

The Assessment of Real and Personal Property.

A SPECIAL meeting of the City Council was held on Thursday evening, for the purpose of introducing a By-law to impose a tax on Real and Personal Property, for City purposes. With the exception of Councilor Murphy, all Councilors were present. Councilor Davy—after the minutes of the previous meeting were read—arose in his place and, without the most obscure explanation, introduced "a By-law, to amend the By-law for the collection of Assessment on Real and Personal Property." The By-law introduced by Councilor Davy repeals section nine of the original By-law, and under the term "personal property for the purposes of the By-law, shall be included all household furniture, goods, chattels, wares, and merchandise kept in public or private premises, or in the Queen's or other public ware houses. Also all horses, carriages, sleighs, or other moveable property. Also all shares or stocks of any banking or insurance companies, or other joint stock companies doing business within the said City of Charlottetown. Any assessment levied on any such stock or shares, to be levied on the profits or premiums declared on such shares or stock for the year preceding by such banking or insurance companies only, and not on the stock or shares themselves." It also repeals section thirteen of the original By-law which sets forth that, "No assessment shall be made on any household furniture in actual use," etc. Section fourteen is by it altered so as to read that "No person shall be assessed for his or her personal property unless its value amounts to three hundred dollars." The By-law was read a first time, and the Council went into a Committee of the Whole to take it into consideration—Councilor Beer taking the Chair. The introducing of this important By-law without a word of explanation from Councilor Davy, created great indignation at the Council Board. He was justly censured for his silence and apparent indifference by the Mayor, Councilors Byrne, Crabbe and Koughan. On the other hand, Councilors Lawson, Horne and Morris upheld Councilor Davy. They were of opinion that the By-law spoke for itself, was thoroughly understood by all members of the Council, and an explanation was unnecessary. Such witless opinions were not accepted, and "the opposition," on behalf of the citizens of Charlottetown, asked the "why and the wherefore" such a By-law was brought in; if it was necessary; and if it could not be done without. But the introducer sat still, as though he had no interest in the By-law which he presented. Such an exhibition of muteness is seldom witnessed outside a Deaf and Dumb Institution. His Worship spoke at length against the By-law. As Mayor of the City, the gentleman who introduced it did not treat him with common courtesy. They did not inform him what the By-law contained. Until it was read by the Chairman, he did not know what its contents were. It was the only instance he knew of where a Mayor was allowed to come to the Council without being informed of the contents of By-laws to be introduced. If he had been made aware of the contents of the By-law, he would have come prepared to show that it was uncalled for, and could easily be done without. An informal meeting of the Council was held a few days ago. The Councilor who introduced the By-law, and those who support it, were present. The difficulty in which the Corporation was at present, and how the Corporation could tide over it, was discussed. His Worship submitted three plans by which they could get out of the difficulty without taxing the already over-taxed citizens. They were (1) to sell Pownal Wharf; (2) to ask the Local Government to pass an Act permitting the Corporation to fund its floating debt, and (3) to ascertain if there was not some source from which revenue could be obtained without imposing a heavy tax on citizens. No notice was taken of these suggestions by "the Government," and Councilor Davy comes in with his By-law, to levy a most obnoxious tax, without himself or any of his supporters informing the Council how much money they assume it will raise; when they assume the money (if any) can be raised; or giving the slightest information of how the By-law will help the city over its present financial difficulty. If the By-law, with its many faults, were passed at the present time, it is estimated that three months would elapse before a cent could be collected under it. Then, more than ten thousand dollars could not be collected. The city is at the present time in need of thirty thousand dollars. In the mean time what is to be done! The only sensible course to pursue is, adopt the second suggestion of His Worship to ask the Local Government to pass an Act, permitting the city to fund its floating debt. If this Act were passed, debentures could then be disposed of to the amount of \$30,000, and the requirements of the Corporation could thus be met and the debts could be liquidated without imposing crushing tax on citizens, which they are not prepared to pay.

We regret we have not space to-day for a summary of the able speeches made by the Mayor, Councilors Byrne, Crabbe and Koughan against the By-law. Its many faults were analyzed by them. They showed clearly that if it were passed at the present time, it would not meet the city's requirements, and would be resisted by citizens generally.

The Committee at 10.30 reported progress, and asked leave to sit again. The meeting then adjourned till this evening at 7.30, when the bill will be further considered.

The grand skating match advertised to come off in the Citizens' Skating Rink this evening, will not take place, as, owing to the small number of entries, it was decided to postpone the race.

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NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

Special Dispatch to the Examiner.

LONDON, March 11.

Gladstone has issued an address to the electors of Midlothian, which he opens by saying: "In an electioneering address, issued by Beaconsfield, an attempt is made to work upon the fears, by dark illusions to the repeal of the Union and the abandonment of the Colonies. Those who endangered the Union with Ireland were the party that maintained an alien Church, an unjust land law, and franchise inferior to ours. As to the Colonies, the Liberal Administration gave them popular and Responsible Governments, undertook to defend Canada with the whole strength of the Empire, and organized the great scheme for uniting the several settlements of British North America into one Dominion. The present Ministry have neglected home legislation, aggravated public distress by continued shocks to confidence, and augmented public expenditures and taxation abroad. The Ministry have endangered the prerogative by gross misuse; weakened the Empire by needless wars; dishonored it in the eyes of Europe by filching Cyprus from the Porte under clandestine treaty; aggrandized Russia, lured Turkey to dismemberment and ruin, and loaded India with the cost of an unjustifiable war. The Ministry have done nothing to improve our social condition. You are promised the advantages of ascendancy in the Councils of Europe. The word "ascendancy" is best known to us by its baneful connection with the history of Ireland. I must assert the co-equality of independent allied Powers, but, in the mouth of the present Ministry, the claim is ridiculous.

The Home-Rule Combination has issued a manifesto to the Irish people in Great Britain, declaring the ministry is seeking dissension and hatred between Englishmen and Irishmen.

PARIS, March 12.

The prevalence of small pox here causes much alarm.

OTTAWA, March 12.

In the Commons, Sir Charles Tupper, replying to a question, said they were not in a position to construct the Cape Tormentine and Cape Traverse Railways this year. The whole afternoon was spent in discussing Dr. McCarthy's original procedure bill, after which the House adjourned for the day.

Financial.

The following are the selling rates for Exchange at the Banks here:

London—sight.....	10 1/2 per cent. prem.
" 60 days.....	9 1/2 per cent. "
New York—cheque.....	1/2 per cent. "
Boston—cheque.....	1/2 per cent. "
Montreal, Toronto, etc.....	1/2 per cent. "
Halifax.....	1/2 per cent. "
St. John, N. B.....	1/2 per cent. "
St. John's, Nfld.....	2 per cent. "

LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

MARCH 12.

House met at 3.30 p. m.

The Bill relating to the Charlottetown Cemetery Company was read a second time, and passed in Committee.

Hon. MR. SULLIVAN introduced a Bill to amend the County Courts Act by taking away the power of County Court Judges, or County Court Clerks, to exact fees for their own emolument; also to amend the Common Law Procedure Act; also a Bill to enable executors to sell and convey mortgages; also a Bill to abolish the Legislative Council.

The funeral of the late Donald Currie, Esq., Collector of Customs, was attended by the Caledonian Club and the Brethren of Free and Accepted Masons, in regalia, and by a very large concourse of citizens, in sleighs and on foot.

The mails crossed to this side, and arrived in this city this evening.

The "Northern Light" left Picton yesterday but her arrival at Georgetown has not yet been reported.

Correspondence.

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

To the Editor of the Examiner.

DEAR SIR,—I wish to call your attention, and that of the mercantile body all over the Island, to the statement made a few days ago by Sir Charles Tupper, in the House of Commons at Ottawa, "that the order had been sent for this Northern Light to go to the Capes."

How will this suit merchants who have goods on the way, via Picton, ordered early expressly on account of that place being the port from which the Northern Light leaves the mainland. Yours, &c.,

COMMERCE.

Ch'town, March 12th, 1880.

Special Notices.

NEW SPRING HATS.—For Spring Styles in Ladies' Hats go to J. B. McDonald's.

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