

THE HERALD

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1896.

ALL matter for publication in the HERALD should be in this office by noon on Tuesday.

Our readers will not forget that we are not a newspaper in our own office in the building occupied as a store by the late Owen Connolly, Esq., where we are prepared to accept with the greatest despatch all kinds of Job Printing.

OUR AGENTS

Our agent, Mr. Landman, will, within the next few days, visit the following places in the interests of the Herald: St. Mary's Road, Sturgeon, Gaspeaux, Montserrat and vicinity.

CANADA'S COMMERCIAL INTERESTS.

The paragraph in the Governor-General's Speech, at the opening of the present session of the Dominion Parliament, relating to the subsidizing of a line of fast steamers on the Atlantic, intended to connect with the Canadian Pacific Railway at a Canadian port, gives the key-note of the people of the Dominion.

It is interesting to note certain facts and figures relative to mail subsidies and bonuses given by different Governments in aid of their merchant marine. These matters were brought to public notice at the annual meeting of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, held in Boston on the 31st ult.

EXAMINATION AT ST. DUNSTON'S COLLEGE.

The semi-annual examination of the classes of St. Dunstan's College was held on the 30th and 31st of January. Among those present were His Excellency the Governor-General, Mr. C. McLean, P. C., Mr. J. McDonald, Mr. D. Montgomery, Superintendent of Education, Mr. E. Roche, Legislative Librarian.

The operations of the Nova Scotia Sugar Refining Company last year were generally satisfactory. The total receipts were \$1,200,000, and dividends and bonuses were declared to the extent of \$2 per cent.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Supreme Court of Canada gave judgment on the 4th inst. in favor of R. Lafamme, in the libel suit against the Mail Printing Co., reducing the amount, however, from \$10,000 to \$2000.

The value of Nova Scotia's fish harvest last year was \$7,177,000, a decrease of \$662,000, compared with the previous year. The mackerel catch was 50 per cent below that of the previous year.

The Dominion Government has decided to renew the contract with the P. E. Island Steam Navigation Co., for carrying mail between the Island and the mainland, at \$4,000 per year.

The Canadian Pacific Telegraph Line from St. John, N. B., to Vancouver, B. C., Montreal, was completed a few days ago, and communication established between these two points.

The public revenues of the Dominion for the first seven months of the fiscal year, shows an increase of \$1,800,000 over the corresponding period last year.

Our Opposition friends tell us that the recent election in Haldimand, Ont., was won on the question of unrestricted reciprocity with the United States.

Reports from all parts of the riding indicate that the present agitation for reciprocity was practically in the Indian division voters were openly offered \$25 a vote.

Mr. J. H. Thompson, in reply to the regulations of last year was to some extent disappointed, as he had not been yet to be settled, and he was glad to hear Mr. Perry's views concerning the charges made by the Government.

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DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

There being a very early order paper the House sat only fifteen minutes on the 5th inst.

Mr. John Haggart laid on the table the report of the Postmaster-General, which was read by the public works agent.

Mr. Cook introduced his Bill to amend the Railway Act, the particular return he seeks for being the provision of baggage smoking and passenger mailing.

Mr. Cook also introduced a Bill to provide for proper inspection of stationary engines.

Mr. Laurier gave notice that he would ask, on the following day, for the Wasonary explanation of the Bill for changes in the military since last session.

A large delegation waited on the Minister of Justice and Counselor in the House, and certain articles in the 5th to steel shipbuilding be placed on the free list, to encourage the industry in Canada.

A delegation of Nova Scotia members interviewed the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and the Minister of the Interior.

The Department of Railways closed a contract on the 5th for the purchase of two rotary steam engines, to be used on the Intercolonial.

A Grit caucus was held on the 5th, which confirmed Laurier in the leadership. Mr. Laurier's speech was a masterpiece of oratory.

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LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

W. W. Best, of the firm of Best, Brown, Wood and Pictou on Saturday last wrote to the Old Country to purchase goods for his firm.

The Stanley meeting Pictou on a clock yesterday morning, but owing to the storm, did not return to Georgetown; so there was no foreign mail last night.

The Carnival number of the Montreal Star, with its supplements, is certainly the finest work of the kind ever presented to the Canadian public.

The prisoner Hill, who pleaded guilty to breaking into the store and blowing open the safe of Donald McKay, Oyster Bed Bridge, was, on Friday last, sentenced to six years in the penitentiary.

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LECTURE BY PROFESSOR CAVEN.

On last Thursday evening the students of St. Dunstan's College were treated to one of Professor Caven's charming lectures.

The subject was "The History of the Italian Language." The lecturer, who has been here for some time, has been very successful in his efforts to make the study of Italian popular.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

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LONDON, Feb. 10.—The Irish National League of America, received the following cable from Dublin to-day: "Government campaign of revulsion going on with greater vigor than ever."

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