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Legislative Assembly.

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West Land Regulation

The sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, who was at the commencement of the present war, and who has since continued to be a British subject or a subject of an allied or neutral country, may be considered a qualified person for the purpose of the Dominion Land Act, and such person may be considered a qualified person for the purpose of the Dominion Land Act, and such person may be considered a qualified person for the purpose of the Dominion Land Act.

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39. So soon as the Committee has reported any Bill, such Bill together with any amendments that may be suggested by the Committee, shall be printed at the expense of the parties who are sponsors for such Bill and printed copies thereof delivered to the members before the second reading if deemed necessary by the Committee.

40. No Bill for the particular interest of any person or persons, Corporation or Corporations, or body or bodies of people, shall be read a second time until all fees be paid for the same into the hands of the Clerk of the House.

41. No Bill having for its object the vesting in or conferring upon any person or persons, Municipality or Body corporate, the title to any tract of land shall be received or read in the House unless at least four weeks notice containing a full description of the land in question has been published in the Royal Gazette and one other newspaper in this Province of the intention of such person or persons, Municipality or Body Corporate, to apply for such Bill.

H. E. DAWSON,
Clerk Legislative Assembly,
November 27, 1918.

Mail Contract

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, the 3rd January, 1919, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails on a proposed Contract for four years, six times per week over rural mail route No. 2 from Kensington, P. E. Island, from the Postmaster General's pleasure.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Offices of Kensington, French River, Long River and at the office of the Post Office Inspector.

JOHN F. WHEAR,
Post Office Inspector,
Post Office Inspector's Office,
Charlottetown, Nov. 22, 1918.

Mail Contract

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, the 3rd January, 1919, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mail on a proposed contract for four years, six times per week, over rural mail route No. 3 from Alberton, P. E. Island, from the Postmaster General's pleasure.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Alberton and at the office of the Post Office Inspector.

JOHN F. WHEAR,
Post Office Inspector,
Post Office Inspector's Office,
Charlottetown, Nov. 22, 1918.

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SEALED Tenders, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, the 27th December, 1918, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years, six times per week over Rural Mail route No. 1, from Newton Cross, P. E. Island, from the 1st January next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Newton Cross, P. E. Island, and at the office of the Post Office Inspector.

JOHN F. WHEAR,
Post Office Inspector,
Post Office Inspector's Office,
Charlottetown, 6th June, 1918.

JOHN F. WHEAR,
Post Office Inspector,
Post Office Inspector's Office,
Charlottetown, 14th Nov. 1918.

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Post Office Inspector's Office,
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Look! Read! Realize!



We cater to the men's trade, and no other. If you were sick you wouldn't call to see a Tailor, or a Blacksmith, about the condition of your health. Of course not; you would call to see a Doctor!

If you wanted a Suit or an Overcoat you would go to see a Doctor, or a Shoemaker? Not at all. You would go to see a First Class Tailor.

WELL, there's where we shine!

We study the business. We know what suits a young man, we know what suits a middle-aged man, and we know what suits the old gentleman, both in good and bad style. It does not make any difference whether you want your clothes Ready-to-Wear, or Made-to-Order. We are equally in a position to suit you. We do not let a suit or overcoat leave our establishment until it suits and fits the man who is buying. Our prices are always right when you take the quality into consideration.

Do not forget that we are sole agents for the famous W. H. Leishman & Co. Wholesale Custom Tailors. We have an elegant stock of Overcoats to show you at the present time.

Overcoats, Made-to-Order-from... \$30.00 to \$48.00

Overcoats, Ready-to-Wear..... \$15.00 to \$36.00

Success Is a Habit

Our habits make us. We are creatures of habit. Whether we are a success or a failure is a question of how we do things without thinking. To Save is the only way to Success.

Gloves

We have just the kind of Gloves you need, lined and unlined. Also Wool Gloves for this time of year. Suedes and Tans—both combination. Price..... \$1.00 to \$2.00

Underwear

Come and get your Underwear before it is all sold. We have all kinds—two-piece and light and heavy weight. Prices per suit \$1.90 to \$5.50

MacLELLAN BROS.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

Prince Edward Island.

Time Table in Effect September 21st, 1918

ATLANTIC STANDARD TIME.					
Trains Outward, Read Down.			Trains Inward, Read Up.		
P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.
3:14	12:30	8:15	Dep. Charlottetown	Arr. 7:15	11:55
2:30	2:03	7:15	Dep. Hunter River	Arr. 6:10	10:45
5:02	3:00	7:45	Dep. Emerald Junction	Arr. 5:35	10:04
6:35		8:45	Dep. Borden	Arr. 4:30	
P.M.	P.M.	A.M.		A.M.	P.M.
4:30		6:30	Dep. Borden	Arr. 8:45	6:35
5:20	3:15	8:00	Dep. Emerald Junction	Arr. 8:05	10:04
5:53	4:00	8:47	Dep. Hunter River	Arr. 7:05	9:31
6:25	4:35	9:35	Dep. Summerside	Arr. 6:30	9:00
P.M.	A.M.			A.M.	P.M.
6:4	11:30	Dep. Summerside	Arr. 8:40	2:05	
7:4	1:21	Dep. Port Hill	Arr. 7:44	12:21	
8:3	2:55	Dep. O'Leary	Arr. 6:55	11:01	
9:1	3:38	Dep. Alberton	Arr. 6:55	9:42	
9:55	4:55	Dep. Tignish	Arr. 5:55	8:40	
A.M.	P.M.			A.M.	P.M.
6:45	2:50	Dep. Charlottetown	Arr. 9:50	5:50	
8:15	4:15	Dep. Mount Stewart	Arr. 8:35	4:15	
8:42	5:12	Dep. St. John's	Arr. 8:07	3:17	
9:42	6:05	Dep. St. John's	Arr. 7:45	2:40	
11:15	6:05	Dep. St. John's	Arr. 6:45	1:15	
P.M.	A.M.			A.M.	P.M.
7:20	8:30	Dep. Mount Stewart	Arr. 8:35	3:55	
4:15	8:50	Dep. Cardigan	Arr. 7:37	2:39	
5:04	10:00	Dep. Montague	Arr. 7:18	2:10	
5:25	10:40	Dep. Georgetown	Arr. 6:35	1:00	
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Except as noted, all the above Trains run Daily, Sunday excepted.

H. H. MELANSON,
Passenger Traffic Manager,
Moncton, N.B.

W. T. HUGGAN,
District Passenger Agent,
Charlottetown, P.E.I.

ADVERTISE IN THE HERALD

War Saving Plan.

Canada is adopting a system of war saving stamps, a plan which has been wonderfully successful in the United States and elsewhere, and while in detail this new scheme differs from that of the United States, still the principle is the same, and should do much to inculcate the habit of saving money among our people.

The war savings stamp is a plan whereby any person can save small savings to the government at a rate of interest not less than four and one-half per cent, compounded yearly. This is done by purchasing war savings stamps and thrift stamps. The former stamps cost between four dollars and four dollars and eleven cents during 1919, depending on the month in which they may be purchased, and for these the government will pay five dollars on January 1, 1924. The thrift stamp costs twenty-five cents, is used to be applied in payment of a war saving stamp and does not earn interest. Its purpose is to enable the people to accumulate in small sums the amount necessary for the purchase of a war savings stamp.

Either of these stamps can be purchased at the post office, any bank or other authorized agency and should be purchased by anyone with twenty-five cents or four dollars to spare, for every dollar loaned to the federal government provides for the better comfort of our men overseas and the prosperity of our people at home.

Anyone desiring to save in this way should first of all go to a post office or a bank, or other place where stamps are sold, where, as designated, hand in four dollars, and receive a war savings certificate. The latter is a small folder with ten spaces in which war savings stamps may be affixed. This certificate becomes a government liability as soon as a war savings stamp is affixed to it. A certificate cannot be secured without purchase of a stamp. The certificate itself costs nothing, but the agent from whom the purchase of the stamp is made will write your name and address on the certificate and furnish you with an envelope in which to keep it. In making this payment of four dollars and receiving a certificate you become a war saver. Continue to buy war saving stamps every month, or if possible every week, put them in your certificate until all of the ten spaces have been filled. This will mean that you have bought forty dollars worth of war savings stamps the Government will on January first, 1924, pay you the sum of fifty dollars.

In the case of thrift stamps the procedure is much the same. If you have only twenty-five cents, go to the post office, bank or elsewhere, and get a thrift card on payment of twenty-five cents. To this card attach your first thrift stamp, as you accumulate them, so that when these spaces are filled your card will represent forty dollars. Thrift stamps do not earn interest, but are merely a convenience for persons who can afford to put away only a few cents at a time. In this way they are enabled to purchase war savings stamps, which do bear interest. When your thrift card is filled exchange it at any of the agencies for a war savings stamp.

The certificate may be registered at any post office so that you can receive payment in cash when the certificate is cashed, but in this case each stamp must be registered.

Get this thing clearly: There are two kinds of stamps—war savings stamps and thrift stamps. The war savings stamps and thrift stamps are sold in places on the thrift card are filled. You exchange the entire card for a savings stamp of the value of four dollars. The thrift stamps do not bear interest. War savings stamps do. A war savings certificate has ten spaces to be filled with war savings stamps of the value of four dollars each, representing a total of forty dollars, for which the government will pay you on January first, 1924, the sum of fifty dollars. There is a slight difference in the amount to be paid for a war savings stamp, purchased in January, 1919, the amount is four dollars, if in December, 1919, the amount is four dollars and eleven cents. This additional charge of one cent per month represents the interest earned on the stamp coming into your possession, and to which interest you are not entitled.

If you desire to cash your war savings stamps before the date of maturity, take your certificate to a money order office and it will be redeemed according to the amount indicated in the table printed on the certificate. A thrift card on the other hand cannot be surrendered for cash, but must be filled to the value of a war savings stamp which in turn may be surrendered for cash. These war savings stamps will earn interest about three per cent rendered during the first or second year.

Here is a chance for every boy and girl and every man and woman in the Province to save. There is not a boy or girl or man or woman who has not twenty-five cents to spare or some time or other, and while might in this way be saved, and before very long the habit of thrift so practiced will mean that everyone will have a bank account and the government will be in the enjoyment of sufficient funds to carry on important work which will be necessary to the prosperity of the country during the next few years.

Home Is What We Make It.

A man may own a handsome and well furnished residence and yet may not possess a home—that is, a home in its best and purest sense, where domestic felicity reigns supreme for only amid such surroundings can we find the happy home.

So understood, there is no sweeter word in the language than "home," and one has realized, "Few words lie nearer the heart than the word home." To those of us who were trained in good homes, how deep, how heartfelt is the pity we feel for those who were deprived of that moral and social stimulus that is the concomitant of the happy home!

"Where is your home?" a little boy was asked by an acquaintance. "Where mother is," the little fellow replied, as he looked lovingly across at her.

The little boy's philosophy would be endorsed by many of our people. Undoubtedly the mother of a family, the mistress of the house, has much to do with the tone or quality of home life. The author of "The Chronicle of the Suburban Cottages" says, "Of our mother I cannot think of anything to say. She is just the mother—our own dear mother, loving and kind."

As background to the scene is a line of dark green forest, in which are conspicuous, by reason of their white bark, the towering cypress trees, contrasting in their massive girth with the tall, slender palms, whose straight trunks when felled, give, unvarying, as ready-made pillars to the church; and in the far distance are Ruwenzori foothills—blue-green, with purple blotches cast by the clouds that almost perpetually shroud that giant's hoary head, which, only once in a day is bared to the rosy light of the setting sun—a vision of beauty which once seen is never forgotten.

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HAD PIMPLES ALL OVER HIS BODY.

The nasty, itchy little pimples that break out on the face and other parts of the body are usually little irritations reminding that the blood is out of order and requires purifying.

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The Peace Conference

Right Honorable Mr. J. Balfour, Foreign Secretary of Great Britain, interviewed by a score of American correspondents on the 15th inst. gave expression to some very important ideas regarding the League of Nations, 'Freedom of the Seas,' and other questions...

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Local and Other Items

Preliminary meeting of the Peace Congress will be held at the Hotel de Ville...

Rev. Father Donohoe, of the Holy Trinity, has accompanied by his former home the remains of his brother...

Of the Canadian soldiers returning from Europe, who arrived at Halifax on Saturday...

The great steamer Olympic, of the White Star Line, arrived at Halifax on Saturday...

Mr. Stephen Brown of York bought from Mr. Book Grant Bangor, the other day two lambs...

The S. S. Stanley arrived here last Sunday night at 10 o'clock and left Monday morning at 11.30...

The polling in the general election for the British House of Commons took place on Saturday last...

Advices from London state that Rev. C. A. Fallon has been awarded the Military Cross...

The great steamer Carinthian, of the C. P. R. Line, 7,382 tons gross register...

Legislative Assembly

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Our Ride in The Moonlight.

(Written for The Catholic Bulletin by Nina)

Come, Helen and Joseph, oh, come for a ride. How we're going, you can't guess if you tried; Not in those autos that run around town. But in a real chariot of thistle-down. One on each side of me—that is the way. Hurrah! Hurrah! for our holiday. Oh! let us call it our "holinight," For we shall go when the moon is bright. Now on the ground—and now in the sky, Up over the tree tops, see how we fly! Now we shall stop for a little rest— What do we find? Oh, the robin's nest! This is the tree where the tiny birds grew; Let's shake the branches and wash in the dew. Say, aren't you hungry?—So hungry am I; We'll find something to eat—by and by. Oh, this is the place where the honey bees roam, Let's go and see if there's any one home; I hope they'll give us some honey and bread. In a little while the table is spread, With honey, rose petals and apples so sweet, And all the dainties one could think of to eat. We must say goodbye to our friends the bees, To fly over honeysups and over the trees. Over the meadow and over the town, In our white chariot of thistle down; And we'll not tell what we've seen or heard, But be like the owl—who is such a wise bird. And back into our beds we'll creep— When morning comes we'll be fast asleep. Back home again!—still asleep is the sun, Helen and Joseph, oh! I wasn't it fun?

Why The Fish Laughed

Long time ago there was a hungry queen. Oh, of course she wasn't so poor that she was obliged to go hungry, queens seldom are, you know, and her husband hadn't shut her up on bread and milk because she answered him impudently; no, sir, her husband-king wasn't that kind of a man at all. In fact, her Majesty wasn't generally hungry in the least. She was just hungry in particular—hungry for fish. And just as she was sadly thinking how life wouldn't be worth living five minutes more without a dish of fish, down the street she heard a very happy sound indeed "F-r-e-e-h fish," a voice was crying "F-r-e-e-h fish." Her Majesty ran to the window, and waved at the fish-woman, who, bobbing and bowing with delight to be noticed by so important a customer, had paused under the window. There was a beautiful big trout lying in the bottom of the fish-woman's basket. "How much does it weigh, my good woman," said the Queen, "and how much will you sell it for?" And, imagine, as the Queen's greedy eyes rested on the fish, the creature suddenly curled itself up with mirth, and laughed and laughed and laughed. The Queen's face turned royal purple with rage. Bang, went the palace window. And the poor fish-woman humiliated and grief-stricken, went away weeping, while the fish in her basket laughed itself to death; and the Queen fumed off to tell her husband-king. And the King was eighty-five times as mad as the Queen, when he heard that the Queen was mere and utter trout at that—had LAUGHED at his Queen. He roared. Then all the court gathered in the throne room at once. They

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always gathered when the King was mad; and they always knew when he was mad, because his brows beetled so. Moreover, they sent a secret message to Grand Vizier when they saw how outrageously the King's brows were beeting this time, which said: "Beware! The King is extra hot under his royal collar."

So the Grand Vizier, instead of coming into the courtroom as usual, executed waltz steps the length of the throne room, just to prove to the beeting King that he wasn't frightened in the least. "Stop that silly whirling," howled the King. "Why did the fish laugh?"

"Why-wh-why did the fish laugh," floundered the poor Grand Vizier. "Oh, I see, ha, ha, oh, ha, ha, oh, ha, ha!" For the thought that it was one of the King's very poor jokes, and he always pretended that he saw a point in them.

"You see, do you?" bellowed the King, madder than ever. "Well then you will tell the court why, or I'll have your head off before the month is out."

The poor Grand Vizier wrung his hands in terror, for he knew that he had blundered. Also he made several low salaams, and backed towards the door.

"I shall tell you, your Majesty," he said at the end of a month, and he fled. The court fled after him. Everybody began telling him all at once how the fish had laughed at the Queen. "Actually!" said the court. "Laughed! And you will have to find out why."

Of course, this did not add to the peace of mind of the poor Grand Vizier. He fluttered about this way and that way. He looked under all the beds in the palace, even inspected all the royal frying pans in the kitchen. But somehow or other he couldn't seem to discover the reason.

When three weeks were up, he returned to his home, kissed his wife, and made his will. Then he said to his son: "Dear son—after my own heart and heir-to-an-unfortunate-father, you had better go on your travels until the wrath of the king has cooled, for next week I shall be beheaded for not having discovered why the trout laughed at the Queen."

The Grand Viziers son kissed his father on both cheeks, cried on his mother's shoulder, and departed.

"I hate to go," he said, "but my health demands it." At the start of his second day's journey, he met an old farmer, whose appearance pleased him exceedingly, and so he persuaded the farmer to travel with him. When they had walked a while they came to a field of high corn. The Grand Viziers son looked at the field, and saw that it would be hard walking.

"I say old friend," he suggested to the farmer, "hadn't we better carry each other? It will make travelling easier." The old farmer looked at the youth, and thought that he must be a mad man. But he had heard that arguing with a crazy man only makes him crazier, and so he said nothing. The pair walked along in silence until they had passed through the cornfield and come to a swiftly flowing stream. Then the Grand Vizier's son pulled his knife out of his pocket, and handing it to the farmer, said:

"By the carpet of the stream he meant the soles of your boots, which protect your feet from the stones, father; and if you did not leave your boots on when you crossed the stream, you were many times more foolish than he."

"All that you say sounds sensible to me," said her father. "But how can you prove that the boy really is so clever as you say, and not a madman?" "Very easily," replied the daughter. "I will show you that, when he wanted to know whether or not the beam of your house was strong, he wished to ask if you could afford to entertain him."

The girl called a servant, and gave him jars of milk and honey as gifts for the stranger. "Go, she said, 'to the youth who waits by the stream. Give him these gifts and say: 'The moon is full, there are twelve

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"Ah," said the youth, "that should love to do, but is the beam of your dwelling strong?" "Madman!" thought the old farmer. "What shall I answer him?" Then he said aloud: "I have every reason to believe that it is strong, but suppose I go home ahead of you and send you word?" for he thought to himself that he should not like to take a crazy man into his home, if his daughter objected.

"Very well," said the boy. "I will wait here until you send a messenger. But don't mind telling me if the beam is weak."

With that the farmer ran all the way home, embraced his very beautiful daughter, and said: "I have a travelling companion with me whom I should like to bring here for the night. He is a good fellow but, unfortunately, he is crazy. Just now he asked me if the beam of my house was strong."

"Why, father," said the girl, "he is not crazy at all. What he meant by asking for the beam of your house was that he wished to know whether or not you could afford to entertain him."

"Eh?" said the old farmer. "Why, I believe the child's right! But he said many other queer things."

"The boy is undoubtedly clever, father," said the girl, "and you failed to understand him. Tell me what else he said."

"Then her father told her how, at the start of the journey, the youth had suggested that they carry each other through the cornfield to make travelling easier."

"That was a very sensible thing indeed, father," said his daughter. "By carrying one another he meant that you should tell one another tales to shorten the journey."

"That sounds sensible enough," said her father. "But then he gave me his knife and told me to get him two horses. Wasn't that a madman's saying?"

"Not a bit of it," replied the girl. "By horses he meant stout sticks, which help to carry one on a journey."

"And then," said the old man, "the silly boy walked through the water with his boots on, and said that we should leave the carpet at the bottom of the stream as we crossed over."

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