

ANOTHER VERY BAD BUNGLE.

SECTION XLIV of the "Public Schools Act, 1877," reads:—

XLIV. An annual school meeting shall be held in every District on the first Tuesday in July next, and on the first Tuesday of July in each succeeding year, at two o'clock in the afternoon; and such first annual meeting and every subsequent annual meeting shall be held in the school house, if convenient, or in such place as the Trustees of the District may decide upon, who shall give notification of the same by notice posted at least six days previously, in three of the most public places of the District, of which the school house shall be one.

In order, therefore, to give lawful notice of the "first annual school meeting," "notification" would have to be given by notices posted on the 26th day of June last. But on that date there was in force or operation no "Public Schools Act, 1877," for the Act expressly declares:—

"This Act shall come into force and operation on the first day of July next."

Therefore, supposing that the notices referred to were posted on the 26th of June last, they could not be lawful notices; and therefore we think we are justified in drawing the conclusion that all the school meetings held on the first Tuesday in July last were illegally held and that all the Trustees appointed at these meetings were illegally appointed.

Yet these illegally appointed Trustees have entered into obligations and levied assessments. Now, are these assessments legal and can they be collected?

RECAPITULATION OF SURPLUSES.

Table with 2 columns: Financial year and Surplus amount. Rows include years 1867-68 to 1874-75.

Total amount of Surpluses since Confederation.....\$12,010,708

DEFICIT—Financial year 1875-1876 (ending 30th June, 1876), \$1,900,785.

THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

The Provincial Synod of the Church of England in Canada met in Montreal on Tuesday, under the auspices of the Metropolitan of Canada. It is composed of twelve clerical and twelve lay delegates from each diocese in the Dominion. We give these in the order of precedence, based upon the date of the founding of each Diocese:—

Table with 2 columns: Diocese and Year. Rows include Nova Scotia (1787), Quebec (1792), Toronto (1839), Fredericton (1845), Montreal (1850), Huron (1857), Ontario (1862), Niagara (1875).

The following is a list of the members of the House of Bishops:—

METROPOLITAN AND PRESIDENT.

The Most Rev. Ashton Oxenden, D. D., Second Bishop, Diocese of Montreal, Consecrated 1869. Cathedral and residence, City of Montreal, Province of Quebec.

BISHOPS BY SENIORITY OF CONSECRATION.

- List of bishops by seniority of consecration, including Rev. John Medley, D. D., Rev. Hibbert Binney, D. D., Rev. J. Travers Lewis, D. D., Rev. J. W. Williams, D. D., Rev. Alexander Neil Bethune, D. D., Rev. Isaac Helmuth, D. D., Rev. Thomas Brock Fuller, D. D.

REAL ESTATE.—"Glen Stewart" will be sold by auction to-day.

QUICK WORK.—The brig, Marshal S., owned by Mr. Patrick Foley, of this city, sailed from Casumpec for Newfoundland with a cargo of oats, and arrived there in three days. She was unloaded, and reloaded with copper ore, and sailed for Liverpool, where she arrived in 11 days, returning to this island with a cargo of salt. She made the round trip in 42 days.

Latest by Telegraph.

WAR NEWS.

LONDON, Sept. 11.

There was an armistice on Thursday for the burial of the dead. The Russians and Turks fraternized heartily whenever they met during the armistice.

It has been ascertained that simultaneously with the Kavarna massacre the Circassians committed atrocities in eleven villages of Eastern Bulgaria.

In Suijuk, inhabited by Greeks, 150 houses were burnt, and 300 inhabitants massacred. One hundred corpses of women were discovered at Samuels. These facts are verified by Consuls.

Russian authorities publish the capture by Roumanian troops of Turkish entrenchments on left centre, at Plevna, after very desperate fighting. The Czar sent decorations to all the officers and soldiers engaged.

A later dispatch states that the Turks still hold all positions.

The Turkish forces on the frontier are ordered to enter Servia immediately if she takes part in the war.

Rumors are repeated that Osman Pasha is retreating from Plevna. There is no trustworthy information on this point from either side.

LONDON, Sept. 11.

The latest from the battleground at Plevna reports the Russians slowly but surely encircling Plevna. The artillery bombardment continues. The Czar, Grand Duke and Prince Charles are present, directing operations. The Turks are reported to be in a strong position at Gutviza.

A terrible conflagration is reported in the town of Dreppi. About a quarter of the town is demolished. Loss thus far £50,000.

GENERAL NEWS.

MONTREAL, Sept. 11.

James Kearins, a shanty man, shot himself through the head while in delirium tremens.

Joseph, Oka Indian Chief, is committed for trial on a charge of arson of Oka church. Admitted to bail on writ habeas corpus.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.

Three laborers were killed at Jersey City, by a loaded coal bucket falling on them from a sixth story.

Three boys were drowned in the East River, New York, yesterday, by their boat being run down by a ferry boat.

The Maine election resulted in a Republican majority of seven thousand, with both Houses largely Republican.

John Taylor, Sr., Apostle of the Mormons, acting as president of the twelve Apostles, has been unanimously sustained in that position. A quorum of the twelve Apostles is the presiding quorum and the authority of the church.

A letter from Latoacunga, Meador, states that a volcano at Catopaxe had an eruption in the latter part of July, and by the upheaval of water overflowed streams, swept away several plantations and drowned at least a thousand people in different places and two thousand cattle. The whole face of the country for miles around was covered with subsequent showers of ashes, destroying all cereals and plants, and starvation was feared on 30th July.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.

A burglar at St. Elmo, Missouri, was pursued into a field by a large number of men. He killed three of the latter, and escaped, but will probably be captured and lynched.

Rio Janiero dates of the 14th ult., state that the crew of the German man-of-war "Vinette" were in a riot with the police at Santos, and three wounded and killed, and three police injured; one killed. The Germans intend demanding satisfaction for alleged invasion by Brazilian authorities of Germanian Club.

LONDON, Sept. 11.

The Grand Lodge of English Freemasons has granted two hundred guineas towards the relief of the St. John sufferers.

PARIS, Sept. 11.

Gambetta did not appear to-day before the Court, owing to illness. Murat was also absent. Both were condemned in default to three months' imprisonment and a fine of two thousand francs. The public were excluded from the Palais de Justice.

A terrible conflagration is reported at the town of Dieppe. About a quarter of the town was demolished. The loss thus far is £50,000.

The judgment against Gambetta is based upon his and Murat's admission before the judge d'Instruction that the speech was published by his [Gambetta's] orders.

The police this evening seized five of the principal republican papers, including Le Temps, La France and Le Bien Public. It is believed that the seizure was made in consequence of the publication of a report of the trial of Gambetta, or for violent articles. The Pays, a Bonapartist organ, was also seized.

COLUMBIA, Pa., Sept. 10.

The vigilants are organizing against tramps, who are bold, numerous and troublesome. At Graybill's woods near Lancaster, recently, nearly 100 outlaws raided on the farmers, who tried unsuccessfully to drive them off. Policemen and citizens from Lancaster went to the assistance of the farmers. The tramps opened fire with pistols, the police charged them and the tramps retreated, leaving five wounded. A German named Powers was fatally shot, and further along the Pennsylvania Railroad tramps boarded a freight train and threatened to take possession. Detectives from Columbia hastened to the scene and captured eight outlaws, but they subsequently broke jail. Milton Gramm, a prominent citizen of Dupannon, was robbed and murdered by two tramps as he left the train at Marysville recently. Tramps

wrecked a freight train recently between Malveston and Frazier's station and attempted to plunder the cars. During a fight with the train hands, one of the latter, named Wm. Converse, was killed. The authorities of West Chester sent assistance and two outlaws were captured. Detectives discovered notorious city criminals travelling disguised as tramps.

At Norristown, Mr. Francis Curley, who had been sentenced to the penitentiary for the murder of a woman, was hanged on Monday his last hope was banished by the refusal of the Board of Pardons to commute his death sentence to a life imprisonment. The final action of the Board of Pardons was received by him with total indifference. He exchanged cells with Wahlin, the Elm Station murderer, and as he left his own he confidently informed his keeper that he had a knife secreted in it, which he might as well give up, or "that fool (meaning Wahlin) would discover it and commit suicide, which is all nonsense you know." He then pointed out a hinge of his closed door, which was unscrewed, and behind it were found a broken razor and a knife. He had managed to remove the screws, take off the hinge, and cut out a hollow in which to hide the weapons and afterward screw the hinge on again. He has shown remarkable ingenuity in such matters since his confinement. One of the keepers being in his cell one day took hold of the corner of the closet and found that a strip of the wood work was loose. A socket was found neatly hollowed out on the under side, and in this socket was placed a new shoemaker's knife. How this knife was obtained was and still is a mystery, for Curley was never given a chance to get near the shop, nor was any one allowed to approach him when he was taken out for exercise.

CITY COUNCIL.

CITY COUNCIL met last evening. Present—the Mayor, Councillors Peake, Harris, Crabbe, Davy, Hartz, Smith, Byrne, Morris.

The Mayor stated that Mr. W. B. Morrison, City Clerk, had given bonds for the performance of his duties.

Councillor Hartz reported verbally that on Saturday last he had visited the Mount Edward Artesian Well; that the work was progressing, that the boring had reached 500 feet, but that a break had occurred in the machinery, and on Monday the contractors would be again at work. The water now rises to within 100 feet of the surface, and tastes well. It is unlike water that has been struck at Pictou at a depth of 800 feet, which tastes like oil, and is supposed to be unsafe for house purposes.

Councillor Hartz also reported that the Committee on Tenders had recommended the acceptance of the tender of George Douglas for macadamizing Water Street at the rate of 32 cents per square yard of surface, 18 inches deep—City to find the material. On motion of Councillor Hartz the tender of George Douglas was accepted.

Councillor Hartz reported that the contract of Euston Street sewer was now half completed and, on recommendation, it was ordered that \$200 be paid on account to the contractor.

Councillor Crabbe moved that Tenders be called for the fitting up of suitable apartments for the Keeper of the Graf on Street Engine House, according to plans and specifications to be seen at the City Engineer's office. Carried.

The Mayor asked Councillor Harris, as Chairman of the Street Committee, for information regarding the completion of Hillsborough and King Squares.

Councillor Harris said he knew nothing about the matter; but he understood the time for completing the contract had expired.

The Mayor remarked in reference to the Park that there was a large bell of spruce trees on the side of the Park next the shore that were fit for nothing but to be cut down. If they were cut down they would open from the Park a view of the harbor, and serve to build a breastwork to protect the banks which are rapidly falling away. He suggested that a Committee be appointed to visit and report upon what would be best to do in the matter.

Councillor Hartz moved that a committee of three be appointed to visit and report on the matter at an early date. Committee—Hartz, Morris and Byrne.

Councillor Crabbe asked the Council if there was a dog-tax levied in the City? If so, he wished to know the reason it was not collected. He stated that the number of dogs had so greatly increased in the city that it was dangerous for persons to go out late at night.

Mr. Sheppard, Collector, stated that the collection of the dog taxes had been discontinued by order of the late Council, on account of its being so small that it did not pay for the collection.

Councillor Crabbe moved that the By-law relating to Dog Tax be pulished twice in two city papers.—Carried.

Councillor Harris stated that a short time ago Captain Strickland, of the Silsby Engine obtained \$100 from the Council for the purpose of getting hats, belts, &c., for the members of that Company. He thought it would not be well to make fish of one and flesh of another, and therefore moved that Captain Large, of Rollo Engine, be granted a sum not exceeding \$100 for the purpose of providing the members of his company with hats, belts, &c.—Carried.

A petition from the inhabitants of Lower Hillsborough Street relating to the drainage at that place was read. The city engineer was ordered to inspect and report.

HYMENIAL.—The event of yesterday was the marriage of the popular Cashier of the Bank of Prince Edward Island, Joseph R. Brecken, Esq., and Miss Beer, eldest daughter of George H. Beer, Esq. We hasten to congratulate the happy pair, and heartily to wish them the long, happy and prosperous career augured by their auspicious nuptials.

Local and Other Items.

Go to THE CONCERT to-night. For particulars, see advertisement.

"A CITIZEN" complains that some City works are not let by tender.

PEACHES, Bartlett Pears, Grapes, Sweet Potatoes, Tomatoes, Lemons, Oranges, at THE CONFECTIONERY.

THE CONCERT TO-NIGHT will probably be one of the best of its kind. The proceeds are to be devoted to the erection of a City Hospital.

RIFLE PRACTICE.—There has been an active rifle practice at Kensington for the last three days. The Wimbledon representation will be competed for in a short time.

We call the attention of the Superintendent of Public Works to the rickety condition of the plankway in front of the Post Office. It should be taken away altogether.

THERE was only one case before the Stipendiary Magistrate yesterday morning, a sailor named James McLaughlin was fined \$2 or eight days for being drunk and incapable.

THE PRINCE OF WALES COLLEGE.—The Prince of Wales College was opened on Thursday the 6th inst. The teaching staff of that institution now consists of three Professors—Messrs. Anderson, Alexander and Bothwick. The attendance during the present term is, we are pleased to hear, very good. There are more than sixty students, a large proportion of whom is from the country. The Prince of Wales College is, we understand, affiliated with the University of Halifax.—Patriot.

THE PRINTER'S MISCELLANY.—The Printer's Miscellany will be ready for delivery in a few days. The subscription lists and accounts were lost in the fire of the 20th June. Subscribers whose term of subscription had not expired will please send in their names, addresses, amounts paid, and date of subscription, as soon as possible. Those whose term ended with the June number should lose no time in renewing, otherwise considerable difficulty will be experienced in securing back numbers. The paper will only be sent to those whose subscriptions are paid in advance. Subscriptions and advertisements respectfully solicited. HUGH FINLAY, Editor and Proprietor Printer's Miscellany.

THE SICILIAN MAFIA.

The Mafia is the spontaneous organization of those whose trade is crime, not a sect or secret society any more than the highwaymen of Hounslow in former days, or the pickpockets of St. Giles' and Whitechapel in our own. Every one of the 360 communes of Sicily has its own Mafia, of which the character varies according to local tendencies and interests. In one place its energies are devoted to the conduct of the elections and the manipulation of the ballot box; in another to directing by means of a camorra the sale of Church and Crown lands; in a third to the apportionment of contracts for public works. Where the legitimate authorities are amenable, as they commonly are, these objects are effected without scandal or violence. But the ultima ratio of bullets is well understood to be ready in the background. The Mafia of Palermo is, however, pre-eminent in numbers as well as power. Those belonging to or in immediate relations with it—the mafiosi, as they are called—may be distinguished from the less dangerous part of the population by the swagger of their gait, the curt jargon of their speech, the rakish set of their hat, and the long lock of hair which, after the manner of the old-fashioned bravo, they wear hanging over the left eye. Of them, with still more forcible truth than of the "poor Egyptian"—Cleopatra's messenger Caesar might say, "The business of these men looks out of them." By a singular anomaly the middle class—that very class of which the absence is deplored in the rest of Sicily as the absence of an element of order—forms in Palermo the chief strength of the Mafia. Its proverbial virtues of prudence, industry and foresight are here exercised in the calling of crime.

Marriages.

On the 12th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, in King Square, by the Rev. John Lathern, assisted by Rev. R. Brecken, M. A.; Joseph Robinson, younger son of Ralph Brecken, Esq., and Cashier of the Bank of Prince Edward Island, to Mary Ella, the only daughter of Geo. R. Beer, Esq., of the firm of Beer & Sons, and grand-daughter of the late Hon. George Beer.

At the residence of the groom's father, by D. G. McDonald, Baptist Minister, on the 12th inst., Mr. Warren L. Wellner, to Miss Charlotte McDonald, both of Charlottetown.

Same day, by the same, Mr. Roderick McKeuzie, of Murray Harbor Road, to Miss Jane McKenzie, of Victoria Cross.

Died.

On the 10th inst., at Langford Cottage, Morell, Frederick Albert, aged 12 months, youngest son of Frank and Bessie Cox.

New Advertisements.

SEPTEMBER.

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NOW OPEN

—AT THE—

LONDON HOUSE,

Grey Cottons,

White Cottons,

Print Cottons,

Sheetings,

Pillow Cottons,

Fleecy Cottons,

Grey Flannels,

Scarlet Flannels,

White Flannels,

Blue Serges,

Sept. 13—4in

SINGER'S SEWING MACHINES!

The Perfection of Mechanism. So Light and Simple that a Child can Work them. So Durable that they last A Lifetime.

Eight Thousand Machines now Manufactured every Week. To be had only from the Authorized Agent,

Robert Young,

South Side Queen Square, Charlottown, Sept. 13, 1877.

PAPER BAGS.

FOR SALE—A large supply of Paper Bags and Wrapping Paper.

MACKENZIE & STUMBLE.

Sept. 13—1w

Barrels. Barrels.

4,000 MACKEREL BARRELS, of the very best quality, for sale cheap.

ROBERT BRIDGES.

Sept. 13—

Instrumental and Vocal Music.

MRS. MCRAE wishes to intimate that she has resumed her Classes. Terms to be obtained at Mr. Fletcher's Music Store.

Sept. 13—3in*

TO LET,

ON the 9th of October, the large Tenement on corner of Pownall and Sydney Streets, now occupied by R. Young, Esq. Apply at the residence of W. J. Boswell, Sydney Street, Charlottetown.

Sept. 13—

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

ALL persons indebted to the undersigned on account of the EXAMINER newspaper, by Book Account, Note of Hand or otherwise, are notified to pay the several amounts due by them on or before the 15th day of October next.

W. L. COTTON.

Sept. 13, 1877.

Wants, etc., etc.

Advertisements under this heading, in space not exceeding half an inch, will be inserted for TEN CENTS per day.

WANTED—Smart young Men as News Agents. Apply to R. R. News and Advertising Agency, P. E. Island Railway.

Sept. 13—3in

WANTED—A good plain Cook. Apply at Mrs. Boulton's, corner of West and Grafton Streets.

Sept. 13—3in

WANTED—A Cook. Apply at the residence of Mr. Morris, Water Street.

Sept. 6.

WANTED—Five men to work at laying plank sidewalks in the City. Apply immediately to D. GORDON, on East Kent Street, or at the City Clerk's Office.

Sept. 6, 1877.

BOARDERS WANTED.—Three or four young men can be accommodated with board in a convenient part of the City. Apply at this Office.

Sept. 5—4in

MRS. IRVING will re-open her Drawing and Painting Classes 1st September, at the Tremont House, Kent St.

Aug. 31—3w 3day*