occurred. He admitted that no arrangements have yet been made for cold storage for poultry in winter. No provision has been made for cold storage for fresh fish for the interior—and the necessity of this was strongly insisted on by Mr. Borden, leader of the opposition. It turned out that butter is the chief product shipped by cold storage.

EXPORTATION OF DRESSED MEAT.

Mr. McGowan, the member for Centre Wellington, pointed out that while Canada has practically nothing to show, the export of dressed beef from the United States had risen from \$15,332,054 in 1891 to \$23,545,185 in 1899, and rose to \$296,428.30 in 1900. How is it as Mr. Borden, the leader of the opposition asked our exports of dressed beef amount to practically nothing, while our exports of cattle are large?

STUFFING THE CENSUS.

Mr. Bennett called attention to the most recently thing which has ever disgraced politics in a free country. A circular sent round as a census paper asking for the number of male residents in each polling sub-division of 16 years and over, "two copies to be prepared for each sub-division and sent to the Liberal Candidate in the last provincial election or to a candidate nominated for the next provincial election." The columns call for "politics," "religious denomination," and "remarks." This circular is said to have originated with that man Preston who has been hovering about here like a vulture. The minister of agriculture denied knowledge of this until he saw it in the public journals. But Blue the Census Commissioner and Preston have been in Conference, and in such a matter the Minister could wink hard.

On Tuesday last, Premier Farquharson announced that the budget speech would be delivered not later than Tuesday of this week. When Tuesday arrived he was obliged to declare that he was not prepared to go on with the financial statement, for reasons that he was not at liberty to give. Consequently the matter was postponed and the Legislative session must be dragged out for an additional indefinite period. Economy of time, any more than economy in financial management, is one of the things of which the Government cannot be accused.

Pressed Hay for Sale.—120 tons best Timothy Hay—C. Lyons & Co.—

Too extensive and exceedingly popular firm of Weeks & Co., are making a splendid display of their immense stock of dry goods just now. The endless variety of goods which they carry on hand compares second to none in the Province in point of quality or quantity. They claim to have the largest dress departments in the city and their goods in this line are imported direct from the manufacturers. In dress goods they have the latest in black grenadines, solis, lustras and fancy figured fabrics. They carry many varieties of beautiful trimmings in all the most up-to-date and popular styles, including braids, applique, fancy taffetas, brocades, Pongee, silks and ribbons. To the rear of the store is a separate compartment entirely reserved as a Mantle Department. Here may be found many varieties of tailor made costumes and skirts and ladies rubber cloaks. Conspicuous among the latter article is the variety known as the "Distingué" make, manufactured in England, and which will be very popular this season. Their Millinery Department is one of the finest to be found in the city, and has just been placed in charge of Miss Hamilton, who recently arrived from Boston, and who is already gaining great favor. This department has been kept so very busy all along that they have found no time for making any special show. The ladies who visit this department will be well pleased. On all sides are to be seen handsome fowlers, chiffons, ties and feathers, tulles, buckles, braids, hats, etc., etc.

In South Africa.

The following is an official statement of Canadians who were killed or died by disease in South Africa up to the return of the Strathcona Horse:

Table with 2 columns: Disease Killed, Total. R. C. Infantry 20 39, R. C. Dragoons 18 7, C. M. Rifles 8 6, R. C. Artillery 8 1, Strathcona Horse 14 12, Artificers 3 —, Total 80 65.

The list of officers accorded promotions and honors for their services in South Africa prior to November 20, 1900, when Lord Roberts gave up the command of British forces in South Africa, fill sixteen pages of the Gazette. Lord Kitchener, General Buller, General Forester-Walker and General White are made knights of the grand cross of St. Michael and St. George, General Kelly-Kenny, General Sir Archibald Hunter, General Lytleton and General Kitchener, brother of Lord Kitchener, are made lieutenant generals.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

A BREEZY ITEM.

The Canary Islands were swept by a cyclone on Monday, killing twelve persons and doing great damage to property.

"FIGHTING MAC" GETS NEW COMMAND.

General Hector MacDonald, who succeeded General Wauchops as Commander of the Highland Brigade in South Africa, has just received an appointment to an important command on the Afghan frontier.

KING TO WITNESS TRIALS.

It is expected that King Edward will witness the first trial races between the two Shamrocks at the Isle of Wight from Sir Thomas Lipton's steam yacht Erin. Wm. Fife, jr., designer of Shamrock I, will direct his yacht during the trials, and Mr. Watson will direct Shamrock II.

THE KING'S CORONATION.

The coronation of King Edward will take place at the end of June, 1902, in Westminster Abbey. According to London Truth the Abbey will be entirely closed to the public for four months prior to the event and all the services will be suspended in order to prepare the interior for the ceremony.

IRISH BEEF FOR SOLDIERS.

At a meeting of the Irish cattle traders association in Dublin on Friday, the president of the association announced that he had ascertained on good authority that the war office had decided that in future troops stationed in Ireland should be supplied with Irish meat only, instead of foreign, thus removing a substantial Irish grievance.

THE STORM FIEND.

A Springfield Mass despatch of the 21st says:—The dam at Middlefield, thirty miles west of here, gave way this afternoon. Several small houses were washed away and the people driven to the hills. No lives were lost. Boston and Albany tracks were washed away and no trains will be running for two days at least. Wires are down and it is difficult to obtain particulars.

BRITAIN'S WAR LOAN.

A London despatch of the 23rd says:—It is estimated in financial circles that thirty million pounds of the new loan offered to the public has already been covered five times and the subscription list will probably close tomorrow. The premium on the new issue went up to 15 and 16 and afterwards fell to 14 per cent.

SHAMROCK II. LAUNCHED.

Shamrock II, was successfully launched Saturday afternoon in the presence of a big crowd. Lady Dufferin christened the new boat. Lady Dufferin christened the boat at the finest ever built in England. Sir Thomas Lipton, when asked what he thought of his new boat, replied: "I can only tell you what Mr. John Henderson, who built the Meteor, Thisle and Valkyria, remarked after close inspection, 'She is the finest yacht ever built on this side of the Atlantic.' I can see nothing in the way of resistance. She is a marvel. This opinion is shared by other experts who have seen the Shamrock II." James Gordon Bennett, editor of the New York Herald, declares that if the Shamrock wins he will be the first challenger. Capt. Hogarth and Capt. Jameson pronounce her the finest yacht ever built in England and the general appearance of the craft has greatly increased the public confidence in the new challenger.

TOO MUCH INFORMATION.

Says a New York despatch of the 21st:—The \$10,000 reward offered by Rev. Father Mullin, of the church of the Sacred Heart, Highbridge, for the return of the lost Willie McCormick to his parents and the arrest of his kidnapers was withdrawn by the priest today. Father Mullin said he had been compelled to take this action to escape a horde of mountebanks and fakirs of every sort and cranks of all degrees who have besieged him since he posted the money. I have had no time whatever for the performance of my sacred duties since I offered the reward," said Father Mullin. I have letters from all over the country, and there have awaited me daily scores of persons pretending to know something of the lost lad. I have withdrawn the reward temporarily as I have work that must be attended to. My offer has been for four days and has produced no result but infinite annoyance to me. If there comes any news of the boy within the next week that appears to give hope I will at once renew my offer and increase the amount to any sum that will produce this result; the capture of the kidnapper and the return of the boy.

DIED.

At St. Mark's, on the 18th inst., Mary, relict of the late Eugene McCarthy, in the 80th year of her age. R. I. P. At St. George's, on the 18th inst., Michael McAulay. He was born at Georgetown, Rhode Island, in the year 1816. He was of a cheerful disposition, kind and charitable, and was ever ready to help those in trouble. As an officer in both church and state he acquitted himself in a becoming manner, redoubting credit on himself and giving satisfaction to all. He was one of the good old people who are fast passing to their reward. R. I. P.

At Little Pond, on the 18th inst., after a period of broken health of three years of bronchitis, which terminated in consumption, Sarah McDonald, relict of the late John J. McDonald, in the 41st year of her age. Fortified by the rites of the Catholic Church and comforted by the frequent visits of the pastor, Rev. D. J. G. McDonald. Her family of six children are with their uncle and grandmother, who will provide for them. May her soul rest in peace.

At Kestib, on the 12th inst., Benoit Dorien, son of Celestin Dorien. Deceased was a young man possessed of brilliant talents and a character without reproach. He passed the entrance examinations to Prince of Wales College when 14 years old and after a year and a half at College, he was successful in the first class license examinations. He taught at Leoville and was principal of the St. Chrysostom's School when ill health obliged him to resign. May his soul rest in peace.

At Grand Tracadie, on the 8th inst., after a lingering illness, Donald R. McDonald, in the 69th year of his age. Deceased was a man possessed of many noble Christian qualities, was much esteemed in the community in which he lived, and his death is deeply mourned. He bore his painful illness with Christian patience and resignation. He devoutly received the last Sacraments and was strengthened in his final moments by all the rites of his holy religion. His interment took place at St. Michael's, Corran Bay, on the 11th. The funeral was largely attended. A High Mass of Requiem was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. P. D. McGuigan, after which his mortal remains were interred in the adjoining cemetery. May his soul rest in peace.

North British and Mercantile INSURANCE COMPANY.

ASSETS - - SEVENTY MILLION DOLLARS. The strongest Fire Insurance Company in the world. This Company has done business on the Island for forty years, and is well known for prompt and liberal settlement of its losses.

P. E. I. Agency, Charlottetown.

HYNDMAN & CO.

Queen St., Dec. 21, 1898. Agents.

HOW IS THIS?

Ladies' Hockey Boots with straps, warm lined, worth \$2.85; now \$1.25; now is your chance to secure a bargain; cost us far more money; want to clear them out. Headquarters for Ladies' Gaiters. We have them as low as 20 cents a pair.

A. E. McRACHEN, THE SHOE MAN.

FIRE INSURANCE, LIFE INSURANCE.

The Royal Insurance Co. of Liverpool, The Sun Fire office of London, The Phenix Insurance Co. of Brooklyn, The Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York.

Combined Assets of above Companies, \$300,000,000.

Lowest Rates, Prompt Settlements.

JOHN McRACHEN, Agent.

The appliances for fighting fire were inadequate and the flames were not extinguished until 2 a. m. It is reported that a German sentry perished. Count Von Waldersee is suffering considerably from shock. Some of the London papers publish a statement that Russia has offered to reduce her indemnity claim to \$10,000,000 on condition that China signs the Manchurian convention and grants further concessions in connection with the Siberian railroad. A Peking despatch of the 22nd says: Brigadier General Reid, commander of the third brigade of the Indian Imperial service troops in China, who is now at San Hai Kawu, sent a company of the Punjab infantry to disperse a band of robbers in the neighborhood of Fu Ning. A force of Boxers and robbers a thousand strong attacked the Indian troops, killing Major Browning and one Scapoy and wounding others. The company retreated to Fu Ning. Reinforcements have been sent from Hai Kwan. The Boxers are apparently well armed with modern rifles.

STANLEY BROS. New Store

To all who intend visiting the city on the days of the Merchants Excursion, Stanley Bros., proprietors of the Always Busy Store, invite your inspection of their magnificent new stock, arranged in the lightest, brightest and most up-to-date store in the provinces.

Dress Goods.

There has never been a finer collection of Dress Goods shown in this city, than we are displaying right now at PRICES CHEAPER THAN EVER.

Black Cashmeres.

39c, 42c, 50c, 55c, 65c, 75c per yard.

Black Serges.

30c, 40c, 48c, 65c per yard.

Plain and Fancy Black Lustras.

22c, 25c, 28c, 35c, and 45c per yard.

Colored Goods.

150 yards fancy tweed effects 40 inches wide, only 14c per yard. 200 yards 40 inch Dress Goods in Navy, Royal Blue, Green and Purple, only 16c per yard.

All wool Serges in Green, Brown, Navy and Black 30c per yard.

All the Newest makes in plain and fancy effects. Tweeds etc. 36c, to \$1.60 per yard.

Print Cottons.

1500 yards fine quality prints 36 inches wide, fast colors, 9c per yard. 1500 yards best quality 32 inches prints, special price 12c per yard. COLORED DUCKS 12c per yard.

Millinery.

We have one of the finest displays of millinery in the city. Every good style that is fashionable in Hats finds a place here, and you buy them for a little less than elsewhere. Everything in the way of Millinery Trimmings, Flowers, Feathers, Chiffons, Buckles, etc., in end less assortment, and our Miss Dalton will trim to exactly suit you or no sale.

Corsets.

Corsets that fit the figure, that's the kind we sell, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 per pair.

Shirt Waists.

There are fifty different styles of Shirt Waists here to-day. Every good and tasteful style that is in the market you can find in our splendid assortment, 50c, 65c, 75c, 85c and \$1.00 and up.

Ladies' Undervests.

6c, 8c, 10c, 12c and 15c each.

Ladies' Wrappers.

Are here in all sizes, in dark and light colors, at prices you will like to pay, 85c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 each.

Oxford Sheetings.

Made in England and guaranteed to wear well, better value than you have ever seen 8c, 10 and 12c per yard.

Striped Flannelettes.

5c, 6c, 8c and 10c per yard.

Table Linens.

There are especially good values in our linen department. We will just mention two, heavy cream damask 58 inches wide—note the width and price—only 20c per yard. Extra heavy and fine, 58 inches wide 36c per yard.

Pure Linen Towellings.

6c, 8c and 10c per yard.

Colored Curtain Muslins.

Dainty, pretty and fast colors, wide widths 8c, 10c and 14c per yard.

Advertisement for Stanley Bros. New Store, DRY GOODS, To all who intend visiting the city on the days of the Merchants Excursion, Stanley Bros., proprietors of the Always Busy Store, invite your inspection of their magnificent new stock, arranged in the lightest, brightest and most up-to-date store in the provinces.

Advertisement for Stanley Bros. listing various goods like Dress Goods, Print Cottons, Ladies' Undervests, Ladies' Wrappers, Oxford Sheetings, Striped Flannelettes, Table Linens, Pure Linen Towellings, and Colored Curtain Muslins.

STANLEY BROS.

EPPS'S COCOA

GRATEFUL COMFORTING Distinguished everywhere for Delicacy of Flavor, Superior Quality and highly Nutritive Properties. Specially grateful and comforting to the nervous and dyspeptic. Sold only in quarter lb. tins, labeled JAMES EPPS & CO., Homoeopathic Chemists, London, England.

Epps's Cocoa

Oct. 24, 1900—301

Lime! Lime!

We can supply any quantity of BEST ROACH LIME Newly burnt at Kilns from this date.

C. Lyons & Co

April 24—21

Mortgage Sale.

To be sold by public Auction, in front of the Law Court Building, in Charlottetown, in Queen's County, on Thursday, the second day of May, A. D. 1901, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, under and by virtue of power of sale contained in an indenture of mortgage bearing date the twenty-fifth day of January, A. D. 1898, and made between John Daniel McDonald, of Fox River, Lot Forty-two, in King's County, in Prince Edward Island, and Flora Jane McDonald, his wife, of the one part, and Edward Bayfield, of Charlottetown, Executor of the will of Mrs. Hobbs, and which said mortgage has been assigned to the undersigned. All that tract, piece or parcel of land situated lying and being on Lot Forty-two, in King's County, in the said Island, bounded as follows, that is to say: Commencing at the North-west angle of and in possession of Angus McDonald, on the bank or shore of the North-west angle of and in possession of the magnetic north of the year 1794, south two degrees fifteen minutes east three hundred and one chains; thence north seventy-seven degrees west six chains and thirteen links; thence north two degrees fifteen minutes west to the sea shore; thence along the shore to the place of commencement, containing 900 square rods of land, a little more or less, as described in a deed of conveyance from the Commissioners of Public Lands to John McDonald, dated the twenty-sixth day of July, A. D. 1888.

HOW IS THIS?

Ladies' Hockey Boots with straps, warm lined, worth \$2.85; now \$1.25; now is your chance to secure a bargain; cost us far more money; want to clear them out. Headquarters for Ladies' Gaiters. We have them as low as 20 cents a pair.

A. E. McRACHEN, THE SHOE MAN.

FIRE INSURANCE, LIFE INSURANCE.

The Royal Insurance Co. of Liverpool, The Sun Fire office of London, The Phenix Insurance Co. of Brooklyn, The Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York.

Combined Assets of above Companies, \$300,000,000.

Lowest Rates, Prompt Settlements.

JOHN McRACHEN, Agent.

Advertisement for A.L. Fraser, B.A. Attorney-at-Law, SOURIS, P. E. ISLAND, MONEY TO LOAN. A. A. McLEAN, L. B., O.C., Barrister, Solicitor, Notary, BROWN'S BLOCK, MONEY TO LOAN.

Advertisement for F. PERKINS & CO., Highest Price in Cash or Trade paid for WOOL! We want about 100,000 lbs. this spring. The Wool season will soon be here, and we wish to inform the farmers of Prince Edward Island that we will pay the highest price in cash or trade for 100,000 lbs. of Wool. SEEDS! SEEDS! Spring is here again and you will want the usual supply of seeds. Don't forget when in town to call and get our prices; you will find them as low as the lowest. We carry a large stock of the following seeds: WHEAT—W. Russian and Fife. Timothy, Clovers, Peas, Corn, Vetches, Oats, Barley, Turnip, Mangles, Carrots, Parsnips, Cabbage, etc., also a full line of Garden and Flower Seeds. RELIABLE GROCERIES As in the past you will find our stock of Groceries complete and of the best quality. We guarantee satisfaction. "EUREKA" BLEND TEA If you have never tried this Tea it will pay you to do so; our sales on it are increasing every month. It is one of the best teas sold at 25c. per lb in this Province. FOR HOUSE CLEANING We have a full supply of Whiting, Pearline, Gold Dust, Glue, Soaps, Brushes, Brooms, etc. FREE DELIVERY.—Telephone No. 28. R. F. MADDIGAN & Co Lower Queen St., Charlottetown.