

The Local Government

It is reported that the resignation of Hon. John F. Robertson, as member of the Local Government and Representative of the Belfast District in the House of Assembly, was submitted yesterday.

We think the Local Government will consult the interests of the Province at large if they do now that which they should have done more than a month ago—viz: resign.

Prizes at Paris.

That Canada has achieved distinction at the French Exposition Universelle is sufficiently evident from the number and character of the prizes her exhibits obtained there.

In the group of alimentary products, the Diploma of Honor was awarded to the Dominion Minister of Agriculture for samples of cereals and their products from five Provinces of the Dominion.

A Chance for Inventors.

The New York Sun, for the benefit of its countrymen, quotes the following notice from the London Times:

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—REWARD, REAPING MACHINE.—Notice is hereby given that a reward of £4,000 is offered by the South Australian Government to the inventor of the best machine, combining within itself the various operations at the same time of reaping and cleaning, fit for bagging on the field, the various cereal crops of South Australia.

For conditions apply to Sir Arthur Blyth, K. C. M. G., the Agent General for South Australia, 8 Victoria Chambers, Westminster, London, S. W., or to the undersigned.

THOMAS PLAYFORD, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration, South Australia, Adelaide, 8th July, 1878.

The advertisement will be sure to interest inventors here, for it is not every day that even a superior invention will command \$20,000. The Sun's opinion is that "the machine, to the inventor of which they offer nearly \$20,000, must clean the grain fit for bagging on the field. This requirement means a good deal. It means that the machine must cut the grain, gather it, thresh it, and winnow it, all on the harvest ground.

THE Toronto Mail has the following truthful and timely paragraph:—The story going the round of the Government press, that a week or so before his resignation in 1873 Sir John McDonald made 629 appointments, is wholly false.

THE West India trade of Halifax, says the Herald, is dull. This business has fallen off largely since 1873. In that year there was cleared from Halifax for the West Indies 285 vessels, and in 1877 only 226 vessels, showing a falling off of 59.

City Council.

A meeting of the City Council was held last evening. Present: the Mayor, the Recorder, Councillors Byrne, Koughan, Horne, Davy, Stumbles, Beer, Hartz and Morris.

Read petition from certain inhabitants asking that a well be dug at or near Henry Hooper's, in Ward 5. After some remarks from Councillors Horne, Hartz, Stumbles, and Davy, the petition was laid on the table.

Read a petition from certain inhabitants of Sydney Street East, asking that the street east of the jail be lighted with lamps, "as it is now unsafe for unprotected females to pass that way." It was laid on the table.

The Council then proceeded to consider the tenders for repairing Pownal Wharf. The Committee on Tenders reported in favor of the tender of James Barclay, who is willing to perform the work at the rate of \$11 per foot.

The majority of the Councillors being in favor of letting the work rest until March, it was moved by Councillor Stumbles, seconded by Councillor Davy,—

Whereas, The funds of the city being required to pay the liabilities already incurred, and that it would be inexpedient to give any new contracts for public works;

Therefore Resolved, That the extension which the Council contemplates making to Pownal Wharf be deferred until the coming winter, and that the Council advertise then for tenders to build the extension, or by employing men by the day.

The matter of supplying Spring Park tank with water, occupied the attention of the Council for some time. Messrs. McKinnon & Fraser contracted to pump 12,000 gallons per day for the sum of fifty cents per day. Since that contract was made, the demand for water has increased, and now 30,000 galls. are required.

The Council then went into a committee of the whole to consider the matter of reducing the salaries of the civic officials. Councillor Stumbles in the Chair. After some discussion had ensued, Councillor Morris moved, seconded by Councillor Koughan, that a Committee of three be appointed to revise the civic salaries and to report at next meeting of the Council.

Councillor Beer moved in amendment, seconded by Councillor Horne, that a reduction of 20 per cent. be made in the salaries of all city officials, with the exception of the police, the said reduction to take effect January 1st, 1879. This amendment was put and lost. The original vote was then put, and the vote standing 4 to 4, the chairman gave his casting vote in favor of the original motion.

The Council then adjourned.

A New Era.

(From the Montreal Witness.)

With many ebbs and flows a public opinion has been formed, and a distinct position has been gained. It is now the deliberately expressed opinion of the country, as a whole, speaking through Parliament, that the traffic in intoxicating drinks is a great evil, and an evil that may be righteously dealt with by law, and an act has been placed on our statute book empowering communities in which they desire so to deal with, it is dominant to do so. It is the deliberate opinion of one of the most experienced public financiers in the country that the economic interests of the country are suffering to an untold extent from the prevalent use of alcohol, and that the removal of this one source of impoverishment would supply the country with means adequate to cure its financial ills, and that whatever the difficulties in the way, and these he acknowledges to be great, there can be nothing unconstitutional or wrong in providing for the good of the people by means of restrictive, or, if possible, prohibitory legislation.

BEFORE the Princess Louise knew that she was coming to Canada she commissioned Mr. E. W. Godwin, a distinguished English architect, to build her a studio in Kensington. It is now half finished, and the Princess has ordered its immediate completion, declaring her intention to use it on her return to England.

THE British Trade Journal says that the practicability of importing live hogs from America is about to be tested by some parties in Liverpool, who have purchased a steamer, and are fitting it up to accommodate 2,500 hogs and many cattle.

A New Kind of Tea.

Teetotallers and the advocates of temperance generally will be interested to learn that a discovery of an important nature is reported from Asia Minor. A plant which produces tea of excellent quality has, it is stated, been found growing in abundance, but in a wild uncultivated state, in the neighborhood of the city of Trebizond.

Tea made from the leaves of this plant is said to possess all the virtues and aroma of tea grown in China. Two thousand "okes" were speedily disposed of in the local market the other day, chiefly to Persians, who are great tea drinkers, and recognizing the merits of this Trebizond tea, are buying the produce of the newly discovered plant and sending it to their own country. The tea was sold at twenty piastres per oke, but if properly prepared would fetch a much higher price.

On the other hand, a tax of twenty per centum is talked of as about to be imposed on the production of Trebizond tea; and if this intention is carried into effect the villagers will not be encouraged to start in business as tea merchants on an extensive scale.

Oatmeal.

Liebig has chemically demonstrated that oatmeal is almost as nutritious as the very best English beef, and that it is richer than wheat bread in the elements that go to form bone and muscle. Prof. Forbes, of Edinburgh, during some twenty years, measured the breadth and height, and also tested the strength of both the arms and loins, of the students in the University—a very numerous class, and of various nationalities, drawn to Edinburgh by the fame of his teaching.

HOBART PASHA, writing to the Times just before his departure for Constantinople, says that Turkey would probably cede to Greece a portion of territory in Thessaly where the inhabitants are mostly Greeks, but not in Epirus, as there the people are one-half Mohammedans, and the Albanian inhabitants of which, detest the idea of Greek rule. He adds:—

"My belief is that Greece will never have the right to extend her territory further than I have suggested until she can arrive at a calmer state of mind as regards her insane ambition, which has no limit south of Constantinople; until her finances are in such a state that she can make pecuniary arrangements with Turkey as to her coveted extension of territory on the Turkish frontier; and until she can show to the world that she knows how to govern and improve even the little territory now in her possession." As to Crete, which he claims to know well, he is convinced that the people there do not want annexation to Greece, and that it is the restless committee of ambitious Hellenes in Athens, and not the Cretans who cry out for it.

BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS.—At the recent opening of the fifth National Dairy Association in Chicago, last Thursday, it was stated that there were at present 12,000,000 milch cows in the United States. The value of the entire butter product of the Union for 1877 was put down at \$175,000,000, and that of cheese \$36,000,000. The egg product reaching nearly 11,000,000 barrels; worth \$82,000,000. The official records for the last year give the total exports of butter from Canada as 15,479,550 lbs., cheese, 37,700,921 lbs., eggs, 5,025,953 dozen. The aggregate value of the milk, butter and cheese of the United States and Canada being estimated at over \$620,000,000 for the past year.

THE American papers seem to take kindly to Lord Dufferin's suggestion that the region around Niagara should be made a kind of International park, to save tourists from the plagues and robberies which now await them in that picturesque but petty larcenist locality.

Legislative Council Campaign COMMENCED!

Abolition of Legislative Council! Economy and Reform in the Civil Service of the Province. Reduction of Expenditures, and Low Taxation!

MEETINGS of the electors of the First Electoral District of Queen's County will be held at the following places, viz:— Breadalbane Station, Saturday, 12th Oct., at 2 p. m. Stanley Hall, New London, 15th Oct., at 4 p. m. Bonshaw, Friday, 18th October, at 2 p. m., to nominate a Candidate for the Legislative Council.

COAL! COAL! Arrived, per schooner "Lasteria," 180 TONS Gowrie Mines Small Coal—will be sold low while landing. Oct. 8—3i WM. KOUGHAN.

GANG PLOWS!

THE BRANTFORD NATIONAL GANG PLOWS, which were so much admired at the trial held on the day of Exhibition at Summerside, are for sale by DONALD FERGUSON, Charlottetown. Oct. 8—3w

Insolvent Act of 1875, and Amending Acts.

RICHARD HEARTZ, Plaintiff. JOSEPH A. McDONALD, Defendant. A WRIT of Attachment has been issued in this cause. B. WILSON HIGGS, Official Assignee. Ch'town, P. E. Island, Oct. 5, 1878—1i 8th

Insolvent Act of 1875, and Amending Acts.

In the matter of JAMES M. BUTCHER, an Insolvent. THE UNDERSIGNED Benjamin Wilson Higgs, of Charlottetown, in the County of Queen's, in the Province of Prince Edward Island, have been appointed Assignee in this matter. Creditors are requested to file their claims before me within one month. B. WILSON HIGGS, Assignee. Ch'town, Prince Edward Island, October 4, 1878—1i 8th

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Next Term Commences Oct. 31st. Halifax, Oct. 3, 1878.—2w

Look Here!

THREE PRIZES IN 12 MONTHS. W. G. MUGFORD, sole Licensee for City and Queen's County, for Lambert's Patents for Permanent Photographs being composed of Indian Ink and Parchment, they CANNOT FADE. Took 1st Prize at Provincial Exhibition last Fall at Georgetown; Diploma for Excellency of Work at New York, Jan. 1st, 1878—contesting with the United States and Dominion of Canada.—and 1st Prize at Summerside, Oct. 3, '78. DAVID WILSON'S OLD STAND, CH'TOWN. Oct. 5, 1878—3m 1w.

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PERKINS & STERNS. Ch'town, Sept. 20—10i eod



Grand Military Concert

BONNET HOP!

THE BAND of the 62nd Battalion (of St. John, N. B.) intend giving one of their popular Promenade Concerts in the

Market Hall

Tuesday, October 15th,

and a BONNET HOP on WEDNESDAY, October 16th.—Tickets for Concert: Adults, 50 cents; children (under 12), 25 cents. Tickets for Hop: Gentlemen, 50 cents; ladies, 25 cents—for sale at W. R. Watson's, S. W. Dodd's, Apothecaries Hall, C. D. Rankin's, Bremner Bros., the Diamond Bookstore, and at the door on the evenings of entertainment. Doors open at 7.30.—Entertainment to commence at 8.

THEO. L. CHAPPELLE, Agent. Oct. 5—tu th sat. pat mon wed fri

HARD COAL.

150 TONS ANTHRACITE NUT to arrive per "Mary Jane" about the 15th inst. Will be sold low from vessel. WRIGHT & MACGOWAN. Oct. 3—dy pat 2w till 15th

Shop to Let.

ON Queen Square, part of the Store lately occupied by Keith & McGregor—a first-class Business Stand, suitable for any kind of retail trade. Apply to HORACE HASZARD. Ch'town, Sept. 28—pat 1w eod

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