

THE QUEBEC ELECTION.

OUR latest advices from Montreal are more favorable than those of last evening. It appears that thirty-three seats have been secured by Conservatives. Giving to each party two of the four seats yet in doubt, the Conservatives will have thirty-five seats in a house of sixty-five. In any case they have a clear majority; and the scandalous intrigue of McKenzie, Brown and Letellier—by means of which, at a critical juncture, the Grits illegally obtained control of the Local Government of Quebec is effectually frustrated—unless, indeed, the Constitution be not further outraged.

We should have been better pleased if the tyrannical exertion of the Lieutenant Governor's prerogative had been condemned by an overwhelming majority of the people. The contest would not, certainly, have been so close had not the usurping party, by every device known to politicians, diverted attention from the unconstitutional act of Mr. McKenzie's Lieutenant Governor. The Government dismissed had been long in power. They had much to answer for. They were imposing direct taxation upon the people after the manner of the Local Government of this Island. They were forcing the cities and other influential municipalities to pay debts which, on technical grounds, they wished to repudiate. These circumstances were urged against the dismissed Government to the exclusion, as far as possible, of the great question of the constitutionality or unconstitutionality of the dismissal of DeBoucherville while backed up in Parliament by a majority of upwards of twenty.

As our correspondent puts it, "the late Government were unpopular even with Conservatives"; and the Goff-Baker slander, and other vile inventions were calculated, and did, undoubtedly, for the nonce, render the Government still more unpopular. So that while—as we before stated—we should have been better pleased if the majority against the Brown-Mackenzie-Letellier outrages had been larger, we are gratified—and every man who loves constitutional liberty and respects Responsible Government must be gratified—that the result is, under all the circumstances, such as it is.

Our correspondent intimates that the result does not indicate the political feeling of the Provinces, as it will be shown in the approaching Dominion election. This, we think, reasonable. The Conservatives had been in a majority in the Local House, and were unpopular. The Grits have been in power in the majority in the Dominion House of Commons for five years, and are still more unpopular. It does not therefore follow that because the late local contest has been close, the coming Dominion contest will also be close. Our correspondent is, we believe, within the mark when he says that the Conservatives of Quebec will elect forty-five members at the general election. The cities of Montreal and Quebec, and many counties which have returned supporters of Joly, may be relied upon to return Conservatives to the House of Commons.

TELEGRAMS.

WITH a telegram inserted which is incorrect on its face—as the editor might have found out had he taken the trouble to analyze it—the Patriot has the effrontery to stigmatize the telegraphic correspondents of the EXAMINER as unreliable; and the telegram respecting the Quebec election as untrue. In a time of great political excitement the reports of the most careful and impartial correspondent may be somewhat incorrect; and, even if our report of yesterday were not strictly in accordance with the fact, there was no reason why, on the strength of a report false on its face, the Patriot should have hastened to libel the EXAMINER and its correspondent. Our correspondents—though strong partisans—are superior to a lie; and we believe the information they send the EXAMINER is as correct as possible under the circumstances. We trust the leading men of the Grit Party in this Island will frown down the Patriot's mode of political warfare. It is not expedient that the politics of the country should be degraded to the level of the bar-room and boxing ring.

INFORMATION WANTED of George Collingwood Hutchinson. Any information of his whereabouts will be thankfully received by THEO. L. CHAPPELLE, Diamond Bookstore, Charlottetown.

PERSONAL.—Mr. T. J. Harris, of the firm of George Davies & Co., and Mr. A. W. Sterns, of Perkins & Sterns, arrived home to-day. After remaining at Point du Chene for some days, awaiting the arrival of one of the Island steamers, they yesterday crossed in a schooner to Summerside. They report no ice between Summerside and Shediac.

DREADFUL SUICIDE.

A Sad Story—An Imprisoned Debtor Cuts His Throat.

ON the 6th of March last a poor farmer, named Donald McInnis, of Strathalbyn, was arrested for debt. A short time previous to his arrest his wife died, leaving to his care a family of eight small children. When arrested he was hurried off to jail, without being allowed to arrange for his children's welfare during his imprisonment. They had no means whatever of support; and the distress and anxiety respecting their safety preyed so heavily on his mind that three days after his incarceration he became a helpless, raving maniac. In this state he remains to the present time; and this morning, during one of his most despondent fits, he attempted to end his sorrows by suicide. We learn that, between eight and nine o'clock, the jailor, Mr. Harvie, was attracted to the debtors' apartment by a strange yell. On ascending the stairs, he met McInnis with a small pocket-knife in his hand, and a large stream of blood gushing from under his right ear. Mr. Harvie immediately realized what had taken place, and immediately led him into a room nearby and sent for a surgeon. Directly under his right ear was a kind of semi-circular gash, apparently as if he pulled the flesh from the side of his throat and attempted to cut it off. The wound is not very deep, but it is the opinion of Drs. McLeod and Taylor that his jugular vein is cut. It bleeds continually. On our visit to the jail this morning he appeared to be in great agony. His groans could be heard throughout the whole building. He is anxious that he shall die immediately, as he expects happiness hereafter. So much for the barbarous punishment—imprisonment for debt.

Since writing the above we learn that this unfortunate man died at four o'clock this afternoon. An inquest will be held on the body to-morrow morning.

Gratifying Preparations.

MR. HARDY, in his recent speech in the Commons, said he knew of nothing which gratified him so much as when lately he received at the War Office offers from Canada to raise regiments, and he believed that the same heart was beating in all the Colonies as at home. An exchange remarks that the promptitude with which the reserves called out by Her Majesty have rallied to the standard is gratifying and suggestive. The number of absentees is amazingly small. No wonder the Queen has publicly expressed pleasure at the fact. But this prompt response on the part of the reserves is but one of many circumstances which tend to show that Russia will find war with England no child's play. The enthusiasm with which the volunteer army movement in England is being conducted is a very significant circumstance; while that displayed for service in the Mediterranean by the Anglo-Indian army is under all things considered wonderful. Let us hope peace may be maintained. But if Russia will have war, she will have enough of it before she gets rid of it.

MAGDALEN ISLANDS.—The winter here has been unusually fine and mild, with very little snow. The navigation round the Islands was clear of ice till February. There are no wrecks or shipping casualties to report from hence since last autumn. The seal fishery on shore ice is a failure. Twelve schooners fitted out for the Gulf seal fishery, and left the 12th of March. One has returned with 600 large seals, the others, when last spoken, had done very little. The steamer "Albert" landed her mails from Pictou on the 10th inst., and proceeded on her sealing cruise in the Gulf. The continued N. E. winds has driven the ice all westward, so that, to date, no sailing vessel has been able to reach us direct from Strait of Canso. Herrings have made their appearance, but not in large quantities. The American schr. "Eagle" via St. Pierre, and the British schr. "J. H. Christie," from Port Richmond via Cape North, are the only vessels as yet arrived for the herring fishery. The steamer "Albert" returns to-day for Pictou with mails and passengers.

SAD DROWNING ACCIDENT.—A distressing drowning accident is reported as occurring on the northeast branch of Long Creek, about seven miles from Cole's Lake, Washademoak Lake, N. B. Jacob Snider, while arranging a plank near the sluice of the dam, slipped, and went through the sluice. Below the dam the logs were very thick, and the water deep. Snider went under the logs, his feet becoming entangled among them. James Johnston, a fellow stream-driver, succeeded in getting his arms around Snider's body, lifting his head above water; and the latter told the men present, among whom were two of his sons, to get a hand-spike and free his feet. Before being able to do so, however, the water backed up, caused by the pressure of the timber, covering Snider's face, and the unfortunate man drowned in Johnston's arms. His second son, George, jumped in after his father and narrowly escaped the same fate, his feet also becoming jammed in the logs. The other son was with difficulty restrained from sacrificing his life also. Mr. Snider was aged about 50 years, and leaves a family of seven children.—St. John Freeman.

THE steamer "Albert" arrived at Pictou from a sealing voyage on the 30th April, bringing mails and passengers from Magdalen Islands. She left there yesterday morning. Met about one hundred fishing vessels bound for Magdalen, and passed through considerable scattered ice. The sealing voyage was a failure, for want of experience. Saw thousands of seals, but only succeeded in obtaining eighty.

POLITICAL NOTES.

In speaking of the "great" Letellier family, the Quebec Constitution observes:—"Politics is a remunerative business to some people. The Lieutenant Governor's case is one in point. It is obviously worth his while to keep in the good graces of the Ottawa Government, and to run some risk on their behalf. The public accounts show how much he and his connections have cost the country; but whether they are worth all they get for their fidelity it is quite another matter. Since 1873 the Lieutenant Governor has received for his patriotic services as Senator, Minister, and Lieutenant Governor, \$36,077 95. The Tetu family (12 of them) 40,018 79. The Casgrain family (9 of them) 45,769 15. \$111,865 89. Upwards of \$22,000 a year among the members of one family? Something to fight for, it must be confessed; but with such a record before the country, it is a little too barefaced for M. Letellier to prate about the administrative extravagance of his political opponents."

The Newmarket, Ont., Era—a Reform journal, says: "It is no news to many leading Reformers in North York to state that the political complexion of the constituency has undergone considerable change since last election—arising partly from the fact that new issues are now presenting themselves as of paramount importance which heretofore were regarded as secondary or minor in character; arising also from the almost absolute certainty that no inconsiderable section of our voting population, who supported the Reform Candidate then, will now be found acting in harmony with the Conservative party in the approaching contest."

The Mail furnishes the following compendium of the history of the Neebing Hotel job:—

Good lumber charged for, feet.....	65,725
Slabs and culls actually used, feet.....	45,600
Doors charged for.....	44
Doors actually used.....	14
Value of doors, each.....	\$1 50
Price charged for doors.....	2 50
Panes of glass charged for.....	252
Panes actually used.....	48
Paint charged for, tins.....	16
Paint actually used, tins.....	1 1/2
Tins charged for, cases.....	16
Tins actually used.....	nil.
Shingles charged for.....	45,000
Shingles actually used.....	12,000
Builders' valuation of hotel.....	\$2,000
Price paid for it.....	\$5,029

And then the lot on which the structure was built was charged for twice over.

Under the magnificent and moral regime of Messrs. Joly & Co., (says the Montreal Gazette) public offices are at a premium. Money is wanted for the elections. It is probably Mr. Langelier who has found the means of procuring some. It is a public and notorious fact at Three Rivers that the office of Registrar has been sold by the Ministers of the Hon. Mr. Letellier de St. Just. M. Bruno Duval, Deputy Registrar, was given to understand that the place would be given him if he sent \$1,500 to Quebec. M. Duval sent one of his friends with the sum required, but it was too late. The place had been given to a higher bidder for \$2,000, it is said. Documents in the shape of telegrams and letters proving this are carefully kept and will be published.

Here is the latest New York horror: A party of men while dredging just outside the breakwater of the Erie Basin, Brooklyn, brought to the surface, on Friday, the body of a man who had evidently been the victim of foul play. The men who brought the body to the surface were not aware of what they had at first grappled, as it was so heavy. The great weight was explained as soon as the body had been exposed to view, for there were 150 pounds of chain and iron bolts attached to it. There was a gag in the mouth of the victim formed of thick rope, which was sufficient to have prevented him, when alive, from making any outcry. It was also found that his skull was smashed in as if by a blow from a club or some other heavy weapon. It is thought that the body is that of Bernard Feron, who has been missing since the 18th of March. Feron was known as a river speculator, a business which naturally brought him in contact with the worst characters of the city. He was in the habit of carrying considerable money about him, and this fact was known to those whom he was in the habit of meeting in South Brooklyn bar rooms.

GEORGE TOWZ, son of Robert Towz, of Sackville, N. B., while working in his father's mill at Abousnagan, found a piece of maple sugar, wrapped in paper, lying in a cupboard in the file room. Supposing it was left there by his father, he ate a small piece, and when leaving the mill at midnight, ate a portion of the remainder, but finding it had a peculiar, bitter taste, he threw the rest away. Soon after he was seized with violent pains and spasms, such as are attendant upon strychnia poisoning. Emetics were promptly administered, and the stomach relieved, so that life was saved. Dr. Botsford announces the case strychnia poisoning. It is believed that the poisoned sugar was placed there for the young man's father, who offers \$200 reward for the discovery of the would-be murderer.

SUDDEN DEATH.—We regret exceedingly to hear of the awfully sudden death of Rev. Mr. Taylor, Presbyterian Minister, of Bass River, Kent Co. On Sunday last, as Mr. Taylor was entering the door of his church at Bass River, he dropped dead! The event caused great excitement at the Church, and throughout the Settlement, and the family's sudden bereavement has produced a widespread sympathy everywhere. Mr. Taylor came from Scotland five or six years ago, to Ontario, where he married at Spencerville. He had been stationed at Bass River about seven months. We understand that it is Mrs. Taylor's desire to have the remains removed to Spencerville at an early day.—Moncton Times.

New Advertisements.

NEW SUPPLIES

MOLASSES, FLOUR, CORNMEAL, BEANS, CHEESE, SHIP BREAD, CRACKERS.

CARVELL BROS.

Ch'town, May 3, 1878—2i

COAL COAL.

ROUND AND NUT COAL

discharging from Schooner "Maria," at

QUEEN'S WHARF,

AT OUR USUAL LOW PRICES.

WRIGHT & MACGOWAN.

May 3—2i

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.

HOURLY EXPECTED, per brig. Siena, from the West Indies—

150 Puns. Bright Barbadoes	Molasses,
100 " Choice Trinidad	
30 Hhds. Grocery	SUGAR.
20 Tierces "	

Also in Store and to Arrive—

15 Hhds. English Refined	Sugar.
25 Bbls. Granulated	
10 Bbls. Coffee	

For Sale while landing at lowest market rates.

Fenton T. Newbery & Co.

May 3—pat 4i h & ar 2i

FRESH HALIBUT!

By Steamer from Pictou, last night,

200 FRESH HALIBUT, ice packed.

F. S. HANFORD & CO.

May 3—2i

HAMS & LARD!

400 Sugar cured Smoked Hams

and 2,000 pounds LARD, for sale cheap.

HOBKIRK & LONGWORTH.

May 3—2i

Ch'town Lacrosse Club.

MEMBERS will meet for practice on SAT.

URDAY next, at 4.15, on the old grounds.

E. R. BROW, Sec'y.

May 3—1i

PRESSED HAY

SELLING CHEAP, if applied for immediately, at

A. McNeill's Auction Room.

May 3—

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE

Two Plots of Land in King's County.

1st. A BUILDING LOT, with House and Premises, in Souris East.

2nd. A LEASEHOLD FARM (wood land, no improvements) of about Two Hundred and Four acres, on Lot 4f.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Subscriber, Administrator cum testamento annexo de bonis non of the estate of the late Emanuel McEachern, of Lot Number Forty-seven, deceased, will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on WEDNESDAY, the TWELFTH DAY OF JUNE NEXT (A. D. 1878), at the hour of Twelve o'clock, noon, on the premises, in Souris, aforesaid, by virtue of a license therefor granted by the Honorable Charles Young, LL.D., Surrogate and Judge of Probate of this Island, dated the Twenty-fourth day of October, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-seven:

ALL that Building Lot in Souris East, in said Island, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the eastern boundary of Building Lot Number one, in Souris, aforesaid, and running thence south fifty-four (54) degrees along said boundary for the distance one hundred and six (106) feet; thence north-eastwardly parallel to the Souris Road for the distance of sixty-eight (68) feet, or to the southern angle of Building Lot Number Three (3); thence north forty-five (45) degrees west along the south-west boundary of said Lot to Souris road; thence along said road for the distance of eighty (80) feet to the place of commencement, with all and singular the Houses, Buildings, premises and appurtenances thereunto belonging, and of which the said deceased doth appear to have been seized and possessed.

And I hereby also give notice that I will put up and sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the time and place aforesaid, one certain Leasehold Farm of the said late Emanuel McEachern, deceased, or unexpired term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years, in and to ALL that tract, piece and parcel of Land situate, lying and being on Township Number Forty-six, in King's County, aforesaid, bounded as follows, that is to say: On the east and south by land formerly the property of the late Honorable Samuel Cunard, now the property of the Government of the said Province, on the west by land leased unto Roderick McDonald, and on the north by land leased to Angus McPhee, Neil McPhee and John McKenzie, containing an area of about two hundred and four (204) acres of land, a little more or less.

Terms and conditions of sale made known on day of sale or on application to the undersigned or at the office of Messrs. Brecken and FitzGerald.

CHAS. MCEACHERN,

Administrator.

Ch'town, May 1st, 1878,—till sale

New Advertisements.

POLITICAL!

A MEETING of the Liberal-Conservative Party will be held in the MARKET HALL on FRIDAY EVENING, the 3rd inst., at 8 o'clock, at which Hon. J. C. POPE will address the electors on the great political questions of the day.

SIMON W. CRABBE, Sec'y.

Ch'town, May 1—pres

FOR SALE,

A VERY SUPERIOR NEW SQUARE PIANO.

Maker: Wm. Currier, N. Y. Cheap for cash or good paper.

MARK BUTCHER.

May 2—1m

A SECOND-HAND PIANO!

IN GOOD ORDER. Maker—Chickering.

Both very cheap for cash or short credit.

MARK BUTCHER.

May 2—1m

NOTICE.

THE Co-partnership heretofore existing between the Subscribers under the firm-name and style of HASZARD BROS., is this day dissolved by lapse of time. The business will be carried on, under the same name, by Mr. J. E. HASZARD, who assumes the liabilities, and to whom all debts are payable.

J. E. HASZARD,

HORACE HASZARD.

Charlottetown, P. E. I.,

May 1st, 1878. pat 3i wkly

Notice of Copartnership.

MR. HENRY WEEKS and Mr. JAMES PATON are admitted partners in our business from this date.

W. A. WEEKS & CO.

Ch'town, May 1, 1878—swp & ar 2i

DOMINION DAY, 1878!

THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE will hold a grand Demonstration, Tea & Entertainment in Charlottetown, under the auspices of the Grand Division. Reform Clubs and all the other Temperance Societies are invited. The Band will be in attendance. Further particulars in due time.

W. W. BEER, Ch. of Com.

J. W. HODGSON, Sec'y.

Ch'town, April 26, 1878

NOTICE.

The Beliveau Albertite and Oil Co'y.

A FURTHER call of TWO AND ONE-HALF PER CENT. on the Capital Stock of this Company was duly made by the Directors at a Meeting held on the 4th day of April, inst., payable on or before the TENTH DAY OF MAY, to the Treasurer at the Bank of Montreal, Moncton or St. John, or to WILLIAM PATRICK, Manager. (Signed) E. B. CHANDLER, Jr., Sec'y and Treasurer.

Island Stockholders are respectfully requested to pay into the Bank of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown.

WILLIAM PATRICK,

Manager.

April 27, 1877—pat sj till 10th may

Wants, Lost, Found, &c.

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

LOST—In the Y. M. C. A. Hall, on the 12th April last, a MUSIC BOOK with brown cover. The finder will oblige by leaving it at the EXAMINER Office.

May 3—2i

BOARDERS WANTED—Ladies and gentlemen can be accommodated, on reasonable terms, in a pleasant locality at upper end of Prince Street. Apply at the EXAMINER Office.

May 3—1w

\$5.00 REWARD—The above reward will be given to the finder of the MERCHAUM PIPE, which was lost on Kent Street, between Prince and Weymouth Sts., on the night of the 25th ult.

May 2

LOST.—On Sunday last, a beagle-color black and white DOG, with a strap on his neck; answers to the name of "Nimrod." The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving him at the North American Hotel.

Ch'town, May 1st, 1878.—2m

Children's Carriages.—Just arrived, a good assortment—and cheap.

JOHN NEWSON.

April 29, 1878—2w

TO LET.—The Brick House, known as the late Union Bank, is to let in four offices—one with a fire-proof vault. Alterations made to suit, if applied for at once.

JOHN H. GATES.

Wanted to Sell—A Top BUGGY—American build—nearly new. At a bargain. Apply at this Office.

April 24

FOR SALE—A FLAG STAFF, TOP-MAST and LOWER MAST, already finished, about 66 feet long, which will be sold for less than cost. Apply to J. D. CURRIE, corner Prince and Grafton Streets.

March 5, 1878—Si law