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THE STAMP OFFICE

ALTHOUGH THE POSTMASTER and officials of the local Post Office are subject to considerable adverse criticism regarding the unsatisfactory manner in which the stamp sales are being handled at the local Post Office it is only fair to state that the matter is one which is entirely out of the hands of the Postal authorities. The Post Office authorities of the City of Fredericton have nothing whatever to do with the stamp office or with the sale of stamps. The situation is a peculiar one.

As has already been mentioned in this paper an arrangement was made nearly a century ago with the then Postmaster that the sale of stamps would rest entirely with himself and his descendants. After the Postmaster passed away members of his family still continued to control the sale of stamps and when that immediate family passed away the control of the stamps was passed on to the grandchildren. That is the situation today. The family in question is a very estimable one but why the sale of the stamps in our local Post Office should continue to be passed over to them exclusively is something that is beyond the comprehension of the ordinary people. Following Confederation when the control of the Post Office affairs passed from the Provincial jurisdiction to that of the Post Office Department at Ottawa the arrangement still continued and although seventy years have passed since Confederation the arrangement continues to this day. The people who have control of the sale of stamps in Fredericton hire a couple of women at a minimum wage and place these women to sell the stamps.

The parties who are selling the stamps are doing the best they can under the circumstances but on an occasion like yesterday and today when long lines of people have to wait, some of them for over an hour, to mail their letters and parcels, every one will agree that the service is entirely inadequate and that it is very unsatisfactory to the public. Yesterday afternoon people were heard to remark that there was no use in buying Christmas cards or trying to mail parcels unless one was prepared to put up with the annoyance and fatigue of standing in the Post Office for an hour or two waiting to get their stamps. Some people who have cars went to Marysville and Devon. During the day, yesterday, owing to mismanagement on the part of somebody, the office ran out of one cent stamps and it was impossible to purchase any from the stamp vendors. This cuts into merchants because if people cannot mail cards and parcels they naturally curtail their purchases.

If the sale of stamps was properly controlled not only would there have been several young women handling stamps at the local post office BUT THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN SUB-STATIONS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE CITY WHERE PEOPLE COULD BUY STAMPS FROM VENDORS. In this way the congestion at the Fredericton Post Office would not have taken place. These sub-stations should have been opened in different sections in the city and the Postmaster should have been in the position to make an announcement to that effect to the public.

This matter of stamp sales at the Fredericton Post Office is one which might very well be inquired into by the Post Office Department at Ottawa so that an adjustment may be made that will be satisfactory to the public not only on special occasions like the present but throughout the year. The control of the sale of stamps should be under the direction of the Postmaster. The Post Office authorities are not running the Post Office as a money making concern. It should be run to give the public an efficient service.

MR. HARTLEY AGAIN

JUST A LITTLE LATE with his excellent advice, R. P. Hartley, an office-holder under the former government, in a letter to a contemporary, dealing with the financial situation of New Brunswick, concludes: "Let us face the facts and try to find a remedy."

By a coincidence, the letter is published in the same edition in which it is announced that a financial adviser has been engaged by the provincial administration in continuance of the efforts which have been in progress since the last election to find a remedy for the financial situation of the province, and to apply it. The Moncton Transcript says:—

"The need was apparent long before the last election. There are few with memories so short that they have forgotten the serious warning of the then opposition. Unfortunately those warnings were only too well founded, and the province now is suffering from the consequences of the recklessness and extravagance of the late government, of which warning then was given. Having squandered the income of the province and piled up debts to such a huge total that interest and sinking fund were taking approximately one half of the revenue, the old party finally went down in defeat. To the incoming administration was left a depleted treasury, a shaken credit, and the necessity for immediate heavy outlays. It was a tremendous task that confronted Premier Dysart and his colleagues.

"As the first remedy to be applied, the new Premier immediately made it known that the graft and incompetence in the public works department which had been uncovered by investigations forced upon the old government was ended and that these evils no longer would be tolerated. Next, it will be remembered, steps were taken to readjust the paving contracts, with the result that very substantial savings were made.

"Old age pensions had been promised for years by the old government. In spite of the state of the treasury, this boon no longer could be denied, although it added a heavy burden to the finances.

"These instances are but typical of the policy of the present administration, in saving money where it can be saved to advantage, and spending money only where required and where the people of the province will benefit most by the expenditure.

"In his letter, Mr. Hartley protests the sincerity of his criticism and the honesty of his purpose. We would like to give him credit for both, but it is difficult when he continues the utterance of statements which do not bear out his contention. For instance, when he makes the bald statement that the administration of the old age plan, in the first year, cost "nearly as much as the pensions paid to the people," his attempt to mislead and deceive is too obvious for argument. He neglects to explain that the heavy cost of organization, of checking and investigating, necessary before the first payment could be made, were charged up in that year, while the pension payments did not begin until late in the fiscal year.

SNAP SHOTS

The shortest day of the year. But you will not go to bed any earlier tonight. You will probably make another dig at the Christmas shopping.

Another candidate has thrown his hat into the ring in the civic election contest. He has been into the fight before and must like the excitement.

Some of the milk that is being sold cannot be the product of "contented cows."

A dozen dogs barking in chorus at the moon knocks the bagpipes all to pieces.

R. P. Hartley's "financial statements" published in various newspapers, bear evidence of an attempt to mislead the public. His references to the Old Age Pensions Board are absolutely incorrect and unfair. Mr. Hartley was relieved of his duties as Deputy Attorney-General when the present government came into power. He is now Conservative organizer. But he should play the game in a fair way.

Did you faint or throw a fit before you were able to get your stamps?

The man who ordered a shaving outfit from a local store and received by delivery a pair of step-ins, did not know what it was all about.

CHARMING

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pils were first taught the art of breaking up space into a cultural harmony by the use of geometrical figures, then the students progressed to the principles of nature, of something growing, introducing leaves, stem and roots but of the student's own creation. Figures were then introduced into the designs, the pupils taking their turns at posing, the designs thus obtained stressing features and finally creating figures of their own always stressing geometric figures. The next product was a design suitable for needlepoint, which could be used on garments cross-stitch and smocking suitable for application to blouses and other garments. Here the commercial value of the ability of enlarging these designs was pointed out.

Animal creation was the next step in design making. Two thousand of these sheets having been made by the students during the course, all with expensive material such as wrapping paper, yarn and cardboard. Birds and fish not figure in the designs and finally the students each one create original designs of their own.

The progress made by the pupils in the course is shown by the vast difference between the first effort at design making and charming effect in the displays and finished product which is today on display in the Art Classes. The motifs, originated by the students, were from their own personal experience and carried such themes as music, reading, cooking scenes, school scenes, etc. Some of the designs were enlarged and graced the walls of the reception room and the dining-room.

The pupils today were busily engaged making puppets and marionettes which will be used in some dramatic work at some future date.

As explained by Miss Hayes, the aims of the course is to develop an appreciation of beauty, to cultivate the proper selection of their own clothing to acquire the art of reclaiming old garments, to stimulate a desire for higher standards of physical fitness, personal charm, good grooming, personal cleanliness, pleasing personality and a courteous manner.

It is of special interest to note that the training at the various classes have had their own official organ known as "Down on the Farm." The Associate Editors of the paper are Miss Eileen O'Keefe, Miss Pauline Albert, Miss Frances Estabrooks, Miss Kitty Grimmer, Miss Georgia Kincaid and Miss Muriel Lutes, Editor. The school officers are Miss Patricia Jenkins, president; Miss Edith Morris, vice-president; Miss Beatrice Mahoney, secretary-treasurer. The names of the pupils who attended the classes were Miss Dorothy Fraser, Lewisville; Miss Florence Goguen, Cocagne; Kent Co.; Miss Eileen Keefe, Saint John; Mrs. Secord, Berlin, N. H.; Miss Carmen LaPointe, St. Leonard's, N. B.; Miss Bertha May Crandall, Moncton; Miss Marie Anne Pailard, Edmundston; Miss Annette Sormany, Edmundston; Miss Aurora Burgoine, Edmundston; Miss Georgia Mae Kincaid, Saint John; Miss Anita Hachey, Miscou Centre; Miss Mildred Austin, Saint John; Miss Inez Flood, Saint John; Miss Adrienne Gould, Port Elgin; Miss Edith Warman, Gagetown; Miss Pauline Albert, Caraquet; Miss Margaret Hackett, St. Margarets, Northumberland Co.; Miss Frances Barry, Chatham; Miss Beatrice Mahoney, Johnville; Miss Margaret Howe, Jacksonville; Miss Edith Morris, St. Andrews; Miss Frances Watts, Point de Bute; Elsie Estabrooks, Sackville;

HOME AFTER YEARS ABROAD



After crossing the Atlantic under the greatest secrecy, Col. and Mrs. Lindbergh (he is directly behind her) hurried from New York to her mother's home without revealing the reason for their surprise visit to the United States, the first since they testified at the trial of Bruno Hauptmann, electrocuted kidnapper of their son, Charles, Jr.

POLICE

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seen shortly before the tragic occurrence at the Cohen store.

Residents of the district tell of a mystery automobile, a battered old machine which remained parked on Prince Edward Street opposite the Cohen place for two hours on Friday night. They said it contained two young men and left not long before the fatal shot was fired. Running down that lead, detectives learned it belonged to residents who lived nearby. Police seemed satisfied its occupants had no part in the crime.

Still another car of more recent vintage also was parked on the east side of Prince Edward Street, and with two young men in it. However these youths of excellent reputation, were able to give a good account of themselves to police. Their story when checked appeared satisfactory.

Shortly after 11 o'clock a man who lives not far up the street from Cohen's bade his friend goodnight and crossed to his own side of the street. This was a few minutes after 11, he believed. Striding diagonally across as the car he had vacated pulled out from the curb and went on down the street, he noticed two things which, when reviewed after the shooting, became significant to him.

First, the big police dog owned by Mrs. Gertrude Hughes, who lives in the rear of the southern section of the Cohen buildings, suddenly started barking at his approach, but on reaching the corner of the building where it turns up an alley he noticed a man standing in the shadows. He was unable to identify him.

Continuing past, he reached his home and went inside. He had been in the house a very short period when he heard a loud report. Afterward he was of the opinion it was the shot that killed Mr. Cohen.

Miss Maureen Saring, Moncton; Miss Theresa Murphy, Melrose; Miss Bunney Wood, Sackville; Miss Mary Lockhart, Moncton; Miss Do Morton, Moncton; Miss Muriel Lutes, Lutes Mountain; Miss Edith Bissett, Campbellton; Miss Marietta Clark, Saint John; Roberta Duval, Saint John; Miss Gudrun Jensen, Saint John; Miss Esther Mitchell, Lever; Miss Pearl Woods, Saint John; Miss Katherine Grimmer, Dalhousie; Miss Fern Sewell, Fredericton; Miss Pat Jenkins, Gagetown; Miss Evelyn Young, Fredericton; Miss Rozella Meade, Lower Burton, and Miss Rita O'Leary, Fredericton.

"Down on the Farm" the official organ of the school is a neatly mimeographed school paper and boasts a frontispiece covering showing an original view of St. Anne's Point taken from the top of the Farm hill.

The Department of Education is to be complimented on the steps that have already been taken to improve the educational system of the province especially in providing facilities for extending the advantages of higher training to the rural districts of the province.

The members of the staff include Miss Sazel Hayes, Director and Clothing Instructor; Oscar A. Berlau, Weaving Instructor; Ted Campbell, Art Instructor; Mrs. Elizabeth Sterling Haynes, Teacher of Dramatics; Amos M. Anderson, Adult Education Instructor; Professor F. W. Harrison, Music Instructor and Miss Betty Brigham, Physical Education Instructor.

He dashed out the front door. As he bounded to the sidewalk he saw Minna, 16-year-old daughter of the victim, also run from her house. Reaching the prostrate merchant she cried out in anguish: "It's my father." About the same time he saw Alfred Martin arrive, then others. He did not see the slayer, he added. He told how a woman in his house also came out and assisted the grief-stricken girl into the shop from which her father had emerged a minute before in pursuit of the intruder. By this time others were arriving and before long the fire apparatus was on the scene.

First taxi to appear drove up Prince Edward street just in time to see Mr. Martin at the fire alarm box turning in the alarm. Seeing a man stretched out between the car track and curb the operator braked to a stop near where he lay, and went back to investigate, he said. Not wishing to become involved he left before many had gathered. The Cohen girl, a man and a woman were near the dying man by the time he neared the store-front.

While he was walking in their direction, another cab, proceeding south-west on Prince Edward street, reached the Cohen section. It swerved out over the car tracks to avoid hitting the prone man. The driver of the latter machine was questioned by police. He explained why he did not stop.

Believing the victim had been struck by an automobile, which he thought would be the taxi standing out the street, and seeing its driver moving back toward the outstretched man, he kept going rather than find himself mixed up in an accident affair, he said. As he passed, slowing down, people were "all excited," to use his own words. He heard one yell: "Pick him up. You may be able to help him yet."

To show how close to the time of the actual shooting the two taxis must have been in arriving at the scene of the crime the second one (that which passed without stopping) had almost reached the intersection



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ADDED ATTRACTION:—

MAY ROBSON and IRENE HERVEY, in

'Woman In Distress'

FORMER

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sportsmen to Canada for fancy pants fishing and hunting.

He says the late WILLIAM E. Corey once bought about two miles of the Restigouche for \$120,000 and there is a deal pending now (he couldn't say whether it was along the Restigouche) for salmon water that will run into six figures.

Six or eight years ago the members of the Restigouche Club (there are about twenty and Henry W. De Forrest is president), were worried because they weren't taking bigger fish. So, says Mr. Phair, they hired W. C. Calderwood of Edinburgh, recognized as the greatest salmon expert in the world, to come over and tell them why. He did, and it cost \$50,000.

A good salmon fisher has about 150 flies of which he uses a favored five, for no reason at all except that they are hunchy or lucky especially with the twenty-pound sulky ones which can be as coy as a maiden aunt.

at Union street when the fire trucks raced past the cab, outward bound on Prince Edward street.

Francis Wilband, 16 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven W. Wilband, 257 Prince Edward street, is still another who almost became a witness of the shooting.

He had just come out of the store of Louis Isaac on the corner of Exmouth and Prince Edward streets. Before crossing Exmouth street he heard a "noise" but did not turn around until he had reached the opposite curb. He could not describe the noise as that of a revolver, he said.

He is employed as errand boy for Fred Garnett who keeps a store and restaurant. He also told city police his story.

FACILITIES FOR
SENDING XMAS
GREETING RYS.

MONCTON, Dec. 21—Advance reports of messages led from the various Canadian Telegraph Offices indicate that the Christmas greeting telegram is steadily increasing in its popular appeal. Special facilities for the sending of Christmas greetings by wire are offered by both the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific telegraph is steadily increasing in its from our offices indicate that considerable more Christmas greetings messages have been filed to date for later transmission than had been received at this time last year said D. A. MacNeill, superintendent here. That business men are taking advantage of the low rates by the telegraph companies to convey their seasonal greetings and express appreciation to their many and valued clients is indicated by an analysis of the various messages so far received by our company, stated Mr. MacNeill. Another feature which has won wide popularity is the use of the Christmas social telegram. Its personal warmth and the fact that it is delivered at the height of festivities on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day telegraph messenger assures the sender that his goodwill message commands preferred attention and carries with it an atmosphere of distinction.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 21—Five Japanese transports left Shanghai today carrying 11,000 troops. It is believed their destination is South China.

GAIETY

NOW PLAYING

A BLIZZARD
BUNDLES 'EM IN
FOR THE WINTER!SO-O-O-O...
THEY LET IT SLIDE!DON AMECHE and ANN SOTHERN
in'FIFTY ROADS
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Darryl F. Zanuck in Charge of Production

NEWS -- COMEDY
USUAL PRICES

Here WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY

Peter Lorre, Virginia
Field, in

"Think Fast, Mr. Moto"

— ADDED ATTRACTION:—
The Jones Family in
"Hot Water"Dorchester Hens Lead
Eighth Week of N. B.
Egg Laying Contest

The eighth week of the 18th New Brunswick Egg Laying Contest, conducted at the Dominion Experimental Station, Fredericton, was concluded on December 19, with a production of 688 eggs and 684.2 points. This is a weekly production of 49.1 per cent.

The Barred Rocks owned by C. A. Shannon, Dorchester, N. B., led in production for the week with 54 eggs and 50.5 points.

The Barred Rocks owned by W. J. White, Moore's Mills, N. B., were in second position for the week with 44 eggs and 49.2 points.

The Barred Rocks owned by Mrs. O. A. Milton, Riverside, N. B., were in third position with 44 eggs and 48.9 points.

The Barred Rocks owned by W. J. White, Moore's Mills, N. B., lead the contest to date with 387 eggs and 415.0 points.

The Barred Rocks owned by C. A. Shannon, Dorchester, are in second position to date with 416 eggs and 370.0 points.

The Barred Rocks owned by Arthur L. Graham, Hoyt Station, are in third position to date with 392 eggs and 321.5 points.

Barred Rock Hen No. 3, owned by W. J. White, Moore's Mills, is the leading hen to date with 45 eggs and 53.5 points.

Barred Rock Hen No. 9, owned by Lloyd M. Wood, Harvey Station, is in second position to date with 48 eggs and 52.6 points.

Barred Rock Hen No. 4, owned by W. J. White, Moore's Mills, is in third position to date with 44 eggs and 51.7 points.

SPECIAL TRAIN

A special train will leave Dover for Otis at 5:45 on Friday afternoon, Dec. 24, to take Christmas shoppers back to their homes. It was announced this morning by R. L. Phillips, chairman of the Transportation Committee of the Fredericton Board of Trade, through the endeavors of which organization the train will be run. Thus holiday shoppers will be enabled to come to this city Friday morning and return to their homes early that evening. The train will run but the one day.