

The Close of the Year.

It is a long established custom among business men to close their accounts with the close of the year, and open a new one with each of their customers.

Another year of business has passed away, and the days of the new year are approaching with rapidity.

The mode of doing business in this country renders the credit system absolutely necessary; and, within proper limits, and under proper restrictions, it is, perhaps, unobjectionable.

Judge Reddin's View.

It is reported that the Hon. Alex. Laird stated in his speeches at all the meetings in the Fourth District of Prince County, that Judge Reddin gave votes to all the young men of King's County; and that Judge Reddin took the proper view of the law on the matter; and that Judge Pope and Judge Alley were not so competent.

Indignation Meeting at Brian's Cross.

On Thursday evening a public meeting was held at Brian's Cross. The electors present were unanimous in their condemnation of the present Government.

Whereas, The general policy of the Government is detrimental to the best interests of our country, and whereas the legislation of the past session, including the Assessment Act, the Registration of Voters' Act and the Education Act are unjust and unfair to the country.

Resolved, That the repeal of the two former be urged, and proper amendments to the latter, and the Act relating to the Board of Works be asked for, and that our Representatives be urged to carry out the wishes of the people in this respect.

Lecture.—The Very Rev. Dr. McDonald lectured, under the auspices of St. Jas. T. A. Society, in St. James' Church, Georgetown, on the 26th. His subject was "The Devotion of the English people towards the Blessed Virgin Mary."

Curious Reward.—The Alberton Pioneer has the following advertisement, which is a very good "random sling" at the "giant wrongs" perpetrated by the Assessors of the Campbellton District, Lot 4:—

\$500 Reward.—I offer the above reward to any person or persons who will pay me the amount for which my property was valued by the Assessors of this District.

By telegraph to Hon. D. Davies, brig. "Harry Davies," A. H. Yates, master, arrived in New York, on the 21st inst.—25 days from St. Martins, W. I.

City Council.

The Council met last evening at a quarter to eight o'clock. There were present His Worship the Mayor, His Honor the Recorder, Councillors Peake, Harris, Crabbe, Davy, Hartz, Smith, Hooper, Byrne and Morris.

The Mayor and several Councillors made a few remarks upon the necessity of adhering strictly to the rules of order established by the Council; and the simple statement of the minutes that "Councillors Hartz and Hooper here retired" seemed to be inconsistent with the rule which requires every Councillor who wishes to retire while the Council is in session to ask permission of the Mayor or Chairman.

Councillor Hartz, however, expressed his determination always to leave at 10 o'clock—an hour at which he thought every decent citizen should be in his own house.

FINANCIAL.

Payment of the following sums was confirmed:—

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'For work on Streets, \$27.85', 'For work in Victoria Park, 23.40', 'Interest on Debenture No. 133, 6.00'.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid:—

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes 'John W. Scott, writing up old accounts, \$24.00', 'H. Soller, (weighing), 18.50', 'Robert Currie, plastering, 31.79'.

A BREEZE.

The account had been certified by the City Surveyor, and Councillor Hartz maintained that the Finance Committee had no "power to cut it down." His Honor the Recorder stated the law, that if a purchaser had previously bought goods from a dealer at a certain price, he would be bound to pay the dealer the same price for goods of the same kind and quality.

COUNCILLOR CRABBE thought that if the Finance Committee do not examine accounts before passing them, that Committee is practically useless. It would be much better to have the accounts come before the Council un-certified by the officials and unpassed by the Committee; for the Council would then criticize each account before it was passed.

The Mayor remarked that if members of the Finance Committee were as careful in the examination of accounts against the city as they are in the scrutiny of their personal accounts, neither the City Council nor the citizens would, he felt sure, have any cause to complain—or words to that effect.

COUNCILLOR BYRNE defended the Finance Committee—declaring that in no instance had they carelessly performed their duty. He said that if the remarks of the Mayor were made to him on the street by a person not in such a dignified position as the Mayor, it would be resented not only by words, but with a blow.

The Mayor said there was a certain measure of respect due to the City Council; and he could not permit such language as that of Councillor Byrne to be used while he sat in the chair and represented the city. He left the matter in the hands of the Council.

COUNCILLOR BYRNE refused to withdraw his words.

The Mayor was on the point of leaving the chair, when

COUNCILLOR HARRIS, moved the following resolution,—which was seconded by Councillor Davy:—

Resolved, That Councillor Byrne do retract the words, "that if the statement were made to him on the street, by a person not in such a dignified position as the Mayor, it would be resented, not only by words, but with a blow."

The resolution passed on the following division:—

YEAS: Peake, Harris, Crabbe, Davy, Hartz, Smith. NAYS: Byrne, Morris, Hooper.

Councillor Byrne made a few explanatory remarks.

The Mayor remarked that personally he did not feel, in the slightest degree, annoyed by the words of Councillor Byrne; but from members of all public bodies, there is a respect due the chair; and, if that were not upheld, there would be a bear garden instead of proper discussion.

QUICK WORK.—The schr. Lochiel, owned by Davis & McFayden, left Murray Harbor at noon on the 18th. Arriving in Pictou there was no coal down at the dump, and it had to be telegraphed for up to the mines, and did not come down till half-past eight next morning.

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Latest by Telegraph.

WAR NEWS.

[By Telegraph to Reading Room and Daily Examiner.]

LONDON, Dec. 29.

Russia has ordered twelve hundred Krupp field guns.

The German naval estimates for next year have been increased nine and a half millions of marks.

The slow around Rustchuk is over two feet deep and the operations of the army have been suspended in consequence.

New fortifications around Pozen and Koningsburg, Germany, are being rapidly completed.

Serbia is about to address a note to the great Powers justifying herself against Turkey.

PARIS, Dec. 29.

Gambetta goes to Rome to confer with the Italian Ministry in reference to the Eastern question and the policy of the Vatican.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

A fire took place this morning in Waterloo Street, which destroyed eight buildings. Loss \$20,000.

Local and Other Items.

St. Peter's School will be re-opened on Monday, 7th January.

All members of the Sons of Temperance are invited to a social re-union on Monday evening, in Division Room, at 7 p. m.

We would beg to call attention to the extraordinarily low prices of the Toys, &c., now selling at Hazard Bros. Bookstore.

I. O. O. F.—Election of Officers will take place in St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 8, I. O. O. F., Monday evening next, 31st December. Members are requested to attend.

The remains of McDonald, one of the crew of the brig. Nebo, that were washed ashore at Naufrage, arrived in this city at noon to-day. They were accompanied by the wife of the deceased.

SUGGESTION.—If the present extraordinary fine weather continues and the harbor remains open, we would suggest that a Regatta be held on the Hillsborough on New Year's Day. This is something for our young tarsmen to think of. Surely there are fifty young men in our city who would think it an honor to take part in a regatta on New Year's Day.

NOT CORRECT.—The Argus states that two policemen, together, patrol the streets of this city every day. If the editor of that paper takes the trouble of looking at the records of "day duty" in the Police Station—he will find that this is not correct. The Editor of the Argus has, in this case, nothing to grumble about; but it is evident that he remembers the time he was fined in the matter of his cow.

The annual general meeting of the Canada and Newfoundland Sealing and Fishing Company was held in Montreal on the 12th inst., at which a very gratifying report of the year's operations was submitted. The following gentlemen were elected a board of directors for the ensuing year: Sir Hugh Allan, President; Mr. John Rankin, Vice-President; Directors: Messrs. R. Anderson, Hon. T. Ryan, Adolphe Masson, and James Lord, of Montreal; T. W. Stabb and A. McKay, of St. John's Newfoundland; Henry McKay, Sec. The company paid a dividend of fifteen per cent. last May.

PHOTOGRAPHED NOTES IN CIRCULATION.—A photograph of a two dollar bill of the Merchants' Bank of this city was passed in James McAllan's tavern on Friday, by a man named Henry H. Walsh. The note was torn very dilapidated. Mr. McAllan took it to the Bank to have it changed. The photograph was detected by the teller. The matter was left in the hands of the Marshal, who traced the note back to Walsh. He said he took it from a man named Fleigher about a fortnight ago. Fleigher was arraigned before the Magistrate this morning, and swore that to the best of his knowledge he never gave the note to Walsh, but that he gave Walsh a note about the time named, and that when Walsh took it he remarked: "Do you think it (the note) is good." Walsh was remanded on bail for eight days.

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Important Decision!

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[From the Sewing Machine Journal.]

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Extract from the Judges' Report:

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J. G. BRONAHAN, U. S. N., B. F. WOOD, U. S. N., J. W. COLLINS, U. S. Rev. Mar. Judges. The prices of these Machines have been greatly reduced. Mr. Theo. L. Chapelle, Diamond Bookstore, is the Agent in this City. Ch'town, Dec. 29—3i ed.

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