

Old Spitfire's testimony to the truthfulness and straightforwardness of His Excellency's Speech, will be received with very considerable allowance by every one who knows how ready that individual has ever been to worship the golden calf in the person of any Governor, good, bad or indifferent, that will permit him to butter his bread at the expense of Government. If every person in the Island averred the Governor's speech to be a collection of untruths, and that it was really such, old Spitfire would asseverate the contrary, if he was commanded by His Excellency so to do. His readiness to publish himself a liar at the bidding of one Governor, must regulate the value of his testimony in reference to all Governors' proceedings, at any subsequent time. The sly, secret, underhand manner in which the Governor prorogued the Legislature, fearing, perhaps, that if continued in Session for another day the House would pass a vote of want of confidence in his Excellency, takes the guilt from any compliment on the score of "straightforwardness" which the Gazette may consider due to His Excellency. We believe Sir Donald Campbell is the only Governor in Her Majesty's Dominions who would give such a proof of straightforwardness as to prorogue a Colonial Legislature without giving one moment's warning of his design!

The Gazette is in ecstasies at having learned that there is an Act on the Statute Book (10 Vict. cap. 10.) relating to the payment of Interest on Treasury Warrants, and thereupon blackguards us in excellent fashion for daring to assert that the Governor could not pay that interest, without a specific appropriation in the general Money Bill. If the Governor had the power claimed for him by the Gazette, how does it happen that every year a clause is inserted in the Appropriation Bill, setting apart a sum of money for the interest on Warrants; and that by the 35th section of the Act for raising a Revenue, 12th Vict. cap. 10, which Act is continued this year, the Treasurer is bound by a penalty of £1,000 not to pay any monies out of the Treasury but such as are authorized to be paid by "any Act of the General Assembly of this Island to be passed this present Session." Again let us ask old Spitfire, if the Governor had the right to pay the interest on Treasury Warrants afloat, without the interference of the Legislature in the matter, why was there such a desperate hubbub made in the Gazette previously to the meeting of the Legislature, about the injustice that would be done to the "public creditor," if the interest were not provided for in the general Appropriations? The Gazette and Islander, with their several correspondents, were clamorous for the "public creditor," with whose interest the honour of the Colony was said to be involved, up to the moment the Legislature was convened;—now, however, when his Excellency has hazarded the assertion that the "public creditor" is independent of the Assembly—an assertion abundantly disproved by the two facts we have adduced, namely, the direct provision for Interest on Warrants in the Annual Appropriation Bill, and the penalty against the Treasurer for paying any other monies than those which are authorized by an Act passed in that year—(two years after the Act 10th Vict. cap. 10) we fancy we see old Spitfire rubbing his eyes, looking wonderfully wise, and all of a sudden changing his cry, because Sir Donald Campbell happens to hold an opinion respecting the public creditor different from what Spitfire himself previously entertained!

We do not pin our faith to the old adage about there being "no royal road to learning." We know that Spitfire's skull is impervious to any knowledge but such as may be communicated through the royal channel that leads from Government House to the Gazette office. As to our ignorance of history and the laws of the Island, we have never been convicted of arrant stupidity in respect to either, and we have never picked up our knowledge of either from such questionable authority as Governors' speeches usually are. Our intellects would be dark as Erebus, indeed, if Spitfire were competent to become our instructor in history, laws of the Island, or anything else. He may plod through the world quietly and comfortably enough so long as he shews that he has some share of sense, by keeping himself wrapt up in that dim obscurity for which nature intended him, but may the Lord keep us from bursting our sides with laughter at his vanity, when he attempts to take credit for mental acquirements by comparison with, or disparagement of others.

We shall notice only one other observation in the Gazette's editorial before lighting our pipe with it. Spitfire asserts, that the Governor "forced" the Assembly to pass the Revenue Bill, "by calling them together for that purpose, and that purpose alone." Now it is utterly untrue to assert that the Assembly was "forced" to the passage of the Revenue Bill by the Governor. We have pointed out, in previous Nos. of THE EXAMINER, the reasons for which the Revenue Bill was passed; but if His Excellency could force the Assembly to pass one Bill, could he not force it to pass another—the Appropriation Bill for example? But it appears from Spitfire's assertion, that an Appropriation Bill was not wanted—that the House was, in short, required to do nothing more than pass a Revenue Bill, for it is said the Legislature was called "together for that purpose, and that purpose alone." Now, it is clear as mud in a wine glass, that either the Governor has asserted what is false, in accusing the Assembly of "a premeditated neglect of its legislative duties," when he learned its intention to do no further business than to provide a Revenue, or that the Gazette has printed a falsehood in the sentence, or part of a sentence, we have above quoted. We leave His Excellency and the Gazette to settle the matter between them; and now that we have the testimony of the latter, to the fact, that the House of Assembly has transacted all the business for which it was called together, we sincerely think there ought to be some show of consistency on the part of Spitfire by abstaining from abuse of the Assembly for the time to come. However, we will make allowances for the frailties of human nature, and for circumstances under which, sometimes, the frailest of mankind is forced to act against his judgment or opinion; so that if Spitfire repeats his attacks upon the majority of the Assembly, we will not attribute his conduct to that "rash humour which his mother gave him," but rather to a desire on his part to please a patron and a faction.

WHAT SAY THE DESPATCHES?

It is a somewhat significant fact, that, notwithstanding there being three English Mails received at this place during the last week, and, we are informed, a pile of Despatches to the Government accompanying one of them,—not the slightest intimation has been given whether or not any of those Despatches settles the point at issue between the Lieutenant Governor and the House of Assembly. If there be a decision, or even an expression of opinion from Lord Grey, unfavorable to the Assembly, we think it would, ere this, have been promulgated with avidity. The profound silence observed by the Obstructives, who, somehow or other, get a peep at every important Despatch which finds its way to Government House, is a circumstance that does not augur favorably for them.

CONCERT.—It will be seen, by an advertisement in to-day's paper, that Mr. Kiely's Band purpose giving a Concert to-morrow evening. We understand that a selection of new and popular Music has been made for the occasion; and from the success which has hitherto attended the performances of the company under the management of Mr. Kiely, we may anticipate much gratification and pleasure from their appearance to-morrow evening.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

COMMITTEE MEETING, Wednesday, May 1, 1850.—Present: His Honor Judge Peters, Vice President; Hon. Daniel Brennan, Messrs. Haszard, Beer, Longworth, Pethick.

Ordered, That a Depot for the sale of Seeds be established at or near the Head of St. Peter's Bay, and that the Secretary be directed to fix on some fit person to take charge of the same.

Also, Depots at Three Rivers and Murray Harbour, the former in charge of the Hon. Mr. Thornton, and the latter in charge of Mr. David Creighton.

Ordered, That the two Essays sent in to compete for the Premium offered by the Society for "A Manual of Husbandry" be returned to the Competitors—the said Essays not being of the description wished by the Committee; and that the time for receiving Manuscripts in competition for the said Premium, be extended until the 1st day of January next.

Ordered, That the Secretary be authorized to open a correspondence with Mr. Lewellin, to ascertain from that Gentleman if he would undertake to travel through the rural Districts throughout the Island, to deliver a course of short practical Lectures on the best course of Agriculture to be adopted by the small farmers in the management of their farms generally, but more particularly on the raising and management of Turnips and other Root crops—and upon what terms he would do so.

By Order,  
C. STEWART, Sec'y, R. A. S.  
Committee Room, May 1, 1850.

SHIP NEWS.

ENTERED.—May 3.—Schr. Shannon, King, Arichat; bal. Lady Sale, St. John's, Newfld; do. Packet, Babin, Arichat; do. 9—Ranger, M'Isaac, Antigonish; do. Eliza, Boudrot, Arichat; do. Hero, Landris, Boston; goods, Gentleman, Babin, Arichat; coal. 10—Virgin, Martel, do.; bal. President, Le Rougetel, N. S.; do. Spec, Griffiths, Boston; goods. Brig. Fancy, M'Millan, Plymouth; goods—to James Peake. Schr. Ellen, Tattalett, Tatmagouche; lumber. 13—Good Intent, Swain, Lunenburg, N. S.; bal.  
CLEARED.—May 7.—Schr. Union, Le Vache, Halifax; produce. Armada, M'Quarrie, Pictou; oats. 8—Ploughboy, Robertson, Halifax; produce. 9—Robert and Sarah, Green, do.; do. Mayflower, Furneaux, Newfld; do. 10—Eliza, Boudrot, Pictou; bal. Unicorn, Mutch, Newfld; produce. Champion, Livingston, Antigonish; do. Ranger, M'Isaac, do. do. 11—Fairy, Pineo, Pictou, do. Thetis, Hutchinson, Boston, do. Glory, Le Blanc, Halifax, do. Packet, Babin, Pictou, do. Brothers, Hobbs, Boston, do.

TOWNSEND'S SARSAPARILLA.—The following statistics, which have been handed to us by Mr. Crandall, Messrs. Clapp & Townsend's travelling agent, will furnish the reading public with some idea of the magnitude of their Sarsaparilla business at their manufactory, which is erected at Albany, at an expence of seventy thousand dollars:—They prepare and put up 5000 bottles every day. To perform this labour it requires from 70 to 100 hands. In order to supply the large quantity of bottles used, two of the largest glass establishments in the United States are kept in constant operation. This single item alone amounts to \$100,000 per annum. Three Napier steam printing presses, with a double set of hands each, are constantly running off circulars and almanacs. They published last year 4,000,000 for gratuitous circulation, containing a great variety of useful information, besides their own advertisements. It took fifty females six months to fold and stitch them. Their almanacs cost \$30,000. Independent of all this, they publish a full column of their medicine matter in over 400 papers in the United States, British Colonies, West Indian Islands, and South America, where they have extensive Sales; this costs them over \$80,000 per annum, they have a large number of men and boys engaged in collecting roots and other ingredients. Indeed all the hands they employ, directly and otherwise, in making glass, paper, corks, sealing-wax, packing, boxes, together with their agents in selling the medicine, cannot be less than 2000 persons. The amount of capital employed to keep all the agents supplied, and their whole business in successful operation, is not less than \$500,000. It would seem that a medicine which has gained such a high reputation, and such unprecedented sales, swelling to the enormous sum of \$800,000 a year, must possess, in and of itself, intrinsic medicinal virtues for the cure of any diseases to which the human flesh is heir.

As this is the proper season for the use of the Sarsaparilla, we beg to inform our readers that the article so well and ably recommended to their notice in the above paragraph is now on sale at the Medical Warehouse of Mr. M. W. Skinner, General Agent. We understand that several cures of long standing diseases in this Island, have been already effected by the use of S. P. Townshend's Sarsaparilla, purchased from Mr. Skinner.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., April 27, 1850.

This is to certify that my wife was for the space of twenty five years suffering under a Complaint got through a severe cold, which brought on a general debility of the System, and from the use of one Bottle of Dr. S. P. Townshend's COMPOUND EXTRACT OF SARSAPARILLA, was entirely restored to good health, which was purchased from Mr. M. W. SKINNER, General Agent at Charlottetown for the above Medicine.

FINLAY M'KINNON.

Sworn to before me,  
Geo. Dalrymple, J. P.

FOR BOSTON DIRECT.

THE new clipper Schooner Good Intent, Swain, Master, will sail on SUNDAY the 19th instant. For further particulars apply to

KENNETH MACKENZIE,  
JOHN C. MACDONALD, or  
E. C. CALL.

May 10, 1850.

Seeds! Seeds!! Seeds!!!

FOR Sale at SKINNER'S MEDICAL WAREHOUSE a large assortment of

GARDEN AND FLOWER SEEDS.

JUST ARRIVED, and warranted Fresh, a greater variety of

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than ever has been offered to the public.  
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CONCERT.

THE Charlottetown Band will give a CONCERT at the National School Room, on next Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock. A variety of entirely new and popular Pieces of Music have been selected with great care for this occasion; and it is confidently hoped that pleasure and satisfaction will be afforded to all who favour the Band with their presence.—Admission, 1s. 6d.; Children 9d.

JAMES KIELY, Conductor.

May 11.