

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

FEBRUARY 14, 1882.

Civic Financing.

Certain of our City Councillors, like Gladstone, find that to make stump speeches to electors is one thing, and to act the part of responsible representative of the people, quite another and a different thing.

The Finance Committee have tendered their resignation on the plea that they cannot have full control of all the expenditures of the City. But it is very patent that they now see that a levy of one per cent will not do, and so they shirk the responsibility of their position as Ministers of Finance.

However this may be, we do not regard it as a calamity that the control of the City finances should revert to the gentlemen who controlled them with ability last year. Their policy, as carried out last year, is that, with due regard to economy, the receipts must meet the expenditures.

City Council.

There was, according to announcement, a meeting of the City Council last evening His Worship the Mayor presided. There were present, besides many spectators, His Honor the Stipendiary Magistrate, Councillors Murphy, Chappelle, Lea, Davy, Horne, McLean, Blake and Morris.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A number of accounts were passed and ordered to be paid, while others got "the three months hoist."

ESTIMATES.

COUNCILLOR MORRIS submitted an estimate of the civic expenditure for the current year amounting to \$35,763.90. As follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes City Government (\$1,522.77), Police Department (\$3,395.89), Markets (\$672.74), Fire Department (\$2,979.00), Street Lamps (\$3,500.00), Streets (\$3,686.50), Pumps and Wells (\$559.00), Assessing and Collecting (\$400.00), Victoria Park (\$150.00), Interest (\$7,400.00), School Board (\$9,000.00), Debentures due this year (\$1,206.00).

\$35,763.90

COUNCILLOR MURPHY feared that it would be found the estimates submitted would prove under the mark. He strongly opposed the issue of new debentures to meet current expenditures and the levy of a smaller tax than would afford a sufficient amount to defray the expenditures in full.

COUNCILLOR BLAKE agreed with Councillor Murphy. If the \$20,000 due the Union Bank be floated in debentures, it will certainly give the Council some relief for a few years; but if the policy of deficits be adopted, we shall soon again have to issue debentures, and be forced to go deeper into debt.

COUNCILLOR DAVY thought \$700 could be saved in the non-construction of two tanks. COUNCILLOR MURPHY found that the expenses of the Fire Department, during the past five years, average over \$4,000 a year, nearly double the estimate.

COUNCILLOR MURPHY would like to ask if there are at present sufficient tanks in the city? Ward 5 is very poorly protected from fire; and some light is wanted there, too.

COUNCILLOR CHAPPELLE considered that the estimate submitted was ridiculously low.

COUNCILLOR LEA said it was the policy of the Finance Committee to reduce as far as possible expenditures all round.

COUNCILLOR MURPHY would advise the Finance Committee not to reduce the proposed expenditure below the amount that would be required. If they could show that there was likely to be no deficit at the end of the year, the estimates would have his cordial support.

COUNCILLOR LEA did not believe in issuing debentures for current expenditure. But he thought no wrong would be done if, instead of paying interest at 8 per cent, the Union Bank loan of \$20,000 were floated in debentures at 6 per cent.

COUNCILLOR BLAKE contended that the adoption of this course would be wrong in principle. The same argument had before been used when debentures were issued to cover current expenditures. If the Finance Committee could show him how the expenditure could be cut down without seriously impairing the efficiency of the corporation, he would be most happy to support them. The estimates were laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS.

COUNCILLOR DAVY moved that A. H. McPherson, and F. W. Hyndman be auditors for the current year.

COUNCILLOR CHAPPELLE moved an amendment that S. W. Crabbe and F. Kennedy be Auditors.

The amendment was lost, on the casting vote of the Mayor; and the original motion carried.

Douglas be appointed City Surveyor, at a salary of \$300 a year.

COUNCILLOR CHAPPELLE moved that H. B. Smith, Esq., be re-appointed City Surveyor, at a salary of \$450 a year. He did not believe any man could be got to do the work well for \$300 a year.

COUNCILLOR MURPHY supported the motion in amendment on the same grounds.

COUNCILLOR MORRIS said that it was not intended that a man should be at work all the time.

COUNCILLOR McLEAN said that to fritter money away was false economy. If it was intended to have no work done on the streets, then pay no salary at all. But if work was to be done, then a good man should be appointed to oversee it, and a fair salary should be paid him.

COUNCILLOR BLAKE contended that the work done by Councillor Smith was well done. He believed the City had never been better served than by the present City Surveyor; and he would vote with pleasure for his re-appointment.

COUNCILLOR MURPHY bore testimony to the vigilance and care of the present Surveyor, who kept the men at work, and saved a large sum of money.

The Council divided on the amendment. For the amendment: Messrs. Murphy, Chappelle, Blake, McLean—4. Against: Messrs. Morris, Lea, Davy and Horne—4. The Mayor voted in the negative.

The original motion was then carried on the same division.

COUNCILLOR BLAKE gave notice of reconsideration.

COUNCILLOR DAVY moved that Mr. Douglas be notified of his appointment to-morrow morning. Carried.

PUMPS AND WELLS.

COUNCILLOR DAVY submitted a report of the Tender Committee recommending that the tender of Murphy & Lane for repair of pumps and wells be adopted.

COUNCILLOR BLAKE moved in amendment that the tender of Michael Egan be accepted.

Amendment lost. Original motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSESSORS.

COUNCILLOR LEA moved that J. D. Mason be appointed an Assessor. Carried.

COUNCILLOR DAVY moved that M. P. Hogan be an Assessor. Carried.

COUNCILLOR HORNE moved that Angus D. Martin be an Assessor.

COUNCILLOR CHAPPELLE moved in amendment that S. W. Crabbe be an Assessor. Amendment carried.

COUNCILLOR MURPHY moved that the Council do now adjourn, to meet at eleven o'clock to-morrow morning, to reconsider the appointment of the Auditors and the City Surveyor. Carried.

Council adjourned.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was accordingly held this forenoon. Present: His Worship the Mayor, presiding; His Honor the Stipendiary Magistrate; Councillors Murphy, Chappelle, McLean, Blake, Koughan, Byrne, Morris.

COUNCILLOR MURPHY moved that the resolution appointing A. H. McPherson and F. W. Hyndman, City Auditors, be rescinded—Carried.

COUNCILLOR BYRNE moved, that the auditors for the present year be F. W. Hyndman and Frank Kennedy.—Carried.

COUNCILLOR MURPHY moved that the appointment of George Douglas as City Surveyor, be rescinded.—Carried.

COUNCILLOR CHAPPELLE moved that H. B. Smith be re-appointed City Surveyor, at a salary of \$450 a year.—Carried.

FINANCIAL.

COUNCILLOR CHAPPELLE called attention to the necessity of giving definite instructions to the Assessors.

COUNCILLORS MORRIS and LEA tendered their resignations as members of the Finance Committee, on the ground that they could not control the expenditure.

COUNCILLOR MURPHY contended that the real cause of the resignation of the Finance Committee was that they found that the expenditures of the city cannot possibly be met by a levy of 1 per cent. on real estate.

COUNCILLOR BLAKE thought the Finance Committee only wanted an excuse. The re-appointment of Mr. Smith, a most competent official, was certainly no good reason. He contended that the estimates should be such as could be carried out, and that the estimates submitted last night could not be carried out.

COUNCILLOR LEA contended that the debt due the Union Bank was, to all intents and purposes, a permanent debt. It was not reduced last year; and he thought it would be an economy to float debentures at six per cent to cover it. It ought to be remembered that the City is paying off old debentures every year.

COUNCILLOR MORRIS said that if the majority of the Council were determined to control the expenditures, they should also do the financing.

COUNCILLOR MURPHY suggested that the amount realized by the income tax should be applied to the reduction of the debt due the Union Bank.

COUNCILLOR BYRNE deprecated the action of the Finance Committee. He was astonished at their resignation at this juncture. How do they know that the Council will not bear them out in their estimates? If the estimates are in accordance with the true principles of Finance, they will certainly be supported by the Council.

COUNCILLOR CHAPPELLE moved that the laborers at present on the streets be paid forthwith. Carried.

A letter from Dr. Jenkins, health officer, respecting vaccination, etc., was read; and the Council adjourned.

Y. M. C. A. Debating Club will meet in Association Hall on Wednesday evening, 15th inst., at 8 o'clock. Subject of discussion, "The Abolition of the Senate." Opener, Wm. Weeks.

MR. JAMES A. MCKENNA, late Assistant Clerk in the office of the Superintendent of the P. E. Island Railway, has been appointed to the position in the Accountant's office recently vacated by Mr. D. McLean, who leaves to-morrow morning for Winnipeg.

MEMBERS the proposed Concert this evening.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions or statements of our correspondents.

Another Stray Shot.

"THE JOLLY GOOD FELLOW."

To the Editor of the Examiner.

MR. EDITOR.—A number of correspondents have, in your paper, lately been devoting themselves to the business of finding fault. "R. B. C." thinks, it appears to me, that we poor Charlotteonians have all the faults of fallen humanity, and few, if any, of their virtues. Various other writers think that our Bank Directors are sinners above all Bank Directors, and others would like to mete out summary justice to Bank defaulters. But no one has a word to say against the "jolly good fellows" of this city.

This class is composed chiefly of young men of good abilities, fair education, and generally amiable dispositions, who, if their energies were used in a good cause, would be useful members of society. Gifted with the power of leading and attracting others, they obtain an influence over boys, especially bright, good-natured lads. They straightway set to work to initiate them into the mysteries of poker, billiards and dram drinking, until they are changed from innocent, ingenious, healthy boys, to miserable drunkards or dissipated gamblers. If one of them "comes to himself," finding his situation lost, moral character injured, if not ruined, and his health impaired, and tries to forsake his evil ways and regain his lost manhood, these good "fellows" lie in wait for him at every corner. Knowing how weak his strongest resolutions are, they meet him, perhaps, in a moment of despondency, or when he imagines that he has succeeded in conquering his passion, and in a short time the good resolutions are broken, and another round of the ladder which leads to ruin and degradation has been descended. Mr. Editor, I do not wish to defend the poor, weak fools who allow themselves to become the dupes of such men, but if one who turns a sinner from the error of his ways is deserving of great reward, what shall we say of those who deliberately lead the innocent into the paths of wickedness? It seems to me no worse punishment could be feared for them than that they should be made realize the sorrow and pain of those who love the victims of their allurements, and see in all its deformity the life which they and their weaker companions are leading. And, sir, it appears to me that if those who love order, sobriety and purity were but half as earnest in keeping our boys pure, and in raising up fallen men, as those of whom I speak are in dragging them down, their efforts could, in some measure, be counteracted. To find fault is very easy; to work heart and mind and soul for the good of others, is a very hard, often a thankless, but, but nevertheless a blessed task. Thanking you for your space,

I remain, yours, &c.,

ONLOOKER.

An Editor with a Spite.

To the Editor of the Examiner.

SIR.—"R. B. C." has touched an important subject in Saturday's EXAMINER. I say touched, because he has not gone beneath the surface of the question he has undertaken to discuss. He has mistaken the symptoms for the disease. The abuses that afflict our Press are much more serious than he appears to regard them. They have their origin in a complete misconception on the part of some journalists of the compact between a publisher and his subscribers, which compact is implied in the publication of every newspaper. That compact demands that the paper shall be devoted to the common good, and forbids the Editor to use it for the gratification of any personal grudge. In direct conflict with this wholesome principle we have newspapers amongst us, each of which appears to exist for the sole purpose of abusing some person against whom the Editor has formed a personal dislike. With the merits of this quarrel the public have nothing to do; but who may safely assume that the man who adopts foul means to prosecute the fight has been in the wrong from the first. The opprobrious terms in which the attack is made—although much to be condemned—are really minor evils compared with the open violation of truth which characterizes them. The editor with a spite will not only circulate a falsehood against his enemy, but persist in asserting it in the face of facts of the most conclusive character. It is quite possible that these attacks—in many cases—create a sympathy for the person who is so unjustly assailed; but it is not often that he takes a philosophical view of the case. If he is a man of sense he laughs at the nicknames, and pays little attention to the kind of "nouns" or "adjectives" which may be used to belittle or denounce him. It is very different, however, when the assault takes the form of specific charges of wrong doing, which are persisted in after they are fully disproved, and when the editor gives further evidence of his moral obliquity by refusing the assailed an opportunity of defence. Under such circumstances, few there are who would condemn the man who, having received a thousand thrusts of the literary tomahawk, uplifts the scalp of his savage assailant. It might be more philosophical to bear all these outrages in silence, but victims of editorial fortitude are not always possessed of the serenity of a Socrates nor thank God, are all our editors animated by the tranquility of an Xantippe. "R. B. C." draws no distinction. Probably a slight change of circumstances would produce a corresponding change in his views. Perhaps he may be like the man who could laugh heartily at the antics of a wild bull while only his neighbor's oxen have been gored. The critic who sees nothing to condemn or even to note in the violation of editorial trust by the persistent and continual publication of deliberate falsehoods to gratify a personal spite, but is quite horrified at the strength of the "nouns" and "adjectives" by which these falsehoods are conveyed, may well ask himself the question if he is not advising a cleaning press for the outside of the platter without recommending any remedy for the abominations within.

A newspaper with a spite is little better than a pest house in the community. Correspondents are apt to use all the license the editor will give them, particularly if they are in a grandly spiteful mood.

editor who fastens a personal quarrel upon a brother journalist is a great nuisance; but he is magnanimity itself compared with one who directs his attacks against men who do not control a press with which to defend themselves.

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Ch'town, Feb. 13, 1882.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT

A Good Commencement.

Everything Working Smoothly.

Special Despatch to the Examiner.

OTTAWA, Feb. 13.

The House sat for one hour to-day, passing motions for papers and adjourned. The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock, and several petitions were presented.

Sir Chas. Tupper laid on the table the report of the Department of Railways; also the contract for the aqueduct on the Welland Canal.

Mr. Mackenzie asked if the Government intended to bring down all the returns moved for last session.

Sir Charles Tupper replied that he would have all in connection with his department brought down.

Mr. Casgrain introduced a bill to prevent frauds in letting railway contracts.

Mr. McCarthy introduced a bill constituting a court of railway commissioners.

Hon. Mr. Bowell moved that a Committee be appointed to revise the debates, and that it consist of Messrs. Bechard, Colby, Charlton, Desjardins, McDonald, Ross, Kinner, McPherson and White. Carried.

A statement of the Clerk of the House was laid on the table.

Mr. Vallee made enquiries as to protection for Canadian grown tobacco.

Sir Leonard Tilley replied that the intentions of the Government would be made known when the Budget was brought down.

Mr. Gault asked: is it the intention of the Government to introduce a bill to provide for the equal division of Estates of Insolvent Debtors.

Sir John replied that it was not the intention of the Government.

Mr. Houde asked whether the report of the Civil Service Commission is signed by all the members of that Commission.

Sir John replied that the report was not unanimous, and that the minority report would be brought in.

Sir Richard Cartwright moved a series of motions, all of which were carried, calling for various financial statements and returns.

Mr. Burke asked that the Government give an explanation of the ministerial changes to-morrow.

Everything passes very smoothly in the House thus far.

Adjourned at 4.10 p. m.

The S.S. "Sardinian" Disabled

The Fortune Bay Affair.

ARRESTS IN MAYO.

Chili and Peru.

THE BOYD-HANLAN RACE.

LONDON, Feb. 13.

The steamer "Zunderland," from New York for Antwerp, while passing Ventnor, Isle of Wight, yesterday, signalled that she had spoken the Allan Line steamer "Peruvian," for Liverpool, in a disabled condition, in lat. 49, lon. 23. A telegram was sent to Portsmouth for assistance.

Sir Charles Dilke, Under Foreign Secretary, stated in the Commons to-day that no reply had been received as to the intention of the United States Government, with regard to the Fortune Bay fishery dispute.

Eleven arrests have been made under the Coercion Act at Swineford, County Mayo, in connection with a recent brutal outrage on three men, who are still seriously ill.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.

A Lima letter of January 14th, to the Panama Herald states that Mr. Prescott delivered his credentials to the President of Chili.

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ROOM PAPER.

Perkins & Sterns.

Feb. 10, 1882.

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces.

TORONTO, February 14—10 a. m. Moderate to fresh westerly to south-westerly winds, fine mild weather.

LECTURE

SECOND METHODIST CHURCH

Monday Ev'ng, 20th inst.

By J. H. Fletcher, Esq.

SUBJECT—"THE IDEAL BOY."

Addressed to young people generally. Admission 10 cents. Chair taken at 8 o'clock.

PROGRAMME OF

CONCERT!

In Aid of the General Hospital,

Tuesday Evening, 14th Feb.,

Y. M. C. A. HALL.

1. Orchestral Club—Queen of the Valley

2. Duet Vocal—When the Winds Blow in from the Sea

3. Solo Vocal—The Irish Emigrant

4. Piano Solo—Fantasia from Robert Le Diable

5. Orchestral Club—Selections from Stradella

6. Solo Vocal—Will O' the Wisp

7. Violin Solo—Norma

8. Solo Vocal—The Lost Chord

9. Orchestral Club—Selection from Poet and Peasant

10. Solo Vocal—The Gate of Gold

11. Duet—Oh, wert thou in the clefts of the rock

12. Solo Vocal—Echo Song

13. String Quartet—German Hymn

14. Solo Vocal—Hybias the Cretan

15. Chorus—From Patience

16. Orchestral Club—Casino Waltzes

Tickets 25 cents, to be had at C. P. Fletcher's Music Store, and at the door. Concert at 8 o'clock. January 28, '82.

NOTICE.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the FULLERTON MARSH SCHOOL House (near Donald McEachern's), on SATURDAY, the 18th inst., at the hour of three o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of discussing the local wants of the District.

The Provincial Secretary, Commissioner of Public Works, and Representatives of the District are respectfully invited to attend. DANIEL McLEAN, JAMES MUTCH, A. BOUYER.

Feb. 13, 1882.

Bank of P. E. Island.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Feb. 13, 1882. STOCKHOLDERS are reminded of the adjourned meeting in the Masonic Hall, Water Street, on Wednesday next, the 15th inst., at 11 o'clock forenoon.

JOHN LONGWORTH, President.

Bank of Prince Edward Island.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Feb. 8, 1882. NOTICE is hereby given that the President and Directors of this Bank are now prepared to receive from Stockholders the amount of their call of \$40 per share on the Capital stock to enable the Bank to resume business by the 24th; it is imperative that all payments of Stockholders should be made on or before the 24th inst., in terms of agreement dated 1st Feb. inst., namely, \$20 per share in cash and \$20 per share secured by promissory note, due 30th May, 1882.

JOHN LONGWORTH, President.

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WANTS, LOST, FOUND, &c.

TO LET—The second story of the Brick Building on Queen Street lately occupied as the Orange Hall. It is conveniently situated and well adapted for a Lawyer's office. Apply to Mrs. OFFER, Queen Street. [fe 14 2aw

SLEIGHTS—I have a number of Sleights, price from \$6 to \$14, that I will trade for hay or small potatoes—cattle feed.—H. COOMBS. [fe 10

THE person who took the bunch of Keys from the Secretary's Room of the Prince Street Methodist Sunday School, on Sunday last, will oblige by returning them to this office immediately (if not sooner). [fe

WANTED—A good woman servant for general housework. Apply at the EXAMINER OFF