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## Our Local Statesmen.

PREVIOUS to the general election in August, 1876, the admirers of the men who now compose the Government were very profuse in praise of their favorites. It was said Mr. L. H. Davies was a lawyer of great attainments, could seize a law point more rapidly, and grapple with any legal question more successfully than any man at the bar. His legal acumen fitted him for a law-maker, and new laws must be made. Again, it was said that he understood Island politics as well as Gladstone did the political questions of Great Britain. It was true he had only sat two or three terms in Parliament, both sessions on the Opposition side of the House, and had no opportunity to develop his executive ability; but a man of such brilliant parts would learn as much in one session as ordinary and plodding men would gain by the experience of ten years. In fact, he had no need to learn, for "it was claimed" that he was a heaven-born statesman. Men of genius, it has been said, possess the power to do rapidly what others require a long time to accomplish. The friends of Mr. Davies evinced strong faith in his ability to block out and dash off school bills, assessment acts, and other bills, as rapidly as a business man does his letters. William Pitt did not possess so much energy and dash and quick-wittedness as our local statesman. Next in rank, but not a whit inferior in ability, stood the politico-economist now at the head of the Public Works Department. His friends and admirers claimed that, if not so dashing and eloquent as the Premier, yet he was more profound; and, being a man of leisure, on his literary lounge in the Legislative Assembly, had studied the doctrines of John Stuart Mill, Adam Smith, Henry Clay, and German statesmen with good results. Although these able men differ widely in their views on some of the most important doctrines of political economy, yet the spacious intellect of local statesman number two could grasp and analyze the different views and determine their effects when applied to the legislation of this colony. It is nothing but natural that a man whose mind is cast in the same mould as that of the great experimentalist, John Stuart Mill, should experiment in acts of parliament relating to the Department of Public Works. Others, again, of the Government had been successful in private business, and were competent to attend to public business. We propose merely to ascertain whether the expectations of fond friends of the Government were realized, or whether disappointment and chagrin were not the reward of their confidence. In doing so we do not ask our readers merely to take our opinion in the matter, although we claim the liberty of expressing it when we like; but, to judge by the Acts of last session, whether the introducers of those acts can lay claim to any executive ability at all, far less the stateship which their friends anticipated. John Bright has said that statesmanship is "that whereby, when we are asked to sanction a measure which, though inevitable, we make the old order slide into the new with the least possible jar or shock to any portion of society." We ask, has there not been jar and shock amounting to almost an earthquake in public opinion as the result of last session's legislation? From centre to circumference of the Island men have felt the shock. The School Bill, perhaps the best of the Acts, is little more than a transcript of the School Act of New Brunswick, a much larger and richer Province. The Act is anything but suitable to this small colony and fits upon it like the harness of a Clydesdale horse upon a Shetland pony; or, to use a common expression, like a shirt on a marlin spike. The other Acts are so involved and interwoven, and the machinery so cumbersome, that friction everywhere exists in their application. The heavy taxation that has to be borne is all the more burdensome to a portion of the people, because they are now paying for their lands. A penny in the price of a loaf of bread may not make any important change in the table of the rich man, but it makes the grate of the poor man empty for a fortnight. So it is with the tax on lands which have been assessed. It may not effect those who have been freeholders for years; but the late tenants are to go without many necessities, because of the heavy drain for the payment of their lands and the taxes exacted at the same time. Again, we ask, if the predictions concerning the ability of these local statesmen have been correct? Is there anything in their acts corresponding to the British definition of statesmanship? We judge of the skill and proficiency of a workman by his work. There is not one single instance where the local statesmen have made "the old order" slide into the new, without a "jar" or "shock." The registration of voters' names under the Act introduced last session, is done in the most round-about and expensive manner that could be devised. The act has caused a

"jar" and "shock" from the fact, that thousands are deprived of their right to exercise their privilege of voting at the polls both in Dominion and Local Elections. In addition to the injustice inflicted we have unnecessary expense attached to the working of the Act. It is a well known fact that the money expended for copying the voters names from the Sheriff's poll books, was completely thrown away. The lists were of no value at all, for the County Judges were compelled to go back to the poll books, a thing which is not contemplated in the Act. The number of mistakes in spelling were so great that thousands would have been disfranchised were it not for the untiring efforts and hard labor of the County Judges and their clerks—abor which extended over two months, for which each Judge gets the small pittance of \$200, and his clerks nothing. And who are responsible for the errors which may be made? If a man is disfranchised through any mistake of the copyist, the Clerk of the Court, who has no control over the matter, and who does not receive a cent for his extra labor of revising the lists, is held liable for any mistake which may occur. The poor clerk is the scape-goat for the sins of the Government and of employes. The sum of five hundred dollars was paid to some gentlemen here in the city for copying the voters' names and the lists were not worth the paper upon which they were written. In addition to all this we have the expenses of printing that which was of no value when done. We ask any reasonable, candid elector where we will be landed if men who have shown such incapacity, and have done so much injury in one year, are allowed to continue in office. Agitate, agitate for your rights.

## The Editors' Astonishment.

THE Grit Press is greatly exercised over the defeat of Vail, the Minister of Militia, in Digby. When M. Laurier was defeated in Arthabaska, the priests were accused of interfering to defeat him; and any amount of abuse was heaped on the poor Frenchmen of that constituency. But in Digby they have not even that miserable excuse; for, according to the "Freeman," Wale, the opponent of the Government, received a majority of votes from every nationality and religion in Digby County. If the Government organs would only see things as they are, they would have no occasion to rack their brains to find reasons for the defeat of their candidate. There is an old proverb which says that there are "none so blind as those that won't see." The people have given these self-blinded editors a few "Eye openers" lately, and they intend to continue the good work until "he who runs may read." The people see several million reasons for opposing the present corrupt Government. They see that their money has been squandered on steel rails, on Goderich harbor jobs, Kaminstiquia and Neebing hotel affairs. They see that the taxes have been increased on everything they use, by the "Purists" at the head of affairs; and the proceeds lavished on their brothers and political friends. Senator Simpson, the Ontario Purist, who was employed by the Government as a mesmerizer, declared on oath that the members returned from the Maritime Provinces last general election were d—d scoundrels. The people find there is more truth than poetry in the Senators' assertion, whenever they get an opportunity, hasten to remedy the evil by turning out the scoundrels and putting honest men in their places. The people are patient; but when they see their hard earned money thrown away on steel rails that are lying useless; when they catch their representatives with their hands in the public chest stealing the peoples money, forbearance ceases to be a virtue. While the Government has been lavishly squandering the public money and heaping on taxes to enable them to plunder more effectually, hundreds of honest men have become bankrupt. Still when Ministers, proved corrupt, have been sent to their constituents for re-election, and they have been rejected, Grit editors pretend to be astonished at the results. If the defeat of their candidates astonishes them so much now, how will they feel when the general election next year will send nine-tenths of them to the "right about face."

## The Entertainment Last Evening.

LAST evening an excellent entertainment was given in Market Hall. The music was under the direction of Mrs. Pennee; and, both instrumental and vocal, was very fine. Among the performers were Mrs. Kicham, Miss Newbery, Mr. Vincombe, Mr. Fletcher, Mrs. Pennee, Miss McEwen, Miss Newbery, Mr. Hermans, Dr. Creamer and Mr. Caven sang solos. There were three choruses, in which a large amount of young growing talent was enjoyed. The Temperance Addresses of the Rev. B. McDonald, Senator Howlan, Rev. Dr. O'Brien and John Gaffney, were among the best we ever heard. The Rev. Mr. McDonald says that the Catholic Total Abstinence Union, under the auspices of which the entertainment was given, now numbers 5,000 members, and will soon number 7,000.

## Stipendiary Magistrate's Court.

Jan. 24.—At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court this morning, J. McDonald, drunk and incapable, was fined \$1 or four days. Peter McLennan, for the same offence, was fined the same. Richard Mitchell, for selling liquor without license, was fined \$32. Case appealed.

RACE.—A very fine race took place on the North River ice on Wednesday evening, between Dr. Jenkins' three-year old "Young Hamiltonian" and McKenzie's "King Bird Jr." The first heat was splendidly trotted, and was won by "King Bird Jr." The second heat was a good contest, and was won by "Hamiltonian." The third was also splendidly trotted, and was won by "King Bird, Jr."

## Latest by Telegraph.

### WAR NEWS.

[By Telegraph to Reading Room and Daily Examiner.]

LONDON, Jan. 24.

The Russians have appointed a Greek Archbishop Governor of Adrianople. It was announced yesterday that Suleiman Pasha had arrived at Drama with the bulk of his army 30,000 men, and telegraphed to Constantinople for transports to be sent to Karala Bay.

The Russian losses to January 10th exceed 82,000 men.

Part of Suleiman's army go to Gallipoli and part to Constantinople.

The Russian army arrived at Keslian and are expected in the neighborhood of Gallipoli on Saturday.

Lord Northcote, in a speech in Parliament, said that the Government fully intended to protect Gallipoli and Constantinople.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.

Gold 101½. Exchange unchanged.

## Responsibility.

The "Chronicle" says, "Mr. Woodgate and Mr. Passow are responsible for the increase." That is a favorite device of the present Government. When Mr. McKenzie is charged with buying 50,000 tons of steel rails years and years before they are wanted, at \$54 a ton, when, if he had, waited he might have obtained them at \$36 a ton—when he is charged with responsibility he turns it off on Mr. Fleming and says "Oh, Mr. Fleming is responsible."

When Mr. Jones is charged with supplying P. O. printing to the tune of \$14,277.96 a year, where, under a former contractor, the same printing only cost the Government \$5,116, he says, "Oh, Mr. Passow and Woodgate are responsible!" That is not true. The local authorities protested against the quantity and the quality of the "Citizens' work"; but Mr. Huntington, acting under pressure from Messrs. Jones and Vail, ordered the work to be received. Who does not know the visits that were made to Ottawa, and the pressure brought to bear before the "Citizens'" enormous prices for inferior work" was agreed to by the Government?—Hc. Reporter.

**GUT THIS OUT & KEEP IT.**

Remember the only place to get

**Hall's Sicilian Hair Renewer**

—FOR—  
**SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS**

—IS AT—  
**Dodd's Medical Hall.**

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**Sir Garnet Wolsley on the State of Europe.**

Sir Garnet Wolsley, in the January number of the *Nineteenth Century*, has a long article on France as a military power. He contrasts very favorably the present strength with its strength in 1870, and says:—"Mistaken as MacMahon may be in regard to home politics, he has at least succeeded in making France once more a great military power." The year 1878 seems destined, says Sir Garnet, to be one of great events for Europe, and, so far as he can judge at present of events pregnant with future injury to England in particular, Germany is our natural ally as long as she remains simply a military power, but should she take Holland, and so seek to rival us upon the sea, it would be the alliance of France we should naturally look to. Holland, France, Belgium and England, allied together would form a league that even proud Germany would feel was too powerful for her to attack.

**Singer's Globe Medicine,**  
TONIC MEDICINE.

**Champion Prepared Food,**

—AND—  
**GRAVEL PAPER FOR CANARIES,**  
Received by Express at

**Dodd's Medical Hall.**

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## Married

On the 23rd inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. J. Lathern, Mr. George Edward Hughes, of the Apothecaries' Hall Co., to Miss Anna Gordon, the only daughter of William Boyle, Esq., of Spring Park.

At the residence of W. H. Findley, Esq., on 22nd inst., by Rev. J. M. McLeod, Mr. Robert McKay to Miss Julia Ann Emery, both of Wood Islands.

On the 17th January, at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. R. Laird, Mr. Thomas Coughlin, Darnley, to Miss Elsie, third daughter of Mr. John McNeill, Fermoyle, Lot 18.

## Died.

On Friday, the 18th inst., of diphtheria, Gertrude Cantello, youngest daughter of John W. and Margretta L. Scott, aged 1 year and 19 days.

At Clifton, New London, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., of cancer, Isabel, the beloved wife of Jonathan McLeod, aged 45 years and ten months.

At his residence, Lot 5, on the 8th January, 1878, James McNaught, aged 75 years, much regretted by his numerous friends. The deceased was a native of Dumfriesshire, Scotland, and emigrated to this Island in the year 1824.

## New Advertisements.

### TEMPERANCE ADDRESSES

—AND—

### MUSIC!

Vocal and Instrumental, at

**ST. PATRICK'S HALL,**  
THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

AT 8 O'CLOCK, SHARP!

ADMISSION - - - - - FREE!

A. A. MACDONALD.

January 24, 1878.

## REMEMBER

We are the Agents for the

**Cast Steel Single-ply Springs,**

which stood the test so well last season.

Buy no other Single Ply Springs but  
**ARMSTRONG'S PATENT!**

**60 PAIRS IN STOCK,**  
all sizes, to carry from 160 to 550 lbs.

**All Warranted!**

and sold at Manufacturers' prices.

SEND FOR PRICE LIST.

**W. E. DAWSON & CO.**  
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**DR. H. A. PARKER,**  
**SURGEON DENTIST.**

(LATE OF OTTAWA.)

Office, . . . St. Lawrence Hotel.

Office Hours: 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Jan. 12, '78—10i eod

## OUR STOCK

—FOR—  
**CARRIAGE BUILDERS**  
IS VERY COMPLETE.

Over 50 Tons Bar Iron,  
49 Bbls. Tire Steel,  
200 Elliptic Carriage Springs,  
110 sets Axles.

ASSORTED SIZES, from ½ to 1½ inch,  
and a very large Stock of

**CARRIAGE & MILL BOLTS,**  
RING BOLTS, STEP PADS, &c.

which we offer to cash and prompt paying  
customers at better prices than ever before.

**W. E. DAWSON & CO.**  
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## Wanted, Immediately,

**A Housekeeper & Cook**—A woman of experience and of good moral character will find a good situation and good pay. Apply immediately to

E. D. STAIR,  
Intelligence Office.

Jan. 18—1w

**An Apprentice** to learn the Cabinet-making business. A steady, lively boy wanted.

E. D. STAIR, Cabinet Maker.

Jan. 18—1w

**NORTH STAR**  
**COFFEE AND LUNCH ROOMS**

## OYSTER SALOON.

MRS. E. COOMBS,

SUCCESSOR TO

**J. CARROL.**

MEALS served at all hours of the day and evening, at reduced rates.

OYSTERS sent to all parts of the City at the very low price of

**30 CENTS PER QUART!**

Also for sale by the Barrel, Bushel, or Peck to suit purchasers.

Ch'town, Jan. 14, 1878—2 aw

## PINE BOARDS

**30,000 FEET PINE BOARDS.**  
For Sale by

F. S. HANFORD & CO.

Ch'town, Jan. 13—3i

## RARE CHANCE.

**GREAT BARGAINS** in high turned and Box Sleighs.  
Carriage and Sleigh repairing and Painting solicited. Charges moderate, at

PETER H. TRAINOR'S,

Kent St., opposite the Rocklin House.  
Ch'town, Jan. 17, 1877.—4i

## New Advertisements.

### LECTURE.

THE Fifth Lecture of the Course in connection with the Y. M. C. Association, will be delivered

On Friday Evening, Jan. 25.

JANUARY 25th,

BY REV. J. C. BERRIE,

Subject: "London Work and Play."

Doors open at 7.30; to commence at 8. Admission 10 cents.

J. McLEOD, Sec'y.

Jan. 24, 1878.

## GRAND Skating Tournament,

—IN—  
**CITIZENS' SKATING RINK!**

SATURDAY, 26th INST.

Consisting of HURDLE, BLINDFOLD, and BARREL RACES. Prizes will be distributed to the successful competitors. Prizes will also be given to the best LADY and GENTLEMAN SKATER.

GALBRAITH'S BAND at 4 p. m. Admission to non-ticket holders, 25 cts. Jan. 24, 1878.

## The Insolvent Act of 1875, and Amending Acts.

In the matter of SYLVANUS KEITH, an Insolvent.

A WRIT of Attachment has been issued in this cause, and the Creditors are notified to meet at my office, in Charlottetown, in Queen's County, on THURSDAY, the thirty-first day of JANUARY, instant, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to receive statements of his affairs and to appoint an Assignee if they see fit.

B. WILSON HIGGS,  
Official Assignee.

Charlottetown, P. E. Island,  
January 19, 1878. } jan 24

## TENDERS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
Charlottetown, Jan. 21, 1878.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at this Office, until noon of the 31st day of January next, from persons willing to contract for furnishing and putting up from 400 to 600 Street Signs. Pattern to be seen at the Mayor's Office. The Council will not be bound to accept the lowest or any Tender. By order,  
WM. B. MORRISON,  
City Clerk.

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## GROCERY

### Provision Store!

Cor. Great George & Kent Sts.

THE Subscriber wishes to inform his friends and the public generally that he still keeps on hand a choice assortment of

**Groceries and Provisions,**  
AT HIS OLD STAND,

and will be pleased to have them call and inspect for themselves.

ON HAND,  
**10 CHESTS CONGOU TEA,**  
("New Season")

**1,000 Lbs. Canadian Cheese,**

**10 Casks American Kerosene Oil,**  
(120° test; 35 cts. per gal.)

**20 BARRELS SUGAR**  
(all kinds),

**100 Bbls. Sup. Extra Flour,**

**3 Puns. Very Choice**

**MOLASSES**

**20 doz. Pickles, 20 doz. Assorted Jams**

**20 boxes Dessert Prunes,**

**100 Tins Sardines.**

**TINS PEACHES, PINEAPPLES,**

**STRAWBERRIES, TOMATOES**

**NEW RAISINS, ZANTE CURRANTS**

**DRIED APPLES, STEWING PRUNES,**

**300 QUARTS CRANBERRIES,**

**GREEN GRAPES.**

**200 LBS. SMOKED HALIBUT,**

**35 QTLs. CODFISH,**

**100 BOXES DIGBY HERRING.**

and all goods usually found in a First-Class Grocery Store.

FAMILIES SUPPLIED BY THE MONTH

**DONALD NICHOLSON.**  
Jan. 16, 1878—y.