

Work of the Session.

1. An Act to repeal section forty-nine of an Act intituled an Act respecting the Public Works.
2. An Act respecting arrest and Imprisonment for Debt.
3. The Public Inquiries Act.
4. The Public Roads Act, 1879.
5. The Indigent Debtors Act.
6. An Act to Incorporate St. Patrick's Total Abstinence and Benevolent Society of Charlottetown.
7. The Elections Amendment Act, 1879.
8. The Surrogate and Probate Fees Act.
9. An Act to amend the Law of Arbitration.
10. An Act to further amend an Act regulating the sale, by license, of spirituous liquors.
11. The Mechanics Lien Act.
12. An Act to amend an Act further securing the Independence of the General Assembly.
13. An Act to amend an Act relating to lunatics and to the custody of lunatics.
14. An Act for the protection of game and fur-bearing animals.
15. An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Minister and Trustees of St. Columbia Church, Blair and Athol, St. Peter's Road, Township No. 34.
16. An Act respecting certain Departments of the Public Service.
17. An Act to amend the Public Schools Act of 1877.
18. An Act to amalgamate the Prince of Wales College and the Provincial Normal School.
19. An Act to continue a certain act therein mentioned.
20. An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Minister and Trustees of the Free Church of the City of Charlottetown.
21. An Act to incorporate the Lorne Hotel Company.
22. An Act to repeal certain Acts relating to the Church of England in this Province and to make provisions in lieu thereof.
23. The Court of Chancery Amendment Act of 1879.
24. An Act to amend the Assessment Act of 1877.
25. An Act to authorize the levying of an assessment for the year 1879.
26. An Act for appropriating certain moneys therein mentioned for the service of the Year of our Lord 1879.

THESE acts of the late session involve the repeal of the obnoxious clause which provides for the levy of tolls on public bridges; the abolition of imprisonment for debt—except in cases of fraud; the option of paying commutation money or working on the roads; the application of liens to protect mechanics, etc.; the amalgamation and consolidation of several departments of the public service; the amalgamation of Prince of Wales College and the Normal School, and many other economical and salutary changes of less importance. The annual savings effected may be set down as follow:—

Attorney General's salary reduced.	\$ 300 00
Commissioner of Public Works	300 00
“ “ Lands	300 00
Provincial Secretary-Treasurer	300 00
Engineer's salary	200 09
Auditor's salary	1,200 00
Chief Superintendent of Education, salary reduced.	300 00
Secretary of Public Works Department, salary reduced.	200 00
Inspector of Schools pay reduced.	400 00
Result of amalgamation of Prince of W. College and Normal School	2,300 00
Reduction in expenses of Legislature	2,290 00
Salary of Inspector of Licenses.	500 00
Reduction in Supervisors' pay.	2,500 00
Registration of Voters.	2,500 00
Sundry reductions, etc., in the pay of minor officials.	1,465 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,155 00</b>

Had the Bill to abolish the Legislative Council not been defeated, the saving would have been larger by about \$7,000 a year. But as it is, the country will give the Government credit for honestly and manfully endeavoring to carry out their pre-election pledges.

The session was marked by the utmost harmony in the ranks of the Government. Only in the case of the Legislative Council Abolition Bill was there any material objection on the part of any of its supporters to the policy of the Government.

The Provincial Auditor's Letter.

We have devoted a large portion of our space to-day to a letter from Mr. Frederick Hyndman, Auditor of Public Accounts. We willingly give Mr. Hyndman an opportunity to explain the suspicious and singular entries in the accounts of the present year, of payments made in 1878.

The letter of Mr. Hyndman does not, however, really touch the point at issue. We take Mr. Hyndman's own admission, that the sum of \$2,814.21 was expended in the year 1878 which did not appear in the public accounts. The reason given for omitting this amount from the Official Report is that a warrant was not issued by the Governor in Council authorizing the payment of the sum of \$2,814.21. The fact that this sum alluded to does not appear in any of the books kept at the various public offices, shows that it was not the intention of the late Government to cover it by warrant; and, therefore, they must have designedly concealed the payment of the various amounts so that they should not appear in the Auditor's Report of the year 1878. Our opinion is further

strengthened on this point by learning that various payments were made all through the month of December last, even up to the 31st day of that month, including the salaries of Messrs. Davies, Stewart, and the Provincial Auditor himself, all of which were covered by warrants issued on the same day. If it was necessary to close the accounts in the P. W. Department, early in December how did the members of the Government find it convenient to pay their own salaries and have the entries properly made upon the books and the warrants issued on the last day of the year?

We confidently deny that payments were made by any previous Government in a manner similar to the one adopted by the late Government. Whenever payments were made, entries also appear in the books of the Department by which the payments were made. We have never, previous to this instance, heard of accounts being kept by the Auditor in a private memorandum book. But this is the only way in which Mr. Hyndman's "suspense account" could have been kept.

There is another feature of this "suspense account" which is deserving of notice; and to us appears very singular. These payments were made by the Auditor himself. Who authorized the different payments? Who audited the accounts? Is it a part of the duty of the Auditor to make payments?

When the Provincial Auditor ventures the assertion that a complete and thorough vindication, not only of his own conduct, but that of the late Government, would be the result of any investigation, he makes common cause with the late Government, and shows that our suspicion of collusion existing between himself and that body is not without foundation.

Since the Auditor volunteers a vindication of the late Government, he should go further and explain the large expenditure of \$52,415.65 "More than what appears in the Printed Accounts." We quote an extract from the Public Accounts Committee, of which Mr. Angus McMillan was a member:—

"The expenditure to 31st December was \$334,133.29, or \$21,448.95 over the receipts. But we find that teachers were only paid for three quarters of the past year, and amounts were due contractors, supervisors and others which, if paid up as on the previous year, would show the expenditure to be \$52,415.65 MORE THAN WHAT APPEARS BY THE PRINTED ACCOUNTS."

Correspondence.

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

To the Editor of the Examiner.

SIR,—The following paragraph from the powerful (?) pen of Thomas Aneear will show the people of P. E. I. that deceit is uppermost in his mind. The paragraph is from smiling Thomas' card to the electors, and reads as follows:—

"If elected, I shall support any constitutional measure introduced to abolish the Legislative Council, as I believe it to be an unnecessary and expensive burden upon the people."

How well you have kept your pledges, Thomas. Could there be found in the whole Province another man who has so little respect for his word? I trow not.

He says the Council is an expensive burden; but as soon as elected he says it puts more in my pocket than it takes out. What does Thomas care for the electors as long as he pockets his salary? Come, Thomas, like a man, explain your conduct to the electors. "Be honest, be truthful, and you'll be secure." I fear, Mr. Editor, that Mr. Aneear would be apt to sing, "If I couldn't, how could I, could you. Will Mr. Aneear tell the electors if over he heard of the Supervisor that got \$30 for digging his own cellar."

Yours, etc.

A FARMER'S SON.  
Handy Yon Road, Lot 59, June 2, 1879.

To the Editor of the Examiner.

SIR,—I noticed, in a recent number of your daily, a speech from our city member,—the Hon. Neil McLeod,—in which he admits that our city receives only \$7,000 per year from the Provincial Government. Now, I am ignorant of the city receiving a dollar from the Government, except a paltry grant made annually, in accordance with an understanding entered into, some years since, between the then Government and the city authorities, in lieu of the taxes which the Government buildings would be taxed if assessed equally with the citizens' buildings—it being considered that the Public Buildings were equally protected by the Fire Department with the citizens' own buildings; and hence the reason for this annual grant not being made to the city, but to the Fire Department. But I must say that the Government of the day have a bad bargain; for if the Government Buildings were taxed equally with the buildings of the citizens, the grant would be quite three times the amount of the present day. It may be considered a breach of privilege to ask these questions, but as old Tory as well as extreme Radical days have passed away, and we are living in Liberal Conservative days, there is no fear of either you or myself being dragged before the Bar by the Sergeant-at-Arms. And it is very evident that Mr. McLeod's speech is calculated to increase the sectional feeling which most unfortunately has obtained a footing between the city and country districts and destroying the feeling that ought to exist. The country people supply the market, and the city people are the purchasers and the consumers. The best of feeling ought to exist. I have thought that Mr. McLeod would not hesitate to do something to remove any such impression as his speech is calculated to produce.

Yours,  
A CITY COUNCILLOR.  
Who supported Mr. McLeod.

Letter From the Provincial Auditor.

CHARLOTTETOWN,  
9th June, 1879.

To the Editor of the Examiner:

SIR,—In your issue of Saturday last, under the heading of "an extraordinary notice," appears an article written with much bitterness, and, evidently, with the object of doing me an injury. I cannot allow it to pass without notice, as the charges therein made are utterly groundless and false.

I will say, in the first place, that immediately the notice you refer to was placed upon the Order Book in the House of Assembly, I prepared and handed to the Leader of the Government the following statement; but whether it was ever tabled or not I am unable to say:—

STATEMENT

"shewing if any accounts paid in 1878 are charged in the expenditure of the present year."

"No payments made by warrant in 1878 are charged in the expenditure of 1879; but payments to the amount of \$2,814.21 were made by advance cheque, and will appear in the accounts of 1879."

"The authority for all payments is the warrant of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, consequently only such payments as are made by warrant can appear in the official report."

(Signed) FRED. W. HYNDMAN,  
Prov. Auditor.

May 29, 1879.

To any person who has held the position of leader of a government or President of the Executive Council in this Province, this bare statement would be sufficient to explain the whole matter. But, for the information of those of your readers who have never been in that position, I shall explain how this expenditure was incurred, the manner in which it was paid, and what is meant by "advance cheque"; and will show, I think, to the satisfaction of every unprejudiced person, that no irregularity was committed, either in making the payments or in leaving them out of my official report.

Some time in the month of December, I was sent for by the Executive Council, which was then sitting, and asked "what was the earliest possible date that I could lay the printed accounts for 1878 before the Legislature?" I replied, "Not earlier than the middle of March, unless the payments at the Public Works Department are stopped at once, and the Secretary allowed to make up his books, in which case I could have the report ready a fortnight earlier."

Shortly after this I was instructed to authorise the Secretary of Public Works Department to close his books; and I was, at the same time, authorised to make any payment that was absolutely necessary by "advance cheque."

These instructions were carried out; and, as a result, my report was compiled and printed, and ready for the Legislature on the 25th February—a circumstance involving a great deal of labor, and an event which never occurred in the history of this Province before.

As I have stated in the return above quoted and furnished the Leader of the Government, all authorized payments are made by warrant issued by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. It is, therefore, apparent that any payment made in any other manner cannot be embraced in an official Report, but must stand over, as the expenditure must appear in the year in which the warrant is issued.

At the same time every Government that has existed has found at times there are payments which must be made without waiting for the warrant of the Lieut. Governor in Council; and to meet this necessity of the Service, a system of "advance cheques" has always been in use, and must remain in use, unless the Council meets every day in the year, or the Law is altered. Under this arrangement payments only which the President of the Council knows that he can take the responsibility of subsequently passing through Council are made; and in this way the amount of \$2814.21 was paid before the year expired. Of this amount \$1,521.35 was Supervisors' Road orders; \$691.72 was Supervisors' Commissions; and the balance sundry small amounts, the payment of which was absolutely necessary.

I fail to see that in this matter there were any "manifestations of figures known to desperate and unscrupulous financiers" practised. On the contrary I am satisfied that there has rarely, if ever, been a year's accounts closed by any Government, where much larger amounts have not been carried over in a similar way, and for various reasons. But nobody ever thought of attributing such motives as are now assigned to the Government, or to the Auditor for doing so; and as for the collusion between myself and the late government in order to conceal expenditure, I emphatically state the insinuation is base in the extreme. I cannot conceive what object could be sought or obtained by concealing an amount of \$2,814.21 where the total expenditure reaches the large sum of over three hundred and thirty thousand dollars.

You state that there have been "grave rumors abroad" and "good reasons for believing that something wrong exists in connection with the Public Accounts of last year that have been submitted to the House." If such is the case, I have heard nothing of those rumors from the Government. Indeed I may say that a majority of the present Executive have expressed personally to me their entire satisfaction with the manner in which I performed my duties. But if any of them entertain such a suspicion, they can easily get at the bottom of it. Let them appoint a commission under the "Public Inquires Act," and investigate thoroughly the whole matter. I shall only be too glad to meet them, give all the information I have in reference thereto; and I venture the assertion, that a complete and thorough vindication, not only of the conduct of the late government in the matter,

but also of myself as Auditor, will be the result.

In conclusion I will call to your remembrance a statement prepared by me during the late election campaign for the Leader of the present Government and which statement was printed in your paper of the 9th April, in which you will find, amongst other amounts carried over from 1878, the following:—

Suspense accounts opened to facilitate the preparation of accounts in anticipation of an early meeting of the Legislature, \$2,814 21

This is the same account as is now referred to; and ought, in my opinion, to satisfy everybody that there was neither desire nor attempt on my part to conceal its existence from the present Government, the Legislature or the public. I have to request you will give publicity to the foregoing at the earliest date possible.

Yours, etc.,  
FRED. W. HYNDMAN.

MORE NEW CLOTHS!

—AT—  
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June 19, 1879—

**BEST**  
NO. 1 London White Lead, Turpentine, Oils, Colours, Gold Leaf, cheap.  
BEER & SONS.  
June 10, 1879—

CHALLENGE.

A TEAM of Ten men from the Charlottetown Engineers hereby challenge Ten men of No. 2 Company, 82nd Batt., to a friendly Shooting Match, on the Kensington Rifle Range, for a sum not less than FIFTY DOLLARS a side.

Regulations in accordance with those of the D. R. Association for 1878. Ranges 200, 400, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots at each range. Open for acceptance till 16th inst. Preliminaries can be arranged with the undersigned.  
On behalf of Team,  
ALEXANDER HORNE.  
June 10, 1879.



MAIL CONTRACTS.

TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, 15th August next, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on proposed Contracts for four years, from 1st October next, over each of the following routes, viz:—

- Alberton and Kildare.
- Alberton and Lot 6.
- Alberton and Railway Station.
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- Barrett's Cross and Darnley.
- Barrett's Cross and Railway Station.
- Bay Fortune and Souris East.
- Bedeque and Summerside.
- Bloomfield and Railway Station.
- Cape Wolfe and Lot 4.
- Cardigan Road and Railway Station.
- Cavendish and Hunter's River.
- Charlottetown and Railway Station.
- County Line and Somerset.
- Darlington and New Wiltshire.
- Darlington and Princetown Road.
- Darlington and Railway Station.
- Darlington and Rose Valley.
- Farmington and Head of St. Peter's Bay.
- Fifteen Point and Miscouche.
- Freetown and Lower Freetown.
- Freetown and Railway Station.
- Georgetown and Railway Station.
- Graham's Road and Springfield.
- Head of St. Peter's Bay and Railway Station.
- Holmes' Mills, (Bradalbane,) and New London.
- Holmes' Mills, (Bradalbane,) and Railway Station.
- Higgins' Road and Wellington.
- Hunter's River and North Rustico.
- Hunter's River and Railway Station.
- Laversham and Railway Station.
- Lot 10 and Railway Station.
- Lot 11 and Railway Station.
- Lot 12 and Railway Station.
- Lot 14 and Railway Station.
- Lot 35 and Railway Station.
- Marie Bridge and Railway Station.
- Miminegash and Railway Station.
- Miscouche and Railway Station.
- Miscouche and Southwest, Lot 16.
- Montague Bridge and Railway Station.
- Montague Bridge and Valleyfield.
- Montague Bridge and Victoria Cross.
- Morell and Morell Rear.
- Mount Pleasant and Railway Station.
- Mount Stewart and Railway Station.
- Pisiquid and Railway Station.
- Port Hill and Railway Station.
- St. Eleonor and Summerside.
- Scotchfort and Tracadie Cross.
- Skinner's Pond and Tignish.
- Souris East and Railway Station.
- Summerside and Railway Station.
- Summersville and Vernon River.
- Tignish and Railway Station.
- Tracadie Cross and Railway Station.
- Traveller's Rest and Railway Station.
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- West Point and Railway Station.
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W. W. McLEOD,  
Ass't P. O. Inspector.  
Post Office Inspector's Office,  
Charlottetown, P. E. I.,  
23rd May, 1879.  
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June 9—11

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TO LET.

FOR THE SEASON, a one-acre Lot of excellent PASTURE on the Brighton Road, having a good fence all round. Apply to J. D. MASON.  
Ch'town, June 5, 1879—3in eod

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I. C. HALL.  
Ch'town, June 4 1878—6i

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Wholesale and Retail,  
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Ch'town, June 2—

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—IN THE—  
Citizens' Skating Rink,  
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WEDNESDAY, 11th JUNE NEXT.

A WALKING MATCH of 12 hours' duration will take place in the Skating Rink, on the above date, when a purse of \$30.00 and a belt will be competed for.

All entrances must be made on or before SATURDAY, 7th June. Entrance fee, \$2.00.

All competitors must be present at half-past nine o'clock in the morning, as the race will be started at ten o'clock, sharp.

The race will be "Heel and Toe," and a copy of the rules governing it will be furnished to each competitor.

The Band will be in attendance.  
Admission: During daytime and up to six o'clock, 15 cents; after six o'clock, 25 cts.

By order,  
W. C. HOBKIRK, Sec'y.  
May 27, 1879—3taw

Wants. Lost, Found, &c.

SAWDERER WANTED—A good smart man to work in a lobster factory. Single man preferred. Apply at the EXAMINER office. [June 10]

FOUND—A Bunch of KEYS. Apply at the EXAMINER office. June 9

LOST—On Friday last, a NOTE-OF-HAND in favor of Hugh McDonald, signed by Henry Rackem and endorsed by Hugh McDonald. The finder will oblige by leaving it at this office. [June 9—1w eod]

FOR SALE—A first-class JIGGER (nearly new) will be sold cheap. Apply to JOHN STENTIFORD. [June 9]

WANTED—A man with a good outfit to Peddle TINWARE. Apply to G. E. MILLNER, Upper Queen Street. [May 22]

Shop to Let.—One of the best Business Stands in the city, in Newson's Building, opposite Post Office; lately in the occupation of Robert Brown. Possession given immediately. Apply to JOHN NEWSON. [21 1/2]