

Civic Elections.

THERE has been no public meeting. No grievances have been ventilated. None of the proposed reforms have been made an issue—and the Civic elections come off to-morrow.

For the office of Mayor, Theophilus DesBrisay, Esq., Ex-Mayor, and W. E. Dawson, Esq., the present incumbent, are candidates. Both gentlemen are so well known that comment is unnecessary.

In Ward 1 William Murphy, Esq., has, so far, no opponent; nor do we think any one will care to oppose him.

In Ward 2 Councillor Byrne will probably be re-elected without opposition.

In Ward 3 Councillor Davy is again a candidate. We learn that a requisition has been presented to Mr. Benjamin Rogers, soliciting him to be a candidate for the representation of the Ward, and that the requisitionists intend to elect him.

In Ward 4 Councillor Lawson will be opposed by John Ball, Esq. The popularity of the latter gentleman, and his knowledge of the public business and the way to conduct it will secure him a very large vote. Mr. Theoph. L. Chappelle is, we are informed also a candidate for this Ward.

In Ward 5 ex-Councillor Smith and Mr. Benjamin Hooper are the only persons spoken of—Mr. J. W. Mitchell having withdrawn from the contest.

The Stipendiary Magistracy.

WITH the very laudable object of economizing, some of our correspondents seriously propose the abolition of the office of the Stipendiary Magistrate and a return to the former state of things. It would be well for persons who favor the adoption of this suggestion to reflect just a little. If it be adopted, the City will lose all the fees accruing from the City Small Debt Court, and these amount, on an average, to about a \$1,000 a year—last year they were \$943.55—besides the advantage citizens have of collecting monthly in their own court instead of having to wait upon the County Court. Then, they must be prepared for a large reduction in the fees of the Police Court. Under the old system, when the city was at least as much given to drunkenness and immorality as it is now, these amounted to an average of about \$600. But now they amount to an average of about \$1,500 per year—a difference in favor of the city of \$900. Add this to the amount the city would lose, in the loss of the City Court, say \$1000 a year, and we have \$1,900; then deduct from this the Stipendiary Magistrate's salary—\$1,000,—and the balance—\$900—will represent the amount in cash which the city will annually lose if the wish of the economists be carried out and the office abolished. We say nothing new about the value of the City Court as a convenience to citizens, or of the advantage of having a man in the seat of justice who knows the law and (which is of much more importance) who is versed in the rules by which the law is to be rightly interpreted. These things cannot be estimated. Nor do we take into account the large amounts of money which used formerly to be squandered in lawsuits arising out of wrong judgments which were, on appeal, reversed by the Supreme Court.

So much for the office. Now, a few words about the official. No man could possibly be a good Stipendiary Magistrate, and not make enemies; and no matter how judicious a man may be, he will sometimes err. Mr. Fitzgerald has some enemies; and there are, we doubt not, many who do not like him. Some taunt him with his youth; but a much better test of the man is the work he has done. Mr. Fitzgerald has held the office for about five years, and, during that time, there have been about a dozen appeals from his judgment. In every case his judgment was sustained by the aged and experienced Judges of the Supreme Court—except in one; and in that case the decision was given against him on a point which was not raised in his Court. Such unquestionable testimony to Mr. Fitzgerald's good judgment cannot, by any means, be ignored.

We should be sorry to see Mr. Fitzgerald hold the office of Stipendiary Magistrate if nobody had anything to say against him. If such were the case, we should say that his usefulness was utterly gone. But as he has some enemies, and as his judgments have been endorsed by the Supreme Court, and as his work is worth to the city in cash (over and above his salary) some \$900 per year, we think it would be well if Mr. Fitzgerald were retained.

We understand that Mr. Fitzgerald is willing to discharge the duties appertaining to the Recordership without additional pay; and we hope that the Council may see its way clear to give him the appointment, and so save \$900 per year.

THE VICE-REGAL VISIT.

Preparations in St. John.

The St. John Sun says:—The unanimity with which all classes of our citizens are uniting to do honor to the distinguished visitors who will be with us on Wednesday next is most creditable to the head and heart. Although somewhat late in moving, private effort has acquired a grand momentum which, we are confident, will be maintained until the result to be reached—a first class reception of our Governor General and his Royal lady—has been fully and successfully accomplished. All the talk of our citizens yesterday was of arches and decorations and illumination, and of the best means of making shops and offices and residences contribute to the general display. Of course, so many of our citizens were crippled by the fire that they are not likely to make the lavish expenditure which would be undertaken were their pecuniary circumstances more favorable; nevertheless, nearly everybody is resolved to do something, and the spirit evinced must be pronounced worthy of all praise. Of one thing our visitors may be certain: if the purses of our citizens were at all equal to their wishes, no city in Canada would surpass St. John in magnificence of the reception which it would be prepared to extend to the daughter and son-in-law of our Most Gracious Queen.

The St. John Telegraph says: "We think we are safe in saying that, weather permitting, the Reception extended to the distinguished visitors will be a success. Their temporary home, so grandly situated, and surrounded by a beautiful park overlooking the City and Portland, is nearly ready, and will certainly be prepared in due time. The same is true of the preparations in progress in the Court House, over which an efficient sub-committee have entire control. The difficulties which threatened harmony in the committee, at an early stage, have disappeared. Later difficulties have been smoothed over and now the way is clear. The arches seem to grow apace in the hands of cunning workmen. Other preparations go on rapidly, and while there is no time to spare, yet it is felt that the work yet undone can be overtaken. Private enterprise is contriving various novelties for the illumination and otherwise. A determination to make the reception worthy of St. John and worthy of the Governor General and the Princess is everywhere manifested."

PREPARATIONS IN CHARLOTTETOWN.

Government House is being made ready for the reception of the Governor General and the Princess.

Mr. Hughes is having the Legislative Library put in first class order. By the way the Library sadly needs a new carpet—the carpet at present on it having stood the wear and tear of forty years.

A short excursion through the fine settlement of Little York to the "Lorne Hotel" is spoken of, and will (in all probability) be arranged. A very good idea.

A trip to the "Sea Side," over the breezy downs of New Glasgow, would also be gratifying—if there were time for it.

The proposal to have the Princess open the new Asylum for insane has been well received. The Asylum is all but completed. It is said that the Local Government will erect several fine arches.

Sir A. T. Galt.

Speaking of the appointment of Sir A. T. Galt as Financial Agent of the Dominion in London, the Quebec Chronicle says:

"We have no more capable man than Sir A. T. Galt. He is a practical financier of many years' standing, an able executive officer, an admirable administrator and a gentleman who will shed lustre on the country which entrust him with the financial management of her affairs in the mother land. In his new capacity the honorable gentleman will have abundant scope for the employment of his splendid talents and abilities, and we congratulate the Government on the excellent choice they have made in this eminent statesman, who possesses every requisite for the proper performance of the duties which will devolve upon him. Apart from this great capacity, Sir A. T. Galt is a man of large means, of vast experience, and of high social position, and he will bring to his office all these essential qualities—qualities of no mean import to England. The office is one which has long been needed, and no more capable man can be got to fill it than the gentleman who has devoted so many years of his long and useful life to Canada and her affairs. The choice is admirable in every respect."

Beliveau.

WHAT IS DOING—INDICATIONS AND PROSPECTS.

Last year it will be remembered, that a vein of about a foot in width at the maximum was accidentally uncovered in the conglomerate formation back of Taylor's Village. On this vein a bore hole was sunk, a distance of 160 feet at which depth 17 inches of Albertite was passed through. A second bore hole was then made a few feet to the south and was sunk 335 ft. At a depth of 185 ft., 49 inches of Albertite was found. The Directors becoming satisfied from these indications that they had at last "hit upon" the article and that further boring was unnecessary, commenced sinking a pit. The manager has been prospecting, and sinking test pits, and cross cutting the strata west of the main pit. At a distance of 600 yards from it, a heavy deposit of red marl exists in which a fracture was found. This fracture has been traced already a distance of 300 yards in a straight line S. 80° E. The existence of this fracture in the marl for so great a distance in a right line and filled with Albertite, shows that a uniform force was exerted over the whole extent, and that the fluid Albertite filled the interstices instantaneously with the action. A very few weeks will determine whether the present expectations of the Directors will be realized or not.

A Fast Island Vessel.

CAPTAIN YATES ON AN IMPORTANT MISSION.

IN reference to the loss of the Egyptian steamer "Samanood," on the coast of New Zealand, the "Mercantile Record and Commercial Gazette," of Port Louis, Mauritius, has the following:—

"The 'Anna Bell,' Captain Yates, which had been chartered by M. de Calla, the Ottoman Consul, for the conveyance from Bourbon of the shipwrecked crew of the Egyptian steamer 'Samanood,' returned on the 15th inst. from that island, after one of the most rapid passages on record, almost vying with that of a steamer. It seems that on his arrival at Reunion, Captain Yates and M. Hily representing the Turkish Consul, informed Captain Losco of the 'Samanood' of the object for which they had come. After consulting with his men who had been removed to the barracks, where, by the way, they are most kindly and hospitably treated, Captain Losco informed the former gentleman that his crew declined to go to Mauritius, as they wished to return to Suez. Considerable correspondence then ensued, and in spite of the inter-mediation of the French Governor, M. Hily and Captain Yates were obliged to leave, without having been able to fulfil their mission. Nothing has since been heard at Bourbon or elsewhere of the 'Samanood.'"

The Anna Bell is owned by the Hon. D. Davies.

Mr. S. D. FITZGERALD'S letter, in answer to CODRISH, in type, will appear to-morrow.

A \$76,000 Law Suit.

AN IMPORTANT MINING SUIT AT ST. JOHN'S, N. F., DECIDED IN FAVOR OF EX-PREMIER BENNETT FOR \$76,000.

A very important law-suit was concluded last week. It was the case of C. F. Bennett ex-Premier of Newfoundland, vs. Smith McKay, Superintendent of the Telegraph Company. It was the case of the Tilt Cove Mine. Mr. Bennett owned one-third of the mine, but succeeded in getting at length one-half. Mr. McKay drew on account some \$76,000. The mine was to be sold last fall, but some arrangement was entered into by which it has continued in operation till now. The facts of the case were: Bennett brought action for the recovery of \$80,000, consisting of advances made to McKay for expenses of working the mine. The last time accounts were squared was 1870, when the mine showed itself considerably in credit. Since then it has fallen back, hence the advances of Bennett. The judgment was for Bennett for \$76,000. It is now highly probable that the mine will be sold. It is said Mr. McKay could have sold for \$160,000, but for this difficulty. It is to be hoped that the mine will not be stopped, as many men would be thrown out of employment.

Statute Labor.

Notwithstanding the croakings of the Grits, the people of the country are justly appreciating the privilege of making their own roads, instead of being taxed for them, and having their taxes wasted in jobs and official salaries. The number of persons in the country who have commuted their labor are exceedingly few; and from all sections we learn that never were better roads made in this Province than those made this year by statute labor. Mr. Bailey, the Engineer of the Public Works Department, lately returned from a trip through the western part of the Island, and he reports that the roads made this year by statute labor are greatly superior to those made by the Stewart system in the past two or three years.—Progress.

Kate Webster Executed.

Kate Webster, who was recently convicted of the murder of Mrs. Thomas, her mistress, at Richmond, was hanged on Tuesday at Wandsworth Prison, England. She confessed that she committed the murder and had no accomplice, either in the commission of the same or the disposal of the remains of her victim. Kate Webster will be remembered as "the Richmond murderer," who, having killed her mistress, named Thomas, cut her body up, and, having failed to destroy it by boiling, placed it in a box, which she threw into the Thames. Portions of the body were found near Barnes, just below Mortlake. Webster was arrested in Ireland, whither she had fled. She charged the crime on an inkeeper named Church, but afterwards exonerated him and declared that two persons whom she named, had assisted in the deed.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

LORNE HOTEL.

Aug. 3—Col J Hunter Duvar, Alberton; W J Lawson, Halifax; Mr and Mrs J R Brecken, Charlottetown; Mr and Mrs W C Bourke do; Miss Burke, do; Miss Ryder, Boston; Artemas Lord, Charlottetown; C A Hyndman and wife, do; George Coombs and wife, do; Benj Dore, Lynn, Mass; (Commander H F Pickering, U S S S Keearsarge; Lieut J E Pillsbury, do; Sergt J Woolerston, do; Lieut-Commander Horace Elmer, do; Lieut Sloane, do; R Bruce Stewart, Ch'town; W W McLeod, do; E Bayfield, do; Arthur Peters, do; Chas E Robertson, do.

RANKIN HOUSE.

Aug. 4—H Leddie, St John; Jos A Welland, Boston; Sidney T Welland, do; T R Morrison, Summerside; W Cellaise, N S; W J McNice, Montreal.

Aug. 4—D W McIntyre, Mrs D W McIntyre, Mrs McAlpine, Montreal.

Married.

At Bradalbane, on the 29th ult., by Rev. J. M. McLeod, Mr. Robert Elliott, of Renfrew Mills, Lot 20, to Miss Margaret Matheson, of Bradalbane.

At the residence of the bride's father, on the 29th ult., by the Rev. William Grant, assisted by the Rev. Malcolm Ross, Mr. Daniel Miller, merchant, of Ringwood, Lot 62, to Miss Margaret Ann McMillan, eldest daughter of Ewen McMillan, Esq., Hazel Wood, West River.

Civic Elections and the Mayoralty.

To the Editor of the Examiner.

SIR,—The Patriot of Saturday last contains an editorial under the caption of "The City Elections," which would be far more "digestive" were it not so highly "flavored" with "toadyism" of the present Mayor—W. E. Dawson, Esq. While I have no fault to find with Mr. Dawson's administration, yet I think that the picture, as presented to the readers of the Patriot, is highly over-colored and overdrawn.

With his usual effrontery and desire to deceive, Patriot writer says "and we are pleased to see that there is no serious intention to oppose his (Mr. William E. Dawson's) re-election."

Now, with a full sense of our responsibility, and with all due deference for the source from which the Patriot writer draws his information, we have the best authority for stating that Theo. DesBrisay, Esq., will contest the election, and that, too, with every prospect of success. We had hoped to have a list of Mr. DesBrisay's representatives in the different Wards, but at the date of this writing it has not come to hand, but I am safe in asserting that, to-morrow, the electors will find Mr. DesBrisay represented by gentlemen thoroughly qualified to watch over and guard both his and their interests.

Yours, &c., CITIZEN.

Aug. 4, 1879.

Died.

At Dorchester street, on the 2nd instant, of diphtheria, John Ambrose, aged 5 years and 7 months, eldest child and only son of John and Gertrude McPherson. [Island papers and Moncton Times please copy.]

At French Fort, Lot 35, on the 2nd instant, Ann, relict of the late John Stewart, farmer.

Gathering of the Clans.



IN HONOR OF THE

VICE-REGAL VISIT.

THE GREAT ANNUAL SCOTTISH GATHERING of the Clans of P. E. Island, under the auspices of the Caledonian Club, will be held on

FRIDAY, the 15th inst.,

on the Grounds near the Railway Crossing, at St. Peter's Road, about a quarter of a mile from Charlottetown.

By arrangement with the Superintendent, Railway Excursion Tickets, at specially reduced rates, as per handbills, will be issued on the 14th and 15th, good to return till the 16th, inclusive.

Steamboat arrangements as follows:—

Steamer Heather Belle will leave Brush Wharf at 3.30, and Halliday's Wharf at 4 o'clock, a.m., on the day of Gathering—returning will leave Charlottetown at 8 p.m. Return tickets, 30 cents. All tickets issued on Thursday, 14th, will be at Excursion rates, and good to return on 15th, at 8 p.m.

Steamer Heather Belle will also leave Mount Stewart at 7.30 a.m.; returning, will leave Charlottetown at 3 p.m., on 15th inst. Return tickets, 30 cents; from Cranberry and Hickey's Wharves, 20 cents.

Steamer Southport will leave Shaw's Wharf at 7 a.m., on 15th inst.; returning, will leave Charlottetown at 6 p.m. Return tickets, one fare.

For Prize List, Railway Fares and all other particulars, see handbills.

N. J. CAMPBELL, Secretary.

A. A. McDONALD, President.

Ch'town, Aug. 1, 1879—2w

DOMINION EXHIBITION

at Ottawa, 22nd September.

A FEW COPIES of the Rules, Regulations and Prize Lists for the above exhibition have been sent to the Hon. F. Brecken, as one of the Commissioners for this Province. Full particulars can be had on application to Mr. SIMON W. CRABBE, in Charlottetown, who has kindly consented to afford all possible information.

Aug. 4, 1879—

YACHT "CARITA."

BY AUCTION, NEXT THURSDAY, August 7th, at 12 o'clock, noon, at Peake's Wharf, No. 1, the fast-sailing pleasure Yacht Carita, well finished and found in every respect with good cabin accommodation. Length of keel about 30 feet.

A. McNEILL, Auct'r.

No. 11 Queen Street, Aug. 4, 1879—3i

THE GREAT Grand Reception!

I SHALL OPEN, 1878

IN A FEW DAYS,

A Splendid Lot of

EVENING FLOWERS,

Areophanes,

Satins,

Kid Gloves, &c.,

—SUITABLE FOR—

EVENING RECEPTIONS.

All requiring the RIGHT ARTICLE will be well satisfied by waiting their arrival.

JAMES DESBRISAY.

Aug. 2—4i

Household Furniture.

AT AUCTION at my Sale Room, Queen Square, tomorrow,

Tuesday, the 5th instant,

AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK.

1 Handsome Walnut Bedroom suit (6 pieces) with marble top Sink and Dressing Case, Bedstead, Chairs, Tables, Wash Stands, Parlor and Shop Stoves, Union Cooking Range, &c., &c. Also, 1 Cottage Piano (nearly new.)

WILLIAM DODD, Auctioneer.

Ch'town August 4, 1879.

SUMMERSIDE DRIVING PARK.



ONE DAY'S RACING.

Dean Swift vs. Look Out.

\$50 A SIDE.

A GRAND TROTTING MATCH will take place at Summerside Driving Park, on

Saturday, 9th August Next,

Between R. Steele's stallion "Dean Swift" and C. Wescott's black gelding "Look Out," for \$50 a side. Mile heats, three in five, to harness.

On the same day, and at the same place, a purse of \$22 in three divisions will be given for four-year olds. This race to be half mile heats, three in five.

Horses will start at 2 o'clock, sharp.

Entrance of four-year olds must be made on the grounds before starting of the match race.

CHARLES WESCOTT.

Charlottetown, July 31, 1879—s

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FOR SALE BY

I. C. HALL,

Grafton Street.

August 1, 1879—1wk

VALUABLE PROPERTIES

On Mount Edward and St. Peter's Roads.

I WILL SELL, at AUCTION, on the Premises, on

Wednesday, the 6th inst.,

AT 12 O'CLOCK,

The following Valuable Properties, eligibly situated on the St. Peter's and Mount Edward Roads, within ten minutes' walk of the City:

Plot No. 9, 80x160 feet, on Mount Edward Road.

Plot No. 15, 60x64x84 feet, on St. Peter's Road.

Plot No. 40, 63x150 feet, on St. Peter's Road, with a comfortable Two-Tenement Dwelling-House thereon.

Terms at Sale.

WILLIAM DODD, Auctioneer.

Aug. 2—3i

"SUBURBAN."

DWELLING HOUSE

AND LAND.

I WILL sell at AUCTION, on the premises,

ON MONDAY, 11TH AUGUST,

At 12 o'clock, noon, a valuable Dwelling House and Land in the suburbs of the city, fronting on a street running east from the Malpeque Road, near the residence of J. B. Gay, Esq. The land has a frontage of 48 feet, and extends back a distance of 90 feet. The dwelling house is 1½ storeys high, contains six rooms, with a good cellar, drained and planked, and the building is well finished throughout.

Terms at sale.

WILLIAM DODD, Auctioneer.

Aug. 1, 1879.—mon wed fri

MAIL NOTICE.

MAILS for Great Britain will be closed at

10 o'clock, p. m., on THURSDAY in each week, to be forwarded via Rimouski, and also on MONDAY, the 4th and 18th inst., at 4 o'clock, a. m., to be forwarded via Halifax.

Mails to be forwarded via Summerside and Shediac and also for all places on the route to Summerside and in Prince County, will be closed daily at 5.30 o'clock, a. m., also for Summerside direct, at 5 p. m.

Mails to be forwarded via Steamers to Pictou will be closed every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, at 5 o'clock, a. m.

Mails for Georgetown and Souris East, and all places on those routes, will be closed daily at 6 o'clock, a. m.

Post Office open from 8 a. m., till 9 p. m.

A. A. MACDONALD, Postmaster.

Post Office Charlottetown, } Aug. 2nd, 1879.