

CANADIAN INLAND THREE-CENT LETTER RATE.

SIR.—Why should an inland three-cent high letter rate be a conspicuous feature of great disadvantage to the general public in these days of supposed improved ways and means of doing things? Why should the people of Canada be burdened with a one-cent higher inland rate while a general two-cent inland letter rate exists in the United States, Great Britain and Ireland, Australia and New Zealand? Surely it is time a three-cent inland letter rate should cease to exist, and a two-cent one take the place thereof, as adopted and carried out in aforementioned countries. The general public has a right to protest against being fettered or hampered by the continuance of such a high inland three cent rate, and the sooner a pushing business class representative of the people make a practical effort to bring about a general two-cent inland letter rate the sooner he will have bestowed upon him the thanks of the nation for such a necessary improvement and required reduction. (There exists an actual necessity to make a bold and definite step in this direction). Why should the people of Canada be debarred the legal rights of a general two-cent inland letter rate—a cent higher than their near and English speaking neighbours, etc., are put to. Reduce the present high inland rate to two cents as in practice in the aforesaid places, and the postage on all extra written letters would soon increase to more than one-third and amply compensate or make up for the deficiency of one-cent, and many now seldom indulging on account of the consideration of a three-cent stamp would then more frequently write. In fact it would soon be practically demonstrated that there would be no loss to the postal revenue, but otherwise, as is evidenced in the countries where the lower rate exists. The same should be enacted as regards city or town letters where no street delivery is in force. There is no need to fall asleep over these matters, especially the former—affecting as it does all classes throughout the Dominion. Both form a national subject, and should be dealt with without delay or procrastination, and the sooner a general two-cent inland letter rate is established the sooner the public will appreciate the necessary enactment, and the postal department none the poorer, but income augmented. It is a gross imposition upon the public to allow the three-cent inland letter rate to still continue, as all practical business men must foresee, and that in all commercial enterprises there would be a corresponding increase in correspondence and sale of stamps following the introduction of a general two-cent inland letter rate, and in various miscellaneous ways, and none but a shallow-brained bigot of prejudicial ideas would attempt to predict otherwise. Yours obediently,
PRO BONO PUBLICO.
March 14, 1898.

LOCAL NOTICES.

The season for waterproof coats is at hand. You will find a full supply of these goods at the Bargain Corner.
We have a fine assortment of children's clothing. It is worth your while to see our prices on these goods.—The Bargain Corner.
A job lot of gent's linen collars, only 6c each, at the Bargain Corner.
Black kid gloves.—The best black kid gloves in this city at \$1 and \$1.25 at Paton Co's. 61 3i
New carpets.—Our new velvets, Brussels and tapestry carpets have arrived. The new Scotch, union and jute will be here in a few days.—Prowse Bros. & Co. 61 3i
Direct by express for St. Patrick's Day, new silk hats, at Paton's. 61 3i
White shirts, white ties, black socks, black kid gloves and all other accessories for procession purposes, cheap for cash at Paton's. 61 3i
All about silk hats.—We have a few narrow rim silk hats that we will take \$2 each for; our new style at \$2.75, \$3.50 and \$5 are going fast.—Jas. Paton & Co. 61 3i
Second week of the big shoe sale. Bargains in all lines.—R. K. Post, Stampers' Corner.
New carpets.—23 bales and cases, 125 rolls, 6,208 yards of new Brussels, velvet and tapestry carpets opening in our great carpet department today.—Prowse Bros. & Co. 61 3i

DIED.

At the Dock, Fort Lawrence, March 6th, Emma Augusta, aged 47 years, wife of F. S. Hanford, leaving, besides her husband, one son and two daughters.

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THE CITY COUNCIL.

STREET CARS AND THE CUREW BELL

Corner Loafing and Other Matters Discussed.

At half past seven last night the city councillors met and promptly went to work. A number of bills were read by the city clerk and payment ordered. In the case of a claim presented by J. R. Warren for \$8.19 said to be for salary as Scott Act Erector, due and unpaid, it was explained by some of the councillors that Warren had no claim, and the matter was held over till the next meeting.
W. S. Stewart Esq. Q. C., had written the mayor and council asking that \$45 be paid on account of a pane of glass that was broken in the McLeod building some time ago by a prisoner who was at the time in charge of officer Taylor being conveyed to the Police Station. Some of the Councillors while they thought the owner of the glass should be recompensed did not see that the City was liable, and opposed the payment of the claim. Councillor McCarron was strongly against it. The letter was referred back to the committee.
The Gas Light Company made application for a special meeting of the council at which they might submit a bill which they proposed to introduce to the Legislature asking for an act of incorporation enabling them to build and operate street cars in the town and royalty. The Mayor will call a special meeting.

The city clerk then read a petition from the Woman's Council praying for the better enforcement of the curfew by law and this gave rise to a great deal of discussion, much of it unnecessary, but a good deal of it to some purpose inasmuch as the subject of corner loafing came up for a thorough airing and the question of the ability of the police force at its present strength to maintain order was entered into. Councillors Crabbe and Lyons were of the opinion that there were not enough policemen, and the Recorder stated emphatically that in his opinion the curfew by-law was impracticable. The Recorder however promised to make an effort to enforce the curfew by-law provisions and also to try and stop corner loafing, after which it would be seen whether the present police force was sufficient for the work. Some of the councillors in this debate were evidently "playing to the galleries." Councillor McCarron stated that the "loafers" were all met looking for a day's work but did not say anything about the loafers in the evening, who have done their day's work and are a greater nuisance than the others.

The Board of Fire Underwriters offered \$100 towards the salary of an electrical inspector and asked that one be appointed. This was referred to the fire committee.
An electric light, to be placed on Bishop Street was asked for by the residents of ward 5, and was referred to the street committee. A letter from Daniel E. Redmond asking to be paid for furniture destroyed during the small-pox outbreak some years ago was referred to a committee to decide upon, and the claim of John McKinnon was reported upon by Councillor Taylor who recommended that \$100 be paid. This was strongly opposed by Councillor Crabbe who thought that the door to innumerable lawsuits would thus be opened. After much debate Councillors Hooper, Taylor, Lyons and Wheatly, voted that it be paid, but the motion was lost by the other councillors and the Mayor voting against it.
The chairman of the street committee, Councillor Horne, submitted a report recommending that a lot of old carts and other worn out appliances be sold and new carts as well as two new horses purchased. Also that the old city horse known as the Costello horse be sold. This brought Councillor Hooper to his feet to make the speech of the evening, eloquently disapproving of Councillor Horne's heartlessness in thus disposing of the "old horse" which had been for many years a faithful and honored servant of the city.—(Applause). The report however was approved.
Councillor Crabbe asked that a special meeting be held to make amendment to the market by-law and that relating to theatres, also to receive the sewerage report. This was agreed to.
Then a lot of valuable time was wasted over a resolution brought up by Councillor Nicholson asking that the Mayor accept and pay a draft of \$500 when presented by Robt. Harris Esq., P. R. C. A. for painting the portraits of seven of the ex-mayors of the City. Those portraits are to be hung on the walls of the council-chamber, and their cost is to be defrayed by the ex-mayors or their surviving relatives. The order has been given by the former council. Councillor Crabbe would not agree to this resolution until written guarantees were obtained that the \$500 would be forthcoming, but had no objection to paying for the framing of the portraits. Councillor Horne agreed with him. The argument brought forth such an unparliamentary phrase as "you must have wool in your ears." Councillor McCarron took a hand in the debate and vowed he would not pay a single cent for anything connected with the paintings. He regarded them as no good.
While the wrangling was going on a motion to adjourn was carried.

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LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS

OPERA HOUSE.—Secure your tickets early for the Dramatic Entertainment in the Opera House on Thursday night.

ENGINEER'S.—A full attendance of the Engineer Corps is requested at the drill shed tomorrow evening to organize the summer drill.

FIRST WILD GOOSE.—The first wild goose of the season was shown in market to-day at Gay's stall. It was shot by Mr. Henry Brehaut, at Alexandra.

BWARE OF THE ICE.—The ice on the rivers, as well as on the harbor, is bad. When coming to town yesterday Mr. Fred. Siretche's horse went off McEachern's Cove, and was drawn out with difficulty.

ST. DUNSTON'S CATHEDRAL.—The third Lenten Sermon was preached last Sunday in St. Dunstan's Cathedral by Rev. Father Gauthier. The sacrifice of the Mass was the subject. "From the rising of the Sun to the going down thereof a clean oblation is offered to the Lord." The sacrifice of the Mass is the sacrifice of Calvary. Father Gauthier quotes many of the sacred writers in proof of his argument.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.—A special train will leave Charlottetown for Emerald at 4 p. m. on Thursday afternoon and will return to Charlottetown after the entertainment in the Hall there is over. This will be a pleasant excursion and enjoyable evening may be expected. The Emerald Branch of the B. I. S. are always successful on the occasions of their annual celebrations.

SUCCESSFUL.—Mr. John L. Robertson, of Glenfman, Lot 35, has secured his Diploma, after a thorough Business Course at the P. E. I. Commercial College. Mr. Robertson was a diligent and persevering Student, and we congratulate him on his success. He carries with him our best wishes for advancement in whatever field he may secure a position. He deserves success, and will, no doubt, receive that reward which comes to the faithful worker.

PERSONAL

The death occurred this forenoon of Mrs. Michael Hickey, after an illness of nearly two weeks.

A representative of the Times, in an interview with Cecil Rhodes, drew from him expressions on the political situation that are interpreted as showing his intention to immediately re-enter active political life as leader of a progressive party.

Temperance leaders representing nearly two thousand Good Templars of P. E. Island, have sent a letter to Sir Louis Davies, asking him to use his influence: 1st, to prevent any side issues being coupled with the prohibition question when the plebiscite is called for, so that the question may simply be, Shall we or shall we not have prohibition; 2nd, to have the list now in use in each province used in the plebiscite election so as to save time and expense; 3rd, to secure in the Yukon district prohibition of the liquor and opium traffic, gambling and other dives.

Japan has, so far, acted with Britain in the present Eastern crisis. She feels herself tricked by Russia, and views the Russian advance in China with growing alarm. Her fleet in the China Sea has been under orders to act in conjunction with the British squadron, and it will probably continue to do so.

CHATHAM, Mass., March 14.—The three-masted schooner Arono, of Windsor, N. S., with a cargo of hides from Buenos Aires, went ashore on Handkerchief Shoal yesterday morning, but was floated later in the day with the help of the Monomy life-saving crew.

—Mr. Beal, lately from Dawson City to Montreal says that none of the reports of the wealth of the Klondike are exaggerated. The fields are the richest that have ever been discovered, and when the gold begins to be brought down from there in the spring the world will stand amazed. He estimates that the output for the present winter will exceed forty million dollars, although only a comparatively few got in last autumn. The coming summer's operations will be tremendous.

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Lowest tender not necessarily accepted. Plans and specifications can be seen at the Parochial House, at Tracadia. P. J. HOGAN, P.P.

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