

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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The City Finances.

A communicated article in the editorial columns of yesterday's Patriot finds fault with our animadversions upon the present financial state of the city. The statements are so loose and devoid of argument that we are not surprised that the editor declined to accept their responsibility. The writer says that the City Reports were placed on the table this year as in the last, at the first meeting of the Council in January, immediately after the Mayor had read his report. We care naught when they were placed on the table, or when the first meeting of the Council took place in January, or when the Mayor read his report, that is not the objection we made; we said that the printed reports were not placed in the hands of the citizens until seven o'clock of the evening before Nomination Day, and that such a proceeding, while possibly unavoidable, was strongly suggestive of a desire to keep those most interested in the dark as to the position of the city until it would be too late to take any action.

The writer objects to our computing the value of the city real estate by capitalizing its revenue at 8 per cent, and insists that as the city debentures sold for about 5-1-5 per cent., the value of the assets should be computed at the same rate of interest. There is no analogy between the cases. Suppose that of a person desirous of buying Queen's wharf or Pownal wharf property, his first enquiry would be as to the amount annually received as wharfage, and as to the durability of the structure, and we are tolerably certain that upon being informed that the revenue from the former was \$730 per annum, he would not be fool enough to sink \$13,000 in the purchase of a property which is liable at any time to be wrecked or swept away by storms, costs and which annually a large sum for repairs and taxes, to say nothing of the value of the wharfing time. The same holds good of Pownal Wharf. The Market House is subject to be destroyed by fire, and involves a large expenditure annually for repairs, painting, insurance, etc. When we capitalized the receipts at eight per cent, we said that we were allowing too highly, and we are convinced that ten per cent. would have been a fairer per centage. We put it to any man of common sense if he buys a piece of land and erects a house upon it, what money will he make by renting it at 5 per cent., on its cost, he paying insurance, repairs and taxes. On the other hand a person buying debentures invests in money which is returned to him at the expiration of ten years in full. The same cannot be said of a property which deteriorates by yearly wear and tear.

It is simply ridiculous to say that for the interchange of commodities the Market House would pay the public even if there were no direct receipts. This may be one of the indirect advantages, but it does not add to its monetary value as an offset to liabilities, and were the Market House unfortunately burnt down to-night, it would not prevent the gathering of the country people or the sale of their commodities. When we said that as to the value of some of the property "we do not know," we simply stated a fact, as no information is afforded by the city accounts as to where the property in question is situated, or what it consists of. The writer in the Patriot may know exactly, or he may know as little regarding it as he does about the meaning of the words he uses.

The allusion to the personal castigation which ex-Councillor Blake received at the city meeting is amusing, and if we did not report it, it was for the simple reason that no such castigation was given or received. Councillor Tanton indeed spoke, but his remarks were so disjointed and his words so ponderous that, although our reporter took them down, we were unable to put them in intelligible form for our readers.

We observe that considerable boasting is indulged in upon the surplus which is claimed as the result of last year's operations, and our enquiry as to how it is obtained, we find that the sum of \$2,466.46 is credited as received from miscellaneous sources, but no information is vouchsafed as to the items composing this amount. We understand, however, that the very considerable sum of \$2,310 of it consists of fines received under the Canada Temperance Act previous to Jan. 1, 1883, and for which the present City Council have no right to take credit. Then again the hose which they purchased last year for \$625, and which they should have paid for, should be charged to the year's operations, as well as the sum of \$425 at least, which they cheated the streets out of, as compared with their predecessors, as also the sum of \$350 still due and carried over for printing the defaulting taxpayers of 1883. These amounts give a total of \$3,710 from which deduct the surplus they claim of \$2,994, and we have a deficit on the operations of 1883, of \$716. Treat the year 1882 in the same way, when the surplus was shown to be \$1,821, add the fines under the Scott Act accrued up to that time \$2,310, this gives \$4,131, deduct one-tenth of a cent on the assessment collected to equalize it with the rate imposed last year, about \$2,600, leaves \$1,531. A further deduction of the accounts left unpaid at the close of 1882, and which are shown as paid last year, amounting to \$1,356 and we still have a surplus as a

result of that year's operations of \$225. This article is already longer than we intended, and we shall reserve some further remarks upon "Our City Finances" to another issue.

The wreck of the steamer "City of Columbus," and the deplorable loss of life which was the result, are sad news to many in this Province as well as in the State of Massachusetts. It is estimated that the loss of life by the disaster is one hundred and one souls. Up to the present we are unable to obtain a complete list of the lost, but we are sorry to see that so far it contains a few from Prince Edward Island. In the despatches published yesterday there is an error regarding the statement of Captain Wright. He says they "passed Nobsque Light at 11.5 p. m. Ten minutes later he gave orders to change the course west-south-west. He then went to his room, sat down, fell asleep, and slept, he thinks about twenty minutes." The steamer struck at 4 a. m. Now the despatch says: "A comparison of the times mentioned by Capt. Wright will show that if correct, he must have slept at least two hours instead of twenty minutes, and his order, "hard a port," would be very natural to a man suddenly disturbed from a sound sleep." Here there must be a mistake as regards time. By reference to the chart, it will be seen that the distance from Nobsque to Gay Head is twelve miles, therefore it would not take a twelve knot steamer like the "City of Columbus," from eleven p. m. until four a. m. to make the distance. The course laid out of the Sound by Capt. Wright, we are informed by an experienced sea Captain, was correct, and his steamer striking so close might be caused by the compass varying as it does in many iron ships.

A strong feeling in favor of Mr. Temple, the Conservative candidate, is felt in York County, N. B. It is true he is no orator, and therefore is unable to "stump" the constituency like his opponent—Mr. Gregory. But he is a man of sterling qualities, and one well acquainted with the wants of the constituency which he seeks to represent. He is conducting an active personal canvass, and, we learn, is meeting with success sufficient to warrant his election. At the last election in York the Liberal candidate was returned by a majority of nine hundred and seventeen votes. This being the case an ordinary observer would look upon the constituency just now as safe, but the Liberals of New Brunswick are alarmed for its safety, and hence are waging a vigorous campaign. If victorious it will not be for want of "undue influence," for we see that the Attorney General, Mr. Blair, is stumping the constituency in favor of Mr. Gregory, and to aid the cause has asked tenders for a bridge over the St. John River at Fredericton, costing some \$200,000. These are true Liberal tactics, but despite the large Liberal majority at the previous election and the \$200,000 bridge, we hope to see Mr. Temple elected next week by a large majority.

Startling Discovery by Mr. George Russell, M. P.

Much consternation prevailed on Friday afternoon last week in the vicinity of the villas by the Wood-side, Aspley Guise. Mr. George Russell, M. P., had ridden from the residence of his father, Lord Chas. Russell, at Woburn. It was approaching three o'clock in the afternoon as he passed along the Woburn ride. He had met a woman of singular manners, who, as it will be shown, attracted his notice. Further on he saw the body of a gentleman lying by the riding, whom, by his dress and two dogs near, he recognized as his intimate friend, Mr. Thomas Swabey, of the Wood-cote, which was within a short distance. Mr. Russell rode fast towards the residence of Mr. Henry Veasey, surgeon, Aspley, and on the way met two of the village youths, and impressed on them the importance of bringing on Mr. Veasey at once. These were Master Richard Wells and Master Charles Cutler, who did their bidding promptly. Mr. Russell returned to the wood and there found Mr. Arthur Hoffman, a gentleman residing at one of the villas, whom it appears Mr. Russell had noticed at the window as he was riding by, and to whom he signalled that a disaster had taken place. Mr. Veasey was quickly upon the spot, and found life was extinct. A vehicle passing, belonging to Mr. Tompkins, of Woburn, was placed at the disposal of Mr. Veasey; and with the assistance of Mr. Alfred Paxton, and that of Mr. George Dickens, the gardener at deceased's, the body was taken home, Mr. Veasey remaining in the cart and in charge of the body.

On Saturday morning an inquest was held at the deceased's residence, before Mr. Wiseman, deputy-coroner for the Honor of Amplehill. The jurymen were Messrs. Thomas Pickering, John Watkins Steers, George Whitman, John Millard, Thomas Paton Stevens, Charles Spring, George Bunyan, James Barnwell, Joseph Harper Finnis, John Benjamin Twitchell, William Goodman, Charles Cutler, and Cornelius Prime. Mr. George Whitman was unanimously chosen foreman. The Coroner, in a very few words, addressed the jury, remarking that Mr. Swabey, who now lay dead in his own residence in which they were assembled, it appeared had started from home (as was his custom every Friday) to go to his bankers at Woburn; that Mr. George Russell, riding through the wood, found him upon the ground; that Mr. Veasey was promptly sent for; and that Mr. Russell, with others, saw him dead. It was not so much for them to inquire of what he died as it was to ascertain if he had died fairly or otherwise. Hearsay pointed to deceased being subject to fits. George Dickens said he was the deceased's gardener. He had seen his master during the morning. He seemed in good spirits, and more chatty than otherwise. Was

well and free all day. Somewhere about a quarter to three, he came to him and said he was going to Woburn, and that Master Wilfred would ride the pony. He next saw him lying in Aspley Wood, perhaps an hour after, dead. Mr. Hoffman stood beside him. He was conveyed home. He could remember him having had two fits during the last two years—one by Aspley church and another in the wood. He had not known him to be otherwise ill.

Mr. Arthur Hoffman—I am a gentleman of no occupation, residing at the Villas by the Wood-Side, Aspley. On the afternoon of yesterday, the 21st, I was standing at my window when Mr. Russell rode hastily past and calling to me that Mr. Swabey was lying in the wood. I went at once and found him lying on his face. I raised his left arm, and it fell as if he were dead. Mr. Russell was just coming up again when I did this. I stayed with him until he was brought home. He neither spoke nor sighed.

By Mr. Whitman—He was on the bank side, not in the middle of the ride. He seemed to have fallen flat on his face.

Mr. George Russell, M. P., deposed—I am staying at Woburn. I knew the deceased well, and for many years. It was known to me from various sources that he was subject to fits, but was well in the intervals between them. The last time I saw him was a week ago, when he was accompanied by Mrs. Swabey and a gentleman staying with them. He was then perfectly well. Yesterday I left home about fifteen or twenty minutes to three for Aspley Wood. Turning the corner of the Woburn ride I noticed a dark object, seemingly kneeling for something, and two dogs by. I rode up to it, and recognized from the shape and make the person of Mr. Swabey, the deceased. He was probably quite dead; his ears were black. I rode as fast as I could towards the village, and met two boys, and sent them on to Mr. Veasey, and then went to the house servants.

By Mr. Whitman—I did not dismount when I first noticed the body, but rode as fast as I could for medical aid. I could do no good for apoplexy. I did not approach the body on my return, as it was sufficiently surrounded by the last witnesses and others. A coal cart came by, and I followed the party to the house.

By the Coroner—I never heard deceased was called Captain Swabey. He was a gentleman of independent means.

By Mr. Whitman—A woman passed me before I first came up with the body. I observed her singularity. She must have walked by the body.

Mr. Pickering said the woman referred to was one rather funny in her demeanor, and she would hardly have observed anything in her path.

Mr. Henry Veasey, called, did not answer, and the Coroner was suggesting to dispense with the medical evidence, when that gentleman arrived. He said he had been kept until the railway people pleased to open their gates, when the jury endorsed the continual inconvenience of the public at these gates, and remarked that it was time some action was taken in the matter. Mr. Veasey said that he was the family medical attendant. He had only been called in a few months ago for some small ailment. The deceased's epileptic habits were the chief anxiety about two years ago, when they were threatening to be serious and likely to recur. He had seen him very lately about the village, apparently in his usual health, near his own house, the day before his death. On Friday (yesterday) he was sent for, and went instantly to Aspley Wood; deceased lay by the side of the Woburn Riding, on his right side. It would be difficult to say if life was quite extinct, but in attempting the usual methods of resuscitation there was no response. He accompanied the body home. The cause of death was apoplexy.

By the Coroner—He never rallied in the least. I have thoroughly examined the body externally. There is not the slightest bruise or scratch, not even from the fall. He seemed to have carefully let himself gently down. I do not think he could have been saved from the first. One sign may have been produced, but the same state would have resumed itself without any consciousness.

Verdict—"Death from apoplexy."

The deceased gentleman was the son of the late Captain Swabey, formerly of Wavendon Hall. His father and mother are buried at Cranfield. Mr. Swabey was fifty-six last July. He was married at Aspley Church on the 28th August, 1869, to Miss Prickett, a niece of Mr. Carlisle Spedding Parker, J. P., of Aspley Guise. Mr. Swabey and Mr. Parker were, it is believed, both educated at the famous Aspley School, when conducted by the Rev. Richard Pain. Eight or nine children live to mourn the loss of an affectionate father. Mr. Swabey was much attached to Woburn Sands Church, and generally attended there every day, even so lately as the morning of his death, which was alluded to on Sunday morning last, with much feeling, by the Rev. J. M. Hamilton, the present rector.

The funeral, conducted by Mr. George Whitman, assisted by Mr. Spring, both of Aspley, took place at Woburn Sands, on Wednesday afternoon; the Rev. J. M. Hamilton, Rev. Henry Burney (Wavendon); the Rev. G. Wingate Pearce, (Walton); and the Rev. J. C. Malthy, of Aspley, officiating. The coffin was of highly polished oak, and surmounted with crosses, and bore the following inscription:

THOMAS SWABEY,
Born 27th July, 1827.
Died St. Thomas' Day,
1883.

"Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed."

It was conveyed to the church upon a hand hearse, covered with a rich violet pall, with a white satin cross; in the centre, I. H. S.

The first mourning coach contained the widow and five children; the second, the nurse and two children, all tearing wreaths of flowers; the third, Mr. Carlisle Parker, the brothers and nephews of the deceased; the fourth, some friends and connections from Wavendon rectory. There were also numerous other carriages. Amongst the crowded occupants of the church, and uncovered at the grave, were Lord Charles Russell, Mr. George Russell, M. P., Dr. A. Mahon, Lieut.-Col. Urwin, Mr. Henry Veasey, Mr. Chas. Pole Stuart, Mr. H. Denison, Mr. John Walker, Rev. H. W. Southey, Mr. J. C. Cleghorn, and a large number of the clergy, ladies and gentlemen of the surrounding neighborhood. The church was thronged with the families of tradesmen and others, mourning being

generally worn. In the church Mr. Hudson played very effectively Spohr's Last Judgment, "Blessed are the Departed," and Hymn 288, "A few more years shall roll," was sung by the congregation, led by Mr. Cyril Jackson, organist of Wavendon Church, who ably assisted at the grave in Hymn 225, "Brief life is here our portion." The suddenness of the death at this season of the year has caused all classes grief.

[The deceased gentleman resided in Charlottetown, as a member of his father's family, for many years, where he was subject to those unfortunate attacks which it seems were the cause of his death. The members of this fine old family are dropping away fast, yet their good deeds and numerous charities shall live in the recollection of the people among whom they dwell, and by whom they were much esteemed.—ED. EXAMINER.]

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