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Legislative Genius.

We have often had occasion to allude to the Legislative capacity of our Local Government. The *Patriot* is never weary of singing its praises with modulations and variations infinite. The public find no difficulty in accounting for this. Our contemporary sings, but with the School Act and the Assessment Act before their eyes, the people will not be misled by the voice of the charmer—charm he ever so wisely.

Here, for example, are a few more humble tributes to the genius of our Legislators. To any one who believes that a lawyer in eminent practice and superbly endowed by nature, leads the Government, the specimens we give are perfect marvels in their way.

First. The nineteenth section of the Registration of Electors and Ballot Act runs as follows:—

"Any person complaining of any person in respect of the insertion of omission of whose name a complaint is made, shall, if resident within the Province, be served with a Subpoena, and being so served, shall obey the same without being tendered or paid any allowance for his expenses."

There can be little doubt as to what our lawgivers are attempting to arrive at in this clause. They wish to give to any one the power to summon any person whose name has been improperly inserted on the roll of voters, and put him on his trial to prove his qualification. This, we suppose, is what our law makers intended to effect. Mark, however, what in reality they have done. Grammatical construction is, we suppose, an ingredient in the interpretation of an Act of Parliament. If so, the meaning of the above extract is that the "person" complaining is to serve with a subpoena, not his opponent, but himself, while the "person" objected to in reality goes scot free. This is absurd enough, yet it is nothing more than might be expected from a Government whose chief officers cultivate only the higher branches of learning, and despise the ordinary acquirements of grammar.

Again, there is an Act relating to Roads and Bridges, which commences by enacting "That from and after the passing of this Act, an Act made and passed in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter two, intitled 'An Act to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Statute Labor and the expenditure of public monies on the highways,' be and the same is hereby repealed." If any one has curiosity enough to refer to the Act 24th Vic., cap. 2, which is declared in the above extract to be repealed, he will find it to be a private act of very moderate pretensions. It has nothing at all to do with Bridges or Highways, or the expenditure of public funds. It permits a gentleman named John Hunter to assume the additional name of Duvar. This is the Act which is pompously repealed. In what, may we ask, has Mr. Duvar sinned that he should be deprived of his additional name, and deprived of it too, under pretence of amending the highways? What possible connection does there exist between Mr. Duvar and roads and bridges? It surely cannot be a method devised by the present Government to revenge themselves on Mr. Duvar for some offence committed by him in the past? If it be, everyone will allow it to be both novel and attractive.

A Threat.

THE *Patriot* of Saturday pronounced a glowing eulogium on William Dunbar Stewart, and traced his career with the warm enthusiasm of a devotee. We are informed how the Minister of Public Works arrived at his present prominence, and how the youthful mind of the future Minister, panting after purer and deeper waters, turned away from the monotonous duties of a pedagogue, to seek solace in the severer studies of philosophy and the science of government. It is impossible to believe the writer of this panygeric in earnest, unless we suppose it to be written by the modest Minister himself. No other person that we know of could so defiantly fly in the face of public opinion. It is well known that since the Philosopher, as he is called, became a Cabinet Minister, he has been an object of godnattered derision to the community. His strut, his wise look, his self-complacency and inordinate conceit, are never-failing sources of merriment and amusement to school boys. The entry of Mr. Clown in a circus exhibition is no surer a signal for convulsive merriment than the appearance on our streets of William Dunbar Stewart in one of his solemn philosophical moods. To say that Mr. Stewart comprehends what he reads when he pores over Stuart Mill, is a paradox of a very desperate nature. As well might it be said that an Indian wigwam could be turned into a temple of the graces, as that W. D. Stewart could ever be made a philosopher. We are threatened by our contemporary with Mr. Stewart's incisive logic. To us there is no terror in such a threat. The logic of the Minister of Public

Works is as harmless as the pieces of stove pipe which the Tenant Leaguers mounted on breast works in mimicry of canon to frighten the law officers.

The New Daily.

The first number of the *Daily Patriot* was issued this morning. It presents a respectable appearance as far as mechanical skill goes. It introduces itself by a somewhat turgid appeal to the public, consisting of much self-laudation, terrible threats and loud cheers. A little modesty would have been well in place on the occasion, seeing that the "Daily" is chiefly a reprint from the "Semi-weekly" *Patriot*. The most prominent piece of new matter is the reproduction from the *EXAMINER* of the Governor General's speech. This is a sample of enterprise, with a stern regard for economy. We did not think that the wealth of intellect employed on the *Patriot* staff would condescend to such an exhibition of poverty. We dare say the *EXAMINER* Company would come to some arrangement and furnish the *Patriot* with their evening telegrams. The *Patriot* manager might try.

Then and Now.

(From the *Toronto Mail*.)

FOUR years ago Reformers rejoiced in a majority of nearly a hundred in the Dominion Parliament, in a solid, united, and successful Party, and in the prospect of a long term of office. To day they are wondering their way or turning their vision Ottawa-ward with anything but cheerfulness. The four years have been fruitful in breeding disaster to them. Their hypocrisy has been laid bare, their corruption made manifest to all men, their tergiversation and inconsistency established by their own acts, and their incapacity to govern brought painfully home to every elector in the country. The people have not been slow in marking their displeasure, as bears witness the following list of verdicts rendered since 1874:—

	Government majority in 1874	Since carried by the Opposition by
East Toronto	137	414
West Toronto	221	351
London	61	128
North Ontario	92	87
South Ontario	151	38
North Renfrew	43	210
South Norfolk	93	158
Victoria	4	1
Berthier, Acclamation		272
Bellechasse, Acclamation		255
Chambley	106	150
Two Mountains	55	Acclamation
Charlevoix	273	211
Kamouraska, Acclama.		54
Drummond and Ar-		
chambaya	238	49
Victoria, N.S. Acclamat'n		93
Digby	507	372
Queen's, P.E.I. Acclamat'n		88

On the other hand the Opposition has lost but two seats, viz., Montreal Centre and Argenteuil. But perhaps the most significant expression of public opinion has been in connection with the seats of Ministers. When M. Dorion retired the Government majority in Napierville was reduced one-half; Mr. William Ross' seat was carried by the Opposition; so also the seats of Messrs. Laird, Laurier, Pelletier, Fournier, and Vail; M. Cauchon's seat in Quebec Centre was taken by an Independent, the country which in 1874 returned M. Lafamme as a private member by acclamation, gave him but 29 as a member of the Cabinet, and Mr. Jones' majority has been reduced from two thousand and upward to two hundred and twenty-three. Of the fourteen original members of the Cabinet but six remain, viz., Messrs. McKenzie, Cartwright, Smith, Burpee, Scott and Coffin. Messrs. McDonald, St. Just, Laird, Ross, Dorion and Fournier have gone into the pleasant shelter of the public service; Mr. Christie is President of the Senate with \$4,000 a year, and Mr. Blake, after going out and then going in again, has been compelled through ill health, if nothing more, to finally abandon the craft, which no human skill shall save from utter and total wreck the moment it tempts the winds and waves of public opinion.

A CITY contemporary censures us at some length for publishing a Washington correspondence in which the ceremonies in honor of the death of the King of Italy and the Irishmen attending the ceremonies were disparagingly spoken of. We must say—not to gratify that contemporary—that the letter was inserted without the least thought or intention to insult Catholics or Irishmen; and, further, that the same correspondence was published in a St. John paper that is owned and edited by a better Catholic and better Irishman than is the editor of the contemporary which censures us. Mr. Anglin is a man who never believed or practiced any other creed than that of the Catholic Church.

THE case of the Queen vs. Martin Carroll is still proceeding. The witnesses for the Crown are yet under examination. The Orange banner was produced in Court this morning. It is a tawdry, trumpery looking affair. There is a caricature of Her Gracious Majesty on one side—for we are sure that it must have been so intended—so hideously ugly has the artist represented our Sovereign. The Dutch conqueror—on a white horse—is also illustrated among many explanatory and offensive mottoes. We observed this singularly significant one, "Remember the deeds of our forefathers." Surely memory might be put to better purpose than the recollection of the misgovernment of Ireland.

OUR Montreal despatch states that our smirking friend, Mr. Workman, M. P., for Montreal West, will not go to Ottawa this session, because he is implicated a la Vail and Jones. He will just leave Montreal West unrepresented altogether. What a happy constituency it is—one member tainted and absent, and the other as inviolable as a rock.

Latest by Telegraph.

WAR NEWS.

[By Telegraph to Reading Room and Daily Examiner.]

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.
Gold and Exchange unchanged.
LONDON, Feb. 11, 1878.

The *Times* approves of the action of Government in sending a part of the fleet to Constantinople, and says that all danger of a renewal of the war between Russia and Turkey being now over, the occupation of Constantinople would arouse suspicion and excitement in England.

The Turks have evacuated Widdin, Rustchuk, Sitistria, Belgradschek and Erzeroum, and have withdrawn from Bijukheknjeich lines to Leone, and from Kujukniejck to Akhonor.

The neutral zone is twelve miles broader than heretofore.

A renewal of hostilities between Montenegro and Turkey is imminent.

Cape Town advices state that the Kafirs have been to-day defeated, losing heavily in the engagement.

A Successful Islander.

In the *Denver Daily Tribune*, Colorado, we find the following account of the position occupied by an Islander. Charles D. McPhee is a nephew of the Rev. Pius McPhee, and must be remembered by many. The *Tribune* says: "Charles D. McPhee is a practical mechanic, having been engaged in this business for twenty-five years. He began business in Denver in 1869, and erected the Denver Planing Mill in 1873. He is one of the best known and largest contractors in the State, and has erected a number of the finest buildings in Colorado and Wyoming. Prominent among the number are Charriot's hotel, Archer Block, Denver Gas Works, Riethmann Block (corner Fifteenth and Arapahoe Streets), Alvord House, State University at Boulder, Carey Block in Cheyenne (the finest building in that town), a large hotel at Estes Park, Colonel James Archer's fine cut stone residence (to cost \$46,000), and residences in almost every block in the city. The large warehouses of F. F. Struby, at Garland, and various mill buildings in various other localities, have been erected under his supervision, and from material prepared beforehand at his large planing mill. The mill is a two-story brick, fronting one hundred feet on Eighteenth Street, and extending back seventy-five feet on Wynkoop Street. The first floor is used for storage and for planing and matching lumber; the second floor for the manufacture of carpentry work in general. The yard covers an entire half block, stocked heavily with the choicest Eastern and native lumber. In the line of Eastern soft and hardwoods and native lumber, including laths, shingles, sashes, doors, blinds, stair stock, building paper and glass, Mr. McPhee carries a surprisingly large and well chosen assortment. Particularly in plate glass of the largest size and weight, from the best houses of the East, his invoice is unrivalled. Mr. McPhee makes a specialty of work to order, and the supplying of building materials of all descriptions, and giving estimates on all kind of buildings, and by the satisfactory character of his work over the wide field of his operations, has built up an immense trade and earned the deserved reputation of a wide-awake, thoroughly reliable business man."

THE "Northern Light" is again a captive to King Ice at Pictou.

Don't forget the meeting of the Salvage Corps this (Monday) evening.

AN unsuccessful attempt was made to burglarize the Bank of New Brunswick on Wednesday last.

THOMAS MULLIN, a sufferer by the St. John fire, committed suicide at Moncton on Thursday last while in a fit of temporary insanity.

By telegraph to Peake Bros. & Co., steamer *Prince Edward* arrived at New Orleans, Louisiana, from Cardiff, on Saturday, 9th inst., 22 days passage.

AQUATIC.—James H. Reily, of Saratoga Springs, has challenged Edward Hanlon, of Toronto, to row a four mile turn race during the coming season, for \$1000 a side.

The hull of the schooner *Spray Bloom* was sold by public auction at St. Thomas, Bermuda, on the 26th ult., for \$1,300. The hull of the *Electa* was also sold at the same place for \$640.

A correspondent informs us that the store of Capt. Richards, of Bedford, was burglariously entered a few nights ago, and thirty-five dollars in cash and about sixty dollars worth of goods taken therefrom. A diligent search is being made for the thief or thieves, but yet no one has been apprehended.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER.—On Thursday, the 30th ult., the electors and friends of John C. Wade, Esq., M. P., for Digby county gave that gentleman a complimentary dinner, which was one of the grandest and most successful affairs of the kind ever had in the county of Digby, N. S.

A VERY large meeting of the Ladies' Catholic Relief Society was held in the vestry of St. Dunstan's Cathedral on Sunday evening. Many new members were admitted, and a large sum was paid into the treasury, from which, we are informed, a number of reliefs have already been granted.

THERE is an important Jury Bill before the Ontario Legislature. Its design is to render legal in civil cases majority verdicts of a certain character. One hour after withdrawal for deliberation eleven jurors may return a verdict, after two hours, ten; and after three hours, nine. A smaller number than nine is not to be empowered to return a verdict however long the deliberation may continue.

New Advertisements.

TEACHER WANTED.

A THIRD-CLASS TEACHER, for the Winsloe Road (South) School. Apply to the undersigned, or the Secretary of the Board of Education.
WILLIAM BRYNTAN.
Winsloe Road, Lot 33, Feb. 8, 1878—3law ar

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Renovating and Repairing Clothes.

MR. PATTERSON guarantees that no matter how badly faded or stained garments may be, he will restore them to their original color.
JOHN PATTERSON.
Feb. 9—

TENDERS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Charlottetown, Feb. 8th, 1878.

TENDERS for PRINTING & BINDING 300 Copies of "The City Bye-Laws" will be received at the Mayor's Office until noon of FRIDAY, 15th inst. Samples of paper, type, and binding can be seen at this Office.
WM. B. MORRISON,
City Clerk.

Feb. 8—5i

GREAT BANKRUPT SALE.

The Stock in Trade of the Estate of
S. KEITH & CO.

WILL BE SOLD AT A

TREMENDOUS SACRIFICE.

Worsted Coatings,
Beavers, Pilots,
Broad Cloths,
Tweeds,
Ready-made Clothing,

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS
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WILL BE SOLD REGARDLESS OF COST.

Clothing Made to Order
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C. V. MCGREGOR,

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N. B.—Coat, Vest, and Pant
Makers wanted immediately.

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South Side Queen's Square.
Ch'town, Feb. 5, 1878—2m 2aw

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1875 and Amending Acts.

In the matter of SYLVANUS KEITH, an Insolvent.

ALL persons indebted to the above Insolvent are hereby notified to pay their accounts to me, and to me only.

C. V. MCGREGOR,
Assignee.

Charlottetown, P. E. Island, Feb. 5, 1878—M

THREE STAR BRANDY.

30 CASES Three Star BRANDY,
For Sale by
JAMES BYRNE,
Great George Street.
January 20—5i

New Advertisements.

GROCERY

—AND—

Provision Store!

Cor. Great George & Kent Sts.

THE Subscriber wishes to inform his friends and the public generally that he still keeps on hand a choice assortment of

Groceries and Provisions,

AT HIS OLD STAND,

and will be pleased to have them call and inspect for themselves.

ON HAND,

10 CHESTS CONGOU TEA,

("New Season")

1,000 Lbs. Canadian Cheese,

10 Casks American Kerosene Oil,

(120° test; 36 cts. per gal.)

20 BARRELS SUGAR

(all kinds),

100 Bbls. Sup. Extra Flour,

3 Puns. Very Choice

MOLASSES

20 doz. Pickles, 20 doz. Assorted Jams

20 boxes Dessert Prunes,

100 Tins Sardines.

CANS PEACHES, PINEAPPLES,

STRAWBERRIES, TOMATOES,

NEW RAISINS, ZANTE CURRANTS,

DRIED APPLES, STEWING PRUNES,

300 QUARTS CRANBERRIES,

GREEN GRAPE.

300 LBS. SMOKED HALIBUT,

25 QTLs. CODFISH,

100 BOXES DIGBY HERRING.

and all goods usually found in a First-Class Grocery Store.

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SINGLE FLY

Cast Steel Carriage Springs,

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each Set.

OUR PRICES ARE VERY LOW

BEER & SONS.

Ch'town, Jan. 9, 1878.

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CARRIAGE BUILDERS

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Over 50 Tons Bar Iron,

40 Bbles. Tire Steel,

200 Elliptic Carriage Springs,

110 sets Axles.

ASSORTED SIZES, from 1/2 to 1 1/2 inch,

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CARRIAGE & MILL BOLTS,

RING BOLTS, STEP PADS, &c.

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June, 1877—