

The City Accounts for 1879.

A report of the accounts of the Corporation for the year ending 31st December, 1879, is laid upon our table in remarkably good time. It contains statements of vouchers for the year 1879; statements of the revenue and expenditure; reports from the Stipendiary Magistrate and Chief Engineer of the Fire Department; and also a report from the School Trustees of the City of Charlottetown. In submitting the accounts for the past year, Mayor Dawson, in his excellent report, says:—

"By referring to the 'Income Account' you will observe that the year's revenue has been \$21,464.93 and the expenses \$29,494.29, being an over expenditure of \$8,029.37, which is carried to Capital Account.

While there has been a slight increase in some sources of the revenue, there has been a falling off in others, in the aggregate, to the amount of \$1,323.32.

The receipts are as follows:—

Assessment, 1878,	\$13,389.01
— " — 1879,	13,590.47
Other Sources,	9,080.57
Sale of Debentures,	3,881.72
	\$39,891.77

PAYMENTS.

Income Account,	\$29,494.29
City School Board of Trustees,	6,210.40
Pownal Wharf,	3,987.08
Debentures redeemed,	200.00
	\$39,891.77

The Indebtedness of the City stands thus:

Debenture Debt,	\$93,555.01
City Board of School Trustees,	9,610.24
Hospital Fund,	97.00
Overdraft,	10,822.87
	\$114,085.12

Less

Assessment, 1878,	\$5,147.55
— " — 1879,	8,852.63
Other Assets,	600.00
	14,600.18
	\$99,484.94

The probabilities are that not more than \$9,500.00 is collectable for Assessment, so that the City debt reaches some \$104,000.00.

The floating debt yearly assumes proportions which call for the earnest consideration of the Council at an early day. This debt is an accumulation from year to year, caused by an excess of expenditure over income, which has hitherto been met by the issue of debentures, thus, — contrary to every principle of policy or right, — piling up a debt by borrowing, not for any purpose of permanent advantage, but simply to defray a portion of our annual expenses. It may be asked how are these yearly deficits to be avoided, or in what department can a saving be effected. Without attempting to give an answer I may remark: the several sources of income are but few, and vary but little in the aggregate from year to year; the chief source is from Assessment on Real Estate, and having decided the rate it only becomes necessary to allow a certain per centage for shrinkage and you have for all practical purposes an estimate income upon which to base the outlay. Then ascertain the requirements of the year and apportion to each service a sum deemed sufficient, — as for instance, suppose some \$5,000.00 was appropriated for streets, that sum should not be exceeded, and so in the other services of the Corporation; were this course adopted and strictly adhered to, there would be no more such deficiencies as during the past few years, and no further adding, on almost routine expense, to the Debenture debt of the City."

His Worship, in his report, remarks that the loss on Assessment for the years 1878 and 1879 will reach nearly \$5,000 or about 15 per cent. of the levy. "Various causes," he says, "such as removals, remits and (chiefly) poverty, have combined to produce this, and how to prevent a repetition in the future, so as to secure as nearly as possible the amount receivable, without severe pressure in collecting, calls for consideration."

After dealing with the matter of Assessment; the necessity of a survey of the city, with plans, showing street grades and side lines; the improvement which could be effected on our streets if fixed grades were established; and several other matters of minor importance, his Worship comes down to the subject of reforming our youth. He says:—"A Reformatory is still in the future. The number of juvenile offenders increases yearly. The report of his Honor the Stipendiary Magistrate is a sad commentary upon the morality of this class of the population, and until there be found some place to which they may be sent, other than the common Jail, the evil will grow year by year, for with an apprenticeship of a term varying from weeks to months in the company of those more advanced in crime it follows, as certainly as night follows day, that they come out much worse than they went in and more ready to prey upon their fellow citizens." He thinks, however, that a taste of the "cat" would be quite as "wholesome and salutary" as a Reformatory.

The Mayor, in concluding his report, compliments Mr. Morrison, the City Clerk, on the fidelity and assiduity in which he continues to discharge the duties of his office, and says:—"The fact that the accounts of the Corporation were closed and placed in the hands of the printer within twenty-four hours after the close of the year, speaks volumes for his ability and accuracy."

The Grand Jury's Reports and Request.

The Grand Jury, previous to their discharge, presented reports on the Queen's County Jail, Poor House and Hospital for the Insane. That body also requested the Court to recommend that the Attorney General take steps to have an Act passed at the next session of the Legislature authorizing the payment of Grand Jurors' expenses. The Court, we believe, intimated that the request would be forwarded to the Government. The reports read as follows:—

GRAND JURY ROOM, CHARLOTTETOWN, January 15, 1880.

The members of the Grand Jury for the County of Queen's County having visited the Hospital for the Insane, have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the admirable manner in which the affairs of the building appear to be conducted, and that they consider the building exceedingly well adapted for the purpose for which it is intended, reflecting, as it does, great credit on the Government which was instrumental in causing the erection of the building.

For self and fellows,
HENRY BEER,
Foreman.

GRAND JURY ROOM, CHARLOTTETOWN, January 15, 1880.

The members of the Grand Jury, for the County of Queen's, this day visited the Government Poor House, situated in the Dominion Government Barrack property, and have to report that they were well satisfied with their inspection of the various wards. The inmates of the Poor House testify that they are well used and comfortable, that the food was good and well cooked, and that the Government had done all in its power for the furtherance of their comfort in their old age and infirmity.

For self and fellows,
HENRY BEER,
Foreman.

GRAND JURY ROOM, CHARLOTTETOWN, January 16, 1880.

The Grand Jury, in the performance of their duty, this day visited the County Jail, situated in this City of Charlottetown, Queen's County, do hereby make the following report:—

The Grand Jury found the walls and ceilings of the Jail in a very dilapidated state, as well as badly discolored with smoke, &c., would recommend that the walls and ceilings be thoroughly scraped and all whitewash taken off, and then well whitewashed with lime wash to sweeten and clean the several rooms.

The Grand Jury have to say that they believe, from their inspection, that the Jailor, Mr. George Harvie, has done all in his power to keep the floors, wood and iron work about the Jail clean and neat, also that Mr. Harvie is attentive to the duties required of him.

The Grand Jury protest against the custom of placing very young lads in the constant contact with old and hardened criminals, thereby giving these boys an opportunity of learning the trade of stealing, house-breaking and all manner of crime and villainy. That, in view of the report of the buildings lately occupied as a Lunatic Asylum, being about to be converted into a Poor House, and as the building is large and well fitted, we, the Grand Jury, do hereby strongly request and urge that a portion of the said buildings to be set aside as a Reformatory, for the purpose of placing these tender youths in a position where they will be trained into good and useful citizens.

That the Grand Jury deplore the fact that a certain prisoner, William Young, should be confined in a cell in the County Jail, as they are of opinion that the Falconwood Asylum for the Insane is the proper place for a man in his condition of mind and body; and we therefore recommend his immediate removal.

For self and fellows,
HENRY BEER,
Foreman.

GRAND JURY ROOM, CHARLOTTETOWN, January 20, 1880.

The Grand Jury of our Sovereign Lady the Queen beg to make the following representation, and trust that the Court may recommend that the Attorney General may be requested to take such steps by an Act of the next meeting of the Legislature, as may remove the difficulty complained of, viz: That under the present law a gentleman forming the Grand Jury, called from any part of Queen's County, and compelled to defray their own travelling and incidental expenses, which they deem to be a hardship, and trust that a moderate consideration be allowed for that purpose, especially to those compelled to leave their country homes.

For self and fellows,
(Sd.) WM. DODD,
Foreman.

This is Mary Anderson painted in Louisville colors: "Can you imagine some drifting cloud of evening crystallized in mystic limpidness into that image of the maker that was called humanity—pellucid, lit within with the azure fire! It may suggest a dream of that vision of loveliness which I had seen, and which shattered one's soul to pieces. Tall, slender—but slender like one of those threads of steel that carry trains across the Niagara—a step as graceful as the wildcat's; and that neck! aspiring as the Alexandrian shaft that lifted Pharoos to light up the sea—commanding as the tower of ivory that looketh toward Damascus."

HALL STOVES.—We came very near having some more deaths from suffocation, by a hard coal stove, on Sunday night. A family residing on Acadia street, procured a base burner last Friday, and put it up in their lower hall. On Sunday night one of the occupants woke up by the strange smell of sulphur. She immediately ran and opened the windows. It had such an effect on one of the occupants, a young lady of delicate health, that she has not been able to speak above a whisper since. On examination Monday morning, it was found that the chimney was badly stuffed up with soot.—*Halifax Herald.*

CLARK'S DIAMOND DUST POLISH.—Unrivalled for cleaning Gold, Silver and Nickel ware. Enquire for it.



MAIL CONTRACTS.

TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa, until noon on FRIDAY, the 20th FEBRUARY NEXT, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails on proposed contracts, for four years, from 1st April next, over each of the following routes, viz:—

Albany and North Tryon, Bedeque and Charlottetown, Bonshaw and Nine Mile Creek, North Tryon and Tryon.

Printed notices containing full information as to conditions of proposed contracts may be seen, and blank forms of tender may be obtained, at the Post Offices at which the services commence and terminate, or at the office of the subscriber.

W. W. McLEOD,
Asst. P. O. Inspector.
P. O. Inspector's Office, Charlottetown,
15th December, 1879.

Herring. Codfish.

CHEAP FOR CASH,—
50 bbls. Herring,
100 qtls. Codfish,
200 bags Salt.
D. SMALL,
Head Queen's Wharf, opposite I. C. Hall's.

To Fisheries and Factories.

ONE TON AMERICAN MANILLA MARLIN (Tared and White), Cotton Lines, Twines, Leads, Hooks, Bait Mills, Fishing Anchors, Cotton Ducks (light and heavy), 100 coils Manilla Rope, Hemp Rope, Wire Rope, Paints, Oils, Tar, Oakum, Ships Chandlery, Sail Making, Light, Ducks for Boats' Sails.
D. SMALL,
Jan. 21, 1880—tf

Green Teas.

A FEW PACKAGES GREEN TEAS, in Young-Hyson and Japan, will be sold cheap.
HORACE HASZARD,
Ch'town, Jan. 19, 1880—1w

Charlottetown Cemetery Co'y.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held on TUESDAY, the third day of February next, in the Office of the undersigned, corner of Great George and Lower Water Streets, at four o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing Directors, and other business, as by Law directed.

By order,
F. W. HALES,
Secretary.
Charlottetown, Jan. 17, 1880—mws 7i

Finnan Haddies.

JUST RECEIVED per *Northern Light*, choice lot of Finnan Haddies, at FISH MARKET, Grafton Street.
Jan. 17, 1880.

To Carriage Builders!

WE have in Stock a large lot of Wood Stuff, in Spokes, Rims, Shafts, Hubs, Common Axles, Patent Axles, Steel Axles, Carriage Springs, Bolts and Nuts, Castings, Rivets, Bands, &c.
50 Tons Assorted Refined Iron.
BEER & SONS,
Jan. 16, 1880—3i pat pres 1m

Dissolution of Partnership.

THE Co-Partnership heretofore carried on by the Subscribers, under the name of Dorsey & Jost, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All debts due by the Firm will be paid by R. K. Jost, to whom all parties indebted to said Firm are requested to make payment—at McGill's old stand, Queen Street.

JOHN DORSEY,
RICH'D K. JOST.
Charlottetown, Jan. 15, 1880—rg ar pat 3i

NOTICE.

I TAKE this opportunity to inform the public that I have leased the new Shop recently fitted up at McGill's Old Stand, on Queen Street, a few doors below the London House; and having bought the Stock and Machinery of the late Firm of Dorsey & Jost, I shall be prepared, in a few days, to carry on the Boot and Shoe business in all its branches. Custom work a specialty—on cash principles.

JOHN DORSEY,
Ch'town, Jan. 15, 1880—ar pat

COOKED CORNED BEEF,

Most Economical for Family Use, being More than Twice its Weight of Uncooked Meat.

Sold by the lb. and in Tins,

BEER & GOFF'S,
Jan. 13, 1880.

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FEBRUARY 1880.

STOCK-TAKING.

WE hereby inform the public of this city, and the Island generally, that previous to Stock-taking, we have resolved to clear out as much of our Winter Stock as possible. We are aware that at this season it is hard to get people to buy even at reduced prices; but in the face of this difficulty we have made up our mind to adopt full measures, and sell our Wool Goods and Dress Goods at a sacrifice.

Our Goods have been very cheap all winter, as the run of trade we have had fully testifies. Our store has become the resort of those Ladies who know how to make a penny go a long way, and who know a cheap article when they see it; and when we say we are going to reduce the prices of our Dress Goods and Trimmings, we know we shall be believed. We are particularly anxious to clear out our present Stock, in order to introduce as much of the newest style of Dress Material as possible, and at the very lowest prices. We shall make special prices on Black Cashmeres, Black Merinos, Black Cords and Lustres, Lustrines and Brilliantines.

Our Fancy Wool Goods will be sold at less than cost. Our Stock of this class was the largest, most select, and finest in the city, and the remains of it will be sold at a great sacrifice. Blankets, Quilts, Horse Rugs, &c., will be cleared out at great Bargains.

We make no apology to the Tea-drinking public for drawing their attention to our fine flavored and rich Teas, 32, 36, and 40 cents per lb. They are receiving the highest praise, and those who use them, strongly recommend them to others. Our trade in this article is growing rapidly. Tea appeals to the most subtle of the senses, and as the proof of the pudding is in the eating, so the proof of the Tea is in the drinking. Friends, try it.

83, QUEEN STREET,
TREMINE & METCALF.

Ch'town, Jan. 21, 1880.

CARNIVAL.

A Calico Carnival

WILL BE HELD AT THE

Citizens' Skating Rink,
WEDNESDAY EVENING,
February 4, 1880.

Those wishing to take part will oblige by sending their names to the Secretary before the 20th inst.
By order of the Directors,
W. C. HOBKIRK,
Secretary.

January 9, 1880—4i law

THE 'BUDA' FLOUR,
AND OTHER
Choice Brands,
FOR SALE AT
BEER & GOFF'S.

Jan. 12, 1880.

The New Year Has Come,

BUT MANY PERSONS have failed to come and settle their accounts. The subscriber respectfully requests all parties owing him, either by

Note of Hand or Book Account,
To Settle the Same at Once.

J. QUIRK,
Jan. 2, 1880—9i eod, hne 3w

GOLDEN SYRUP.

Very Choice.
8 CTS. PER POUND,
—AT—
BEER & GOFF'S.
Jan. 13, 1880.

POLL TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

Are to be Paid at the Store of
D. R. M. HOOPER,
Euston Street.
Immediate Payment Requested.
Charlottetown, Jan. 9, 1880.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Milton School District, qualified to vote for School Trustees, will be held at the Milton School House on Monday, the 26th day of January, at the hour of half-past six o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of determining whether a Tavern License shall be given to Ronald McDonald, an applicant for License to sell Spirituous Liquors within the Milton School District, in less quantities than one pint.
OWEN CURTIS, J. P.,
Milton, Jan. 12th, 1880. tf w

Cheirograph or Lethogram

CAN be made for 50 cents by sending 35 cents in stamps to P. O. Box 126 Yarmouth, N. S., and by return of mail you will receive a receipt for making tablet and ink from which you can get over one hundred copies from one original writing.
Ch'town, Jan. 7, 1880. 1m

For Sale!

VERY CHEAP, at A. McNEILL'S Auction Room, No. 11 Queen Street,—
1 Piano (second-hand), 7 Octave.
Jan. 14, 1880—eod tf

S. S. "NORTHERN LIGHT,"

WILL MAKE DAILY TRIPS between Georgetown and Pictou, until further notice, (Sundays excepted) leaving Georgetown at 6 a. m., and Pictou at 1.40 p. m., weather permitting.
WM. MITCHELL,
Agent o' Dep't.
Ch'town, Dec. 19, 1879.

COAL COAL.

ROUND COAL for sale by
F. S. HANFORD.
Ch'town, Dec. 15, 1879—6i

Valuable Property for Sale.

THAT FARM lately owned by John and Peter Meikle, situate on Lot 23, in Queen's County.
For further particulars apply at the office of Messrs. Hodson & McLeod, Charlottetown.
Jan. 9, 1880—eod