

GROSS MISREPRESENTATION.

An Ungentlemanly Act.

In the *Patriot* of the 29th inst. is published the Stamp Act. It is prefaced by an article from the pen of the editor, who displays, as usual, unpardonable ignorance of the subject upon which he is writing. We here quote the words of the *Patriot*: "The Minister of Inland Revenue, in introducing the Bill, did not appear to be aware that it was so framed as to extend its provisions to the Island." The editor of the *Patriot* appears to be ignorant of the fact that all public and private Bills are read and discussed before their proper Committees previous to their introduction into Parliament. This being the case, the Minister of Inland Revenue must have submitted his amendments to the Committee on Public Bills, and been thoroughly acquainted with all the provisions of the Bill. The *Patriot* states that "it remained for the Directors of our banks here to make the important discovery that the law extends to this Province." This admission so far as the editor of the *Patriot* is concerned, shows that he failed while in Ottawa to make himself acquainted with the legislation of Parliament relating to the Island. It was not the proper policy of any of the representatives to publicly, on the floor of the House, oppose the passage of Mr. Baby's amended Act. They would have exposed themselves to the ridicule of the House and failed to accomplish what may be desired by some—the staving off of the stamp tax. The fact that the Act was never enforced on the Island is due to the incompetency and neglect of duty of the ex-Minister of Inland Revenue. The *Patriot* states that: "During the Reform rule, the representatives of the Island in the Dominion Commons managed to keep this Province free from the burden which the Stamp Act imposed on the older Provinces of the Dominion. These men worked silently but effectually." These statements are gross falsehoods, and will not be defended by even late Reform representatives themselves. It is a well known fact that they dared not even mention the omission of the late Government to extend the Act to P. E. Island, even privately. The editor of the *Patriot* must expose himself to the ridicule of those in the other Provinces who chance to read his article. They, doubtless, will commend the Minister of Inland Revenue for his act of justice towards them in including every Province under the Stamp Act. But the worst feature of the publication of the article prefacing the Stamp Act in the *Patriot*, is the fact that a gentleman of this city, who happened to procure a copy of the Stamp Act, kindly furnished it to the *Patriot* for the purpose of giving the public information relating to Bill Stamps. The editor of the *Patriot* betrayed the kindness of the gentleman alluded to, by making political capital out of it against Hon. Messrs. Pope and Brecken and Senator Haviland. We venture to say that, if the object of Mr. Lawson had been known by the gentleman who gave him a copy of the Stamp Act, the Act would not have been published in the columns of the *Patriot*. To some inconsiderate persons, the act of kindness in lending the published Act will be associated with the article which appeared in the *Patriot* of the 29th inst. No gentleman would have rewarded the kindness of another by deception.

The Attack of the "Patriot" on R. J. Cartwright.

THE *Patriot* of the 29th inst. contains an attack on R. J. Cartwright which we do not mean to say is undeserved. We rejoice that our contemporary has his eyes opened at last to the moral degradation of the "meanest man in Canada." That our gracious Sovereign has conferred upon him the honor of Knighthood in no way mitigates the *Patriot's* wrath. "It is not likely," he says, "that the appendage will make" (R. J.) "a better, a wiser, or a more useful man." Quite correct. Five years of "mixing and muddling" has shewn this. The *Patriot* goes on to say: "We are much pleased to find that Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Blake, and Mr. George Brown are too high minded and possess too much real dignity of character and self-respect to accept the Brummagen titles which it is in the power of the Governor General to bestow. Such titles, while they may give a kind of adventitious importance to successful political adventurers and respectable nobodies, will save them from either the oblivion nor the contempt they merit. They cannot, on the other hand, add to the brightness of the fame of any man really entitled to be honored by the people of Canada. If it is the intention of the inventors and the bestowers of these cheap titles to create an aristocracy in the Dominion they will surely be disappointed. The material is not here, and the time is not propitious. Nobles find it hard to hold their own in countries where their order is supported by the laws of the land, and the traditions and usages of ages, how then can they expect to gain a foothold in this new country made by the people, and in which

the people are now, and always have been, paramount."

We congratulate the *Patriot* that he has at last found and has the honesty to own that Cartwright is a "successful political adventurer, and a respectable nobody." It is always pleasant to see light breaking through darkness, and dense, as is that which surrounds our contemporary, hopelessly blind, as we hitherto thought him, to all ideas of right, it is no little surprise to find him becoming open to conviction.

It is but fair to say that he includes Messrs. Filley and Tupper in the same category; that of course from him is to be expected. We are not unreasonable; we believe that convictions are more likely to be deep-rooted if they are of slow growth. We are also glad to see that Sir A. Campbell, the Postmaster General, is excluded from the *Patriot's* animadversion.

Temperance Election in King's County.

VOTING on "Canada Temperance Act" took place in King's County on Thursday last. The result was declared at Georgetown to-day. Ten hundred and seventy-six voted for the introduction of the Act, and fifty-nine against it. This result is very satisfactory.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, May 30.

House met at 9 p.m.
Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN presented the Sheriff's return for the recent partial election in the Fort Augustus District, and Mr. D. A. McDonald, the member elect, took the necessary oaths and his seat.

The Act to repeal certain Acts relating to the Church of England in this Province, and to make provision in lieu thereof, and the Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Minister and Trustees of the Free Church, were read a third time and passed.

Upon motion of Mr. Shaw, the Act to incorporate the Lorne Hotel Company was read a second time, reported from Committee agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Saturday.

Mr. FARQUHARSON asked the Attorney General what action the Government proposed to take in the matter of constructing a bridge on the West River?

Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN said the matter was a very important one, as the construction of the said bridge would entail the expenditure of a large amount of money. The matter was under the consideration of the Government, but he could not hold out any hope to the hon. member that the work would be undertaken at an early day.

Upon motion of Hon. Mr. Sullivan, the Court of Chancery Amendment Act, 1879, was read a third time and passed.

SATURDAY, May 31.

Morning Session.

Mr. SULLIVAN moved the House into Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of introducing a Bill to repeal that portion of the Assessment Act which levies a poll-tax throughout this Province, except in so far as relates to the City and Common of Charlottetown and the town of Summerside. He said it was the intention of the Government, at the next session of the Legislature, to introduce a measure that would levy taxation on the whole Province, the towns included, if it was found necessary to resort to direct taxation.

Mr. UNDERHAY took the chair of Committee, and reported resolution agreed to, when motion was put to the House.

Mr. McKAY said that this was a very important question. Two years ago, when the late Leader in this House introduced a measure exempting the towns from taxation, he (Mr. McKay) spoke strongly against it. He felt that a large sum would have to be raised to supplement the ordinary revenue. Our expenditure for public works was increasing every year, as also was our appropriation for education, and therefore he thought it would be nothing but fair to tax town and country alike. Still he had no desire to give a factious opposition to the Government. He was glad that the resolution before the House promised that the taxation would be extended to the towns next year. He would much rather give it his support if the towns would be taxed this session. But, as he had the assurance of the Government that such a measure would be introduced next year, he would not oppose the present Bill.

Mr. McLEOD said there was a strong desire on the part of the country to see the City of Charlottetown and Summerside come under the operation of the Assessment Act. He would have no objection to see Charlottetown taxed if she got her fair share of the public money. He saw, by looking over the City Accounts, that all the money Charlottetown receives from the Treasury is about \$7,000 a year. He considered Charlottetown got very little advantage from the the \$800,000 given to buy out proprietary lands, although it was given to the Island as a source of revenue. If the city was taxed, he would insist on getting a proportionate share of the money for its public works.

Messrs. Richards, Bentley, DeBlois, Shaw, and McMillan, spoke to the motion. A summary of their speeches will appear on Monday.

House adjourned till three o'clock Monday.

In several parts of Ontario the frost at night has done a good deal of injury to the growing crops. In many places clover, peas and oats will have to be sown over again.

Civic.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the City Council was held last evening. The Mayor, Recorder and nine Councillors were present. Ward Four election returns were read, and Mr. Lawson, the Councillor elect, took his seat. A letter was read from L. H. Davies, Esq., President of the Phoenix Cricket Club, asking the Council's permission to erect a rustic pavilion on the cricket ground at Victoria Park—the expenses of the same to be defrayed by the Club. Permission was, on motion, granted, and the Park Committee were ordered to act on the matter in conjunction with the Club. The Finance Committee's report was read, and the majority of the Bills annexed were ordered to be paid. Re-adjustment has reached the Civic Board, also. The offices of City Surveyor and Victoria Park Keeper have been amalgamated, and Mr. McNally, the present Surveyor will in future perform the duties hitherto incumbent on both officials, without any increase in his salary as Surveyor. Mr. Curtis will be notified to resign at the end of his term—some time in June. An irregular discussion took place regarding a report on Water Works for this city. It was moved that Mr. Murdoch be asked to submit his report; but as a number of members believed it would involve an unnecessary expense, the motion was lost on a vote of seven to two. Before the meeting adjourned notice was given that a special meeting will be held on Thursday evening next, for the purpose of introducing the Codified City Bylaws.

The Summerside Walking Match.

THE walking mania having reached Summerside, a match was arranged to take place in Ludlow Hall on Friday, May 30th, between Daniel Innis and George Waugh, for \$10 a side. Both young men belong to the place, and were considered to be well matched. It was to last eight hours, and to be a fair "heel and toe" walk. Early Friday morning the track was laid off, and found to measure thirty-three laps to the mile. At two o'clock, sharp, the contestants toed the mark, and were sent off on their long tramp—for it was a long tramp to them; and just before the finish Waugh, in passing some of his friends exclaimed, "Boys, it's hard and tiresome work." During the afternoon there were not many spectators present; but towards seven o'clock, considerable interest began to be manifested, and a large number of people assembled to witness the closing scenes of the contest. The time made was very good, considering it was the first opportunity of testing their speed. There were several lively "sprints" made by both; and, as one or the other drew ahead, he was loudly applauded by his friends. At six o'clock Waugh was four laps behind Innis. At 18 miles, Waugh made two or three lively sprints to take the lead, but failed. On the 22nd mile, Waugh took the lead and kept it up to the 23th, when Innis passed him, but failed to keep it—his opponent drawing ahead and holding his position. Both the contestants began to look fagged out; but it was seen that Waugh suffered the most, although he was true blue, and would not give in. At 10 o'clock the bell sounded, and the first walking match was over. The time made in the eight hours was—

Innis, - - - 33 miles, 24 laps.
Waugh, - - - 33 miles, 22 laps.

William Godsoe acted as starter, and A. A. McLennan and Chas. Lafferty, time-keeper.

Another walking match is talked of. The walk to last twenty-four hours.

Don't Go to Manitoba.

THE following letter from "A Friend of the Working Classes" appears in the Halifax Herald:—

WINNIPEG, May 12, 1879.

SIR,—I take the liberty of asking you to insert these few lines in your paper, for the benefit of the working people. I would advise all people who have one meal a day to stay at home, for there are hundreds here walking about, unable to get work, and the only chance is the railroad. The men got on a strike, and they have reduced the wages to \$1.25 and \$1.50 a day for old hands that have worked at it before. There are hundreds here that have not enough to pay for board. They charge \$15 a week for board, and the poor men spend their money for drink; twenty-five cents for two drinks. They charge thirty cents a barrel for water, and as for farmers they must have \$500 clear when they get here or they will fail. I would advise no one to come here till the road is finished.

Wanted in Charlottetown, A DWELLING

HAVING SIXTEEN ROOMS or thereabouts, with Coach House and Stables, and front enclosure.
Address, stating rent; ALEX. MacNAB.
May 31, 1879—4f

HORSES WANTED.

WANTED TO BUY, ten or twelve Driving and Cart Horses. Buyers will be at ROBERT CRABB'S, Queen street, till Wednesday next. WM. BAGNALL.
May 31, 1879—3i pd

Citizens' Skating Rink Co'y.

DIVIDEND NO. 1.

A DIVIDEND at the rate of Ten per cent. upon the paid-up Capital Stock has this day been declared, and is now payable to Stockholders, upon demand, at the Bank of Prince Edward Island.
J. E. HASZARD, Treasurer.
Ch'town, 30th May, 1879—5i eod

JUNK

CASH paid for Old Rope, Canvas, Zinc, Copper, Brass, Pewter, Iron, Horse Hair. Bought only from reliable parties.
HENRY COOMBS.
May 29, 1879—ne pat 3i

83 Queen Street.

NEW GOODS,

Ex "Prince Edward" and other Steamers.

All carefully selected in the BEST and CHEAPEST Markets.

Grey Cotton at 4c. and upwards.
White Cotton at 6c. do do
Print Cotton at 6c. do do
Towels at 4c. and upwards.

BLACK

DRESS SILKS!

Best Value ever offered in the City.

LADIES' COTTON HOSE,
FROM 6C. PER PAIR.
GENTS' SHIRTS,
LINDERS & DRAWERS,
SUSPENDERS, &c., Cheap

EMBROIDERY,

From 4c. per yard, a great selection,

LADIES' DRESS MATERIALS!

all at Old Tariff prices.

Millinery, Hats, Feathers & Flowers.

Lace Curtains

at prices to suit all customers.

Best Value Yet Offered.

JAS. DesBRISAY

May 31, 1879.

GRAND WALKING MATCH

—IN THE— Citizens' Skating Rink,

—ON— 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

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE CITY SCHOOL BOARD

A JUVENILE MUSICAL & LITERARY ENTERTAINMENT By 400 Children of the City Schools, will be held in the

MARKET HALL!

Monday Ev'g next, June 2nd.

Tickets 15 cents each. Double Tickets, admitting a lady and gentlemen, 25 cents. For sale at the Drug Stores of Messrs. W. R. Watson, C. D. Rankin, and at the door.

Doors open at 7 1/2 p.m., to commence at 8. JOHN ROSS, Musical Director. Ch'town, May 30, 1879.

SOLE LEATHER.

250 SIDES No. 1 and No. 2 Sole Leather, For Sale Very Low.

WILLIAM DODD. May 30, 1879—2i

TO LET.

The "West of England House," Thomas's Old Stand.

THIS Store with Dwelling attached is situated near Queen Square, and will be let on reasonable terms. Possession given at short notice.

Apply to W. W. STUMBLES, Proprietor. Ch'town, May 29.

Stores & Workshops TO LET.

ROOMS 30x30. Also, one Flat, 30x60. Would make a first-rate Paint Shop. ALSO, ONE FLAT, 40 X 15. Apply to H. COOMBS. Ch'town, May 29, 1879—pat era 3i

GOOD TEAS.

EX "Prince Edward" and "Ethel Blanche,"— 185 Chests and Half-chests Tea, A superior article; selling at a low price for cash or approved paper. WILLIAM DODD, Queen Square. May 26, 1879.

Currants. Currants.

EX S. S. "NETTLESWORTH," 10 Bbls CURRANTS, very low. WILLIAM DODD. Queen Square, May 26, '79.—mws

SUMMER RESIDENCE.

TO LET—That beautifully situated Summer Residence known as "GLEN STEWART." Possession given immediately. For particulars, apply to HENRY BEER, Southport, or to F. L. HASZARD, Charlottetown. May 22, 1879—2w

Coal. Coal.

ON HAND, and ready for delivery, Round and Nut COAL, fresh from the Mines. Terms cash. CAPT. JOHN HUGHES, Water Street. Charlottetown, April 28, 1879—1m