

Civic.

A MEETING of leading citizens was held in the Law Library this morning; and a series of valuable suggestions were made for the consideration of the Legislature. It is proposed by the meeting that the revenue of the City be obtained by—

A tax on property,
A tax on incomes,
A tax of \$2.00 on all citizens who do not pay under the other two heads.
It is also proposed that all who pay taxes shall have the right to vote—thus recognizing the principle that "taxation without representation is tyranny," and giving every citizen an interest and an influence in the affairs of the municipality.

That City Councillors shall own property of the value of \$1,000, or pay \$500 rent annually.

That landlords shall be responsible to the City for taxes on property occupied by tenants—the tenant being responsible to the landlords for the amount of the taxes.

That five Councillors, with the Mayor, shall compose the City Council.

That each of the Councillors shall be elected by the vote of the whole city.

These are among the most important of the suggestions. They are all worthy of consideration, though some of them, in our opinion, are susceptible of modification.

Legislative.

LITTLE is expected of the Legislature during the week in which Good Friday and Easter occur. But two rather interesting measures are, with several others, undergoing the processes of being turned into law. The Bill to reduce the number of jurors in civil cases will be hailed with pleasure by all those who have hitherto been compelled to loaf about town while the sessions of the Court were dragging their slow length along, and the measure will be the more popular in that it involves a large saving of public money. The provision for holding all the criminal trials at the beginning of the term is a good one, though from a layman's point of view, trying criminal and civil cases at the same time, in separate rooms, would be still better. The Bill to amend the Act incorporating the City of Charlottetown is, we are glad to learn, interesting prominent citizens. It is high time that the people of Charlottetown awoke to the difficulties of the municipality.

LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

MARCH 30.

SALE OF MORTGAGES BY EXECUTORS, ETC.

HON. MR. SULLIVAN moved the order of the day for the second reading of the Bill relating to the sales of mortgages by executors and administrators. He said: The Bill is introduced for the purpose of enabling the executors or administrators of a person deceased to sell and convey a mortgage just as the person could were he alive. As the law is at present, an executor or administrator has no means of realizing upon mortgages belonging to the estate of a deceased person, except by the expensive proceeding of making an application to the Court of Chancery. Besides the expense of this there is also much delay involved in it; and the loss to the estate is in many cases very great. To remedy this, by simplifying the law so that the executors or administrators may have the same right to dispose of mortgages as the mortgagee himself could, if alive, is the object of the Bill.

JURY AMENDMENT.

HON. MR. SULLIVAN moved the order of the day for the second reading of the Bill entitled "The Petite Jury Amendment Act, 1880." He said: It is not necessary to say much in addition to what I stated yesterday regarding the objects of this Bill. It is intended to reduce the jury panel in civil cases from twelve to seven persons. This Legislature cannot interfere with the constitution of the Grand Jury or with the constitution of the Petite Jury so far as criminal cases are concerned. But it can change the number of Petite Jurors for the trial of civil suits. The changes contemplated by the Bill cannot, I think, do any possible injury to the cause of justice; and they will involve a material saving of public money. In New Brunswick, for the past twenty years, civil suits have been decided upon by juries composed of seven men; and it has been found that there, the seven give as much or more satisfaction and are regarded as being as capable or even more capable of doing justice in the premises than the twelve. In fact nothing could induce the people of New Brunswick to go back to the old number; and it is very probable that in this Province the same results will follow. At present the cost of jurymen is very great. Since 1875 each jurymen has been paid a dollar a day, and when the term is a long one and when the number of jurymen in attendance is so large as at present the expense is a heavy drain upon the resources of the Province. This Bill will stop the drain to a large extent. It provides that the Grand Jury shall meet on the first day of the term and find their bills of indictment, and that the

Petite Jury shall not be required to be in attendance before the Friday after the opening of the Court. The criminal cases will be brought on first; and as soon as they are all disposed of the presiding judge is authorized by the Bill to discharge twenty-seven of the Jurymen, thus effecting a saving of twenty-seven dollars a day. The saving of a single term, under this arrangement, will be hundreds of dollars; and I dare say that, taking into consideration all the courts held throughout the Province, the saving will amount to thousands of dollars. If you can accomplish this and at the same time have justice as fairly administered as it is at present, it will be a great thing. The Bill also provides that in case a jury cannot agree, five shall bring in a verdict after four hours' deliberation. I think the country will very much approve of this amendment, and that persons of both sides of politics will join in commending it.

HON. MR. GORDON.—I will just say, Mr. Speaker, that it appears to me that the Bill should commend itself to the good judgment of every honorable member of this House. To me it is a matter of surprise that it has not been introduced before. But "tis better late than never." I must say that I felt greatly surprised when I heard from member say last evening that ten of the jurymen were usually led by the other two. But if the statement be true, there can be no question as to whether it is right to reduce the number of Jurymen to seven. I think that seven men are quite sufficient to decide upon any case on the civil side of the docket. The Hon. Member for West River has attacked the lawyers. But the lawyers are not likely to be hindered in their charges by anything he may say or do. That "shadows do appal the soul of Richard" is very apparent from the fact that that he takes exception to the Bill because of a clause which it does not contain, and which, I feel confident, it never did contain. I will say nothing further, Mr. Speaker, except that I believe the country will welcome this measure as a step in the right direction.

The County Court.

The March session of the Queen's County Court has been going on in Charlottetown for some days past, and a large number of suits, of perhaps very little importance to any one except the litigants, have been disposed of. The most attractive cases, however, were those brought by Meacham & Co., to recover the price of Atlases sold. In all of these judgments was rendered in favor of the plaintiff. A man named Robertson was sued for the cost of a picture (in the Atlas) of his farm, house and buildings at West River. Robertson refused to pay for the cut because he contended that it was not the size agreed on, and also that it was incorrect and did not show some cows and his wife hanging clothes on the clothesline, which were there when the artist made the sketch. A large number of witnesses were examined on both sides, and the case occupied the best part of two days. Mr. Sutherland appeared on behalf of Meacham. Robertson, the first day, pleaded his own case but, perhaps remembering "that a man who is his own lawyer has a fool for his client," turned up on the second day with Mr. Arthur Peters. Judgment has not yet been given.

In addition to having a number of men sued, Mr. Meacham was sued himself by one Mr. H. W. Fyfe. It is said that when rogues fall out honest men get their own, and perhaps this was borne out by this case. Fyfe's story was this:—That early in January last he was promised employment by Meacham as one of the Atlas delivery staff and for which he was to receive \$30 per month and expenses. Before the Atlases were ready for delivery, and of course before the engagement began, he was called on by Meacham to do office work, such as writing biographical sketches to be published in the Atlas, and also editorials praising the Atlas for all the newspapers in the Island, and all of which he claimed he had performed in a satisfactory manner. As an illustration of his qualifications as a biographer, he referred Judge Alley to his sketch on His Honor Judge Young. He informed the Court that, in addition to writing those articles, he was sent as a diplomatist, by Meacham, to interview the Editor of the *Presbyterian*, and arrange an armistice with him, and which he had done. He also stated that he, with other agents, was instructed by Meacham, that, when delivering an Atlas, if the party wished a reduction in the price, and offered eight or ten dollars cash, the agents were to take the amount offered, taking care, in doing so, to give a receipt on account only, leaving it open for Meacham to sue for the balance. The Atlas being ready for delivery, he was engaged on the delivery staff, as above, but, by mutual agreement, was afterwards transferred to the Charlottetown office; and, after having entered on his duties there, he was summarily dismissed without warning or cause, and for this wrong, he brought his action of damages for a wrongful dismissal. In support of Fyfe's case, Mr. Archibald Coles, a printer, in the employ of Bremner Bros., was called to prove that Meacham had told him that Fyfe was engaged by him, and that he intended sending him to deliver Atlases at Ruelico, as he was a good French scholar and could talk the Frenchmen. Miss Street, of the St. Lawrence Hotel, and Mr. W. H. Bremner were also examined on behalf of the plaintiff.

Meacham, on his part, positively denied having hired Fyfe, as alleged, and said he was only hired by the day, and for which he had paid him. Judgment has not yet been delivered. Mr. Donald C. Martin, of the firm of McLean & Martin, ably presented the plaintiff's side, and Mr. James M. Sutherland, that of the defendant.

The clearing out sale of staple groceries advertised by Fenton T. Newbery to take place to-day, has been postponed, owing to the storm, till Saturday next, 3rd inst., at 11 o'clock. See advertisement.

To W. E. DAWSON, Esq., Mayor of Charlottetown.

SIR,—We, the undersigned Committee appointed at a meeting of a number of citizens held to consider certain proposed amendments to the Act of Incorporation of the City, request your Worship to call a Public Meeting of the ratepayers of the City of Charlottetown, on SATURDAY NEXT, at 2 o'clock, p. m., to consider these proposed amendments to the Act of Incorporation.

Yours respectfully,

PATRICK BLAKE,
L. H. DAVIES,
JOHN HUGHES,
JOHN NEWSON,
L. L. BERR,
CHARLES PALMER,
OWEN CONNOLLY.

In compliance with the above Requisition, I hereby appoint SATURDAY NEXT, the 3rd inst., at 2 p. m., as the time for holding the said meeting, at the Market Hall.

W. E. DAWSON,
Mayor.

Charlottetown, 1st April, 1880—21

EXECUTORS' SALE.

MORRISEY'S
FOUNDRY,

Steam Engines, Lathes, Vericles,
Tools, Castings, Patterns, &c.

I AM instructed by the Executors of the Estate of the late EDWARD MORRISEY to sell at AUCTION, on the PREMISES, EAST END OF KENT STREET, on

Wednesday, 5th May Next,

AT 11 O'CLOCK,

All of the Machinery, Plant, Tools,
&c., of this Well-known
Foundry.

—CONSISTING OF—

3 Steam Engines, all complete and in good working order. (For description see Handbills); 4 superior Iron Lathes, with all the latest necessary appliances. (For description see Handbills); 2 Vericles or Drilling Machines; 1 Centreing Machine; 1 Steam Planer; 1 Belt Machine, (Dies and Taps complete); 2 Steam Boilers; Aavils, Vises, and all the necessary Tools for a first-class Foundry; lot Ship's Castings, Three-hing Machine do.; Stove do., full assortment; 1 Ship's Capstan, 2 Winches, 2 Jack Screws; 2 full sets Gray-iron Railings; 20 tons old Metal; 25 tons old Iron; 5 tons Pig Iron; 1 ton of old Copper, Brass and Composition, &c., &c.

At 12.30 a. m., sharp, I will sell the Land and Foundry Buildings, &c.

The Land measures ninety-four (94) feet on Kent Street, and extends back one hundred and sixty (160) feet, being Town Lot No. 7, and part of Town Lots No. 8, in the Fourth Hundred. The Buildings consist of a Pattern Shop, Moulding Shop, Machine Shop, Repair or Fitting Shop, Blacksmith Forge, and Brass Foundry.

Also in the rear of the above described land, a plot of Land 40x70 feet, which, together with a passage or right of way 15 feet wide, extending to Grafton Street, will be sold together with the above, or separate.

This very valuable and well known Foundry Property needs no recommendation, is most eligibly situated for Foundry purposes, thoroughly well fitted out with superior Machinery, Plant, Tools, &c., and has a first-class money-making business connection. Full particulars with description of Machinery, &c., to be had in posters.

TERMS.—For the Property, 25 per cent. down at the time of Sale, the balance to be paid in four years, with interest at 6 per cent. Terms for the Machinery, Plant, &c.—All sums under \$50, cash on delivery; from \$50 to \$100, 3 months; and over \$100, 6 months' credit on approved joint notes.

WILLIAM DODD,

Auctioneer.

Ch'town, April 1, 1880—mf, h 41, pat th sat

CLEARING-OUT SALE.

TO WIND UP THE BUSINESS OF THE LATE FIRM, I will sell by

AUCTION,

At our Warerooms, on

Saturday, the 3rd inst.

Commencing at 11 o'clock, a. m.,

The Balance of the

Stock of Staple Groceries,

COMPRISING:

Prime CONGOU TEA, Superior Extra FLOUR, Kilo Dried CORNMEAL (white and yellow), Barbadoes and Trinidad MOLASSES (in puns, tierces and bbls.), GRANULATED and CONFECTIONERS A SUGAR, RAISINS, CURRANTS, CHEESE, Smoking and Chewing TOBACCO (an assorted variety in boxes, butts and caddies), BROOMS, MATCHES, STARCH, MANILLA ROPE, Crates EARTHENWARE, Casks MILK PANS, PREPARED CORN, Colman's MUSTARD, CREAM TARTAR BUTTER, SALT, BLACKING, CANDLES, WAX CANDLES, TOILET SOAP, WASHING SODA, WASHING CRYSTAL, WASHBOARDS, CLOTHES PINS, PAILS, T. D. PIPES, WRAPPING PAPER, PAPER BAGS (in great variety), etc.

—ALSO—

A Ship's Iron Winch, Iron Wheel and Steering Gear, Blocks, and other materials.

Terms liberal, and made known at Sale. Should the day be stormy, the sale will take place on the Saturday following.

FENTON T. NEWBERY.

Ch'town, April 1, '80—till sale

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QUEEN STREET,

Opposite Bell Tower,

The Best place to Buy

DRESS GOODS,

Printed, White and Grey

COTTONS,

MILLINERY!

OF ALL KINDS.

Beddings, Tablings,

&c. &c.

TWEEDS,

Suitings, &c.,

READYMADE

CLOTHING,

HATS, &c.

CARPETS

A GOOD ASSORTMENT,

CHEAP.

Room Papers,

A GREAT VARIETY.

DELICIOUS TEAS.

ALL KINDS OF

DRY GOODS!

AT VERY LOW PRICES, AT

TREMAINE &

METCALF'S,

83 QUEEN STREET.

Ch'town, March 30, 1880

Notice of Partnership.

W. & A. BROWN have this day admitted into Partnership Mr. J. G. H. Browns. The Firm hereafter will be conducted under the name of

W. & A. BROWN & CO.

Dated this first day of April, 1880—1w

New Seeds. New Seeds.

JUST RECEIVED AT

RANKIN'S DRUG STORE,
All Varieties of Well-known Flower
and Garden Seeds,

including some very new and choice kinds. Having been imported from one of the most reliable houses in the trade, the subscriber warrants them to give satisfaction.

C. D. RANKIN.

Ch'town, March 20, '80—121

BUTTER!

JUST RECEIVED,—

17 TUBS

Very Choice Bedeque Butter.

For sale by the Tub and by the pound.

BEER & COFF.

March 31, 1880.

Wanted. Wanted.

OLD IRON (wrought scraps preferred), OLD BRASS, OLD COPPER, OLD LEAD, OLD ZINC, OLD ROPE, OLD CANVAS, HORSE HAIR, FEATHER.

For which highest Cash Price will be paid.

H. COOMBS.

Ch'town, March 29, '80—31

GOLD MEDAL PARIS 4873.

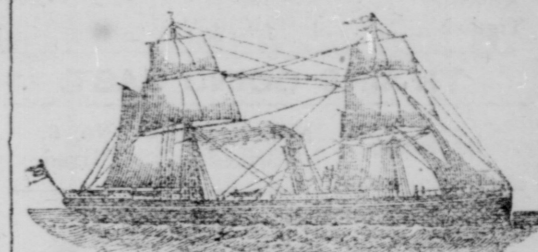
JOSEPH GILLOTT'S
STEEL PENS.

BY ALL DEALERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

BILLS OF LADING

—FOR SALE—

AT THE EXAMINER OFFICE.



OPEN FOR CHARTER.

STEAMSHIP "PRINCE EDWARD" will be due at Charlottetown,

About the 1st of May Next.

and will carry Potatoes, Oats, Barley, Butter, and other Produce of the Island, on freight. The upper deck room of this steamer is also open for charter for either Horses, Cattle or Sheep.

Parties wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity, will please apply early, in order to secure room.

Should the room for 5,000 barrels be engaged within ten days, the "Prince Edward" will be laid on the berth and sail for Liverpool, G. B. direct, about the 10th May.

For particulars apply to

Peake Bros. & Co.,

MANAGERS

Charlottetown, March 11, 1880.

Wants, Lost, Found, &c.

WANTED—A Woman to take the management of an infant and two children under nine years of age. Must have references as to character and qualifications. Apply at EXAMINER office. [m 30, tf]

HOUSEMAID WANTED.—A girl with good recommendations. Apply at EXAMINER Office. [m 29]

TO LET—TWO HOUSES—One containing 8 rooms, the other 6 rooms. Apply to JOHN STENFILD. [m 27, eaw tf]

TO LET—One-half of a double-tenement Dwelling House on Sydney Street, adjoining the residence of H. J. Callbeck, Esq. Possession given 1st of April. Apply to FRANCIS P. MCCARRON. [m 29, 4 pd]

TO LET—On or about the first April, the House now occupied by Mr. Benjamin Davies, junr., fronting on Water Street. For information apply to W. W. CLARKE [m 18 tf]

TO LET—The Shop under Terpsichore Hall, Great George Street. This Shop has lately undergone a thorough repair, and is now in good condition, and well suited for the watchmaking business. Apply on the premises. [mar '6, 2ay tf]

TO LET—To let, the first of May next, that new House now occupied by Mr. Bailey, nearly opposite the residence of E. J. Hodgson, Esq., Weymouth Street, near Hillsborough Square. Apply at the office of SULLIVAN & MORSON. [m 11]

TO LET—On the ninth of April, the HOUSE now occupied by R. Young, Esq. W. J. BOSWALL. [m 21]