

The Public Accounts for 1879.

THE Public Accounts of the Province, for the year 1879, were laid on the table of the House this afternoon. Although a balance of \$14,985.64 appears against the Province at the close of the year, yet the following synopsis of the Accounts, as compared with the two preceding years, will, we are sure, convince every reasonable man that the present Government have done their part well, during the part of the year in which they controlled public affairs. It appears, from the Auditor's Report (page 111) that no less than \$60,071.95 were left unpaid of the expenditure of former years; and that the sum of \$43,679.23 has been paid, during the year, on capital account, for construction of Lunatic Asylum, of which \$35,408.62 was for work done during the year.

We will not, however, to-day, enter further into the discussion of the accounts, leaving the following comparative statement, for the last three years, to speak for themselves. We shall deal, first, with payments which may be classed as uncontrollable expenditure.

Education cost:—

In 1877,	\$30,813.60
" 1878,	65,550.13
" 1879,	91,007.87

Construction of Lunatic Asylum cost:—

In 1877,	\$15,067.07
" 1878,	40,654.10
" 1879,	43,679.23

Of the controllable expenditure, we have only space to make a few comparisons.

The Public Works' Office cost:—

In 1877,	\$8,540.63
" 1878,	6,580.38
" 1879,	5,102.74

The Public Lands' Office cost:—

In 1877,	\$3,227.53
" 1878,	5,912.59
" 1879,	4,852.41

The Registry Office cost:—

In 1877,	\$4,092.50
" 1878,	3,827.14
" 1879,	2,994.54

When it is observed that the Civil Service Act of the present Government only came into effect on the 1st of July last, and consequently only bore fruit for one half the year, the importance of the above figures is at once apparent. The amalgamation of certain offices, and the sweeping reductions made all round, have produced results similar to the above in every branch of the service, and will, no doubt, tell with much greater force on the expenditure of the current year.

Turning to the other side of the accounts, it will be seen that all these retrenchments are absolutely necessary. The receipts from Public Lands have been—

In 1877,	\$78,506.20
" 1878,	54,579.42
" 1879,	44,812.72

The amounts raised by direct taxation have been—

In 1877,	\$58,448.11
" 1878,	38,834.68
" 1879,	26,631.15

The subsidy from the Dominion Government has been—

In 1877,	\$162,737.85
" 1878,	159,005.38
" 1879,	155,995.05

The manner in which the public business has been conducted may, in some measure, be gleaned from these accounts. The amounts carried forward, as arrears of expenditure incurred in former years, have been—

from 1878 to 1879,	\$60,071.95
" 1879 to 1880,	6,407.98

The latter sum is exclusive of one quarter's salary to Teachers, which fell into arrears in 1878. Four full quarters' salary to Teachers were paid in 1879.

The balances unpaid in unfinished contracts in the Public Works Department, exclusive of Falconwood Asylum, stand as follows:—

In 1877,	\$13,500.00
" 1878,	4,639.00
" 1879,	654.30

Refunds from Dominion Government to reimburse Provincial Government, for payments made for Railway damages, purchase of proprietary estates, and expenses paid under the Land Purchase Act of 1875, were—

In 1878,	\$37,384.73
" 1879,	39,526.69

A new feature in the Public Accounts is that the appropriation made by the Legislature is placed opposite each item of expenditure, so that the Legislature may see at a glance how the expenditure compares with the estimates.

The Appropriations for the year were \$308,359.14

The Expenditure has been 313,842.27

Excess of Expture over Estimates \$5,483.13

Of the above excess no less than \$4,617.74 was incurred in teachers' salaries alone, over which the Government possessed no control whatever; and the exact amount of

which could not possibly be foreseen. In addition to this, the expenditure on account of the storm of Oct. 29th and the reception of the Governor-General were not provided for in the estimates. But it appears that a sufficient sum to meet them has been saved in other parts of the service. So that there has been no actual increase of expenditure beyond the appropriations except in Education.

The extraordinary expenditure of the year may be stated as follows:—

Expenses in connection with the small-pox at Alberton	\$2,875.68
Elections	3,922.00
Legislation (short session)	3,338.00
Paid construction of Asylum	\$43,679.23
Less amount belonging to 1878	8,270.61
Add arrears for 1878	\$60,071.95
Less one quarter salary to teachers carried forward	21,164.16
	\$33,907.79
	\$84,390.09

The extraordinary receipts for the year are as follows:—

Refund from Dominion Government	\$39,526.69
Public Lands, amount of difference between interest and receipts	8,352.72
	\$47,879.47
Add amounts outstanding belonging to the expenditure of 1879	6,407.98
	\$54,287.39

The report of the Engineer, in the Public Works Department, shews that, on a close estimate, the cost of repairing the damages caused by the storm of Oct. 29, is \$21,232.

LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

MARCH 10.
Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN presented a number of official despatches and papers, which were read by the Clerk.

MARCH 11.
Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN submitted the public Accounts, and the Public Works, Public Lands, Public Education, Lunatic Asylum Reports; also papers showing expenses of the Reception of the Vice-Royal Party, expenses of the late Delegation to Ottawa, expenses of Mr. L. H. Davies' trip to St. John on Fishery business, and expenses of the Laird and Haythorne Delegation to Ottawa in 1873, also papers relating to the Prince of Wales College and Normal School. House went into Committee on the Bill respecting Public Officers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MARCH 11.
The Council held a morning and afternoon session and finished the debate on the Address.
The Council have dismissed Mr. Serina-geour from the office of Usher of the Back Rod, and have appointed Mr. Finlay McNeill.

The Merchant's Marine Insurance Company.

The annual meeting of the Merchant's Marine Insurance Company was held in the Y.M.C. Association Hall yesterday evening, when the following statement was submitted:—

STATEMENT.

To Return Premiums on expired and cancelled Policies	4,344.33
" Premiums earned—transferred to Profit and Loss	12,736.69
" Unearned Premiums reserved to re-insure outstanding Risks	4,030.50
	\$21,101.52
By balance of Premiums brought forward from last year	9,967.50
" Gross Premiums received during the year	11,144.02
	\$21,101.52

PROFIT AND LOSS.

To Paid Claims outstanding last year	\$10,576.88
" Paid Losses accrued during the year	4,522.67
" Remuneration voted to Directors last annual meeting	500.00
" Paid Auditors for the year 1878-79	30.00
" Balance of Interest	24.61
" Expenses of Management	324.53
" Reserved to cover Losses not yet due, anticipated and in course of adjustment	4,210.00
	\$20,188.69

By Balance brought forward from last year	\$4,474.30
" Premiums earned—season 1879-80	12,726.69
	17,200.99
Net Loss on present Estimate	2,877.70

LIABILITIES.

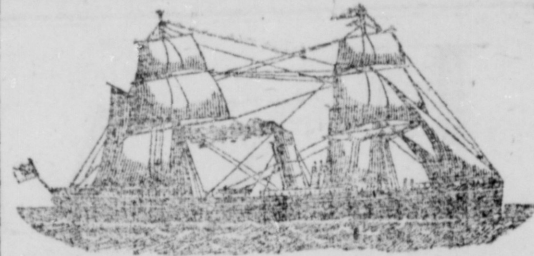
Capital paid up	\$10,040.00
Losses unpaid and anticipated	4,120.00
Reserved to re-insure outstanding Risks	4,030.50
	\$18,190.50

ASSETS.

Cash in Bank	\$ 4,479.02
Cash in Safe	240.22
Bills Receivable	10,480.25
Premiums in course of Collection	193.81
Safe and Office Furniture	209.50
	\$15,402.80
Deficit	2,877.70
	\$18,200.50

Audited and found correct,
GEO. MACLEOD,
W. H. FINDLEY.

FENTON T. NEWBERRY,
Manager.



OPEN FOR CHARTER.

STEAMSHIP "PRINCE EDWARD" will be due at Charlottetown,

About the 1st of May Next,

and will carry Potatoes, Oats, Barley, Butter, and other Produce of the Island, on freight, provided a full cargo can be engaged.

The upper deck room of this steamer is also open for charter for either Horses, Cattle or Sheep.

Parties wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity, will please apply early, in order to secure room.

Should a full cargo be engaged, the "Prince Edward" would sail about the 10th May for a port in Great Britain, as may hereafter be agreed on.

For particulars apply to

Peake Bros. & Co.,

MANAGERS.

Charlottetown, March 11, 1880.

DAIRY SALT.

AT THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING of the

"Dairymen's Convention,"

held at London, Ontario, February, 1880, the Committee of Judges awarded the

FIRST PRIZE

Coleman & Gouinlock's FINE DAIRY,

over all other Canadian and English Salt exhibited.

Wholesale Agent for P. E. Island,
JOHN H. CATHRAE.
Charlottetown, March 11, '80—1m

Molasses and Sugar.

ON CONSIGNMENT,—

40 puns.	Bright Barbadoes	MOLASSES.
12 tierces		
9 bbis.		
10 puns.	Choice Trinidad	
5 tierces		
10 bbis.		
16½hdhs.	Porto Rico SUGAR.	

At lowest market prices.

FENTON T. NEWBERRY.

Ch'town, March 11, '80—3i

Sole Leather.

13 ROLLS (130 sides) LOGAN'S EXTRA No. 1 LEATHER,
At reduced prices.
FENTON T. NEWBERRY.

March 11, '80—3i

Dissolution of Co-Partnership.

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, carrying on business under the style and firm of FENTON T. NEWBERRY & Co., was, on the first day of February, A. D. 1880, dissolved by lapse of time.

Mr. F. T. NEWBERRY is empowered to wind up the business and to collect and grant receipts for all debts due to the late firm.
Dated at Charlottetown, this 1st day of February, 1880.

FENTON T. NEWBERRY.

ROBERT A. NICHOLSON.

Referring to the above, I beg to announce that I will continue in my own name the business heretofore carried on by Fenton T. Newberry & Co., and solicit a continuance of the patronage hitherto extended to the late firm.
FENTON T. NEWBERRY.
Charlottetown, March 11, 1880—3i

TEA!

IN STORE,—

50 half chests prime CONGOU.

FENTON T. NEWBERRY.

March 11, '80—3i

MATCHES.

25 CASES, 15 boxes CHACE'S BRAND, superior to any in the market,
At reduced prices.

FENTON T. NEWBERRY.

March 11, '80—3i

Safe for Sale.

I HAVE ON SALE, at my Sales Room, 1 Kershaw & Edward's Safe, which I will sell for \$50. Cost when new—about three years ago—\$95. Usual terms.

B. W. HIGGS.

March 11, '80—3i

GENTS' FELT HATS

JUST OPENED,—

TWO CASES OF LONDON FELT HATS,

—AT—

GEO. E. FULL'S.

Queen Street, March 2, 1880—5i caw

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MARCH 1880.

GRAND SKATING MATCH

—IN THE—
Citizens' Skating Rink,

—ON—
Friday Ev'g, 12th inst.,
STARTING AT 8 O'CLOCK.

A DISTANCE MATCH of one and a-half hours' duration will take place as above, when the following prizes will be awarded to the persons covering the greatest distance within the specified time:—

1st prize—Valuable Meerschaum Pipe.
2nd prize—Pair Nickel-Plated Skates.
3rd prize—Cash, \$2.50.

Entrance fee \$1.00. Entries must be made on or before THURSDAY, the 11th inst.

The Band will be in attendance. Doors open at 7.30 o'clock. Race will start at 8 o'clock, sharp.

ADMISSION—Spectators, 15 cents.
By order of the Directors.
March 8, '80.

"Belvidere."

THIS well-known property, situated in the Royalty of Charlottetown, consisting of about 200 acres, is offered on lease for a term of years, either as a whole or in part.

For particulars apply to
DANIEL HODGSON, or
G. W. DeBLOIS,
Agents for Alexander Beazley, Esq.
March 10, 1880—pat 1f

TEAS!

VIA NEW YORK.—
1,400 HALF-CHESTS

NEW SEASON TEA,
EX "BRAEMAR CASTLE."

The above Choice

Congous and Oologs,

the pick of the cargo of S. S. Braemar Castle, are expected to arrive here in a few days, and will be sold low to the trade for Cash or approved paper.

SAMPLES AT OUR OFFICE,

7 Upper Water Street,
HALIFAX, N. S.

J. E. MORSE & CO.

March 4, '80—1m

Marine Insurance Company

OF P. E. ISLAND.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above named Company will be held in their Office, corner Great George and Lower Water Streets, on

Thursday, 25th day of March inst.,

at eleven o'clock in the forenoon,

for the election of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business.

By order of the Directors,
F. W. HALES,
Secretary.

Ch'town, March 6, '80—till meeting

Valuable Property for Sale.

TO BE SOLD, all that part of Town Lot No. 74, in the first hundred of Town Lots in Charlottetown; having a front of 67 feet, Dorchester Street, and running back 80 feet, together with the buildings thereon erected.

For further particulars apply to Messrs. Hodgson & McLeod Charlottetown.
Sept. 18, 1879.

GOLD MEDAL PARIS, 1878.

JOSEPH GILLOTT'S
STEEL PENS.
BY ALL DEALERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

NOTICE.

THE Best, Shortest and Cheapest route to Cape Traverse is via Train to County Line Station, thence via HUGHES' Teams to Capes—which are in readiness at all times.
J. W. HUGHES,
J. HUGHES.

Feb. 25, 1880—tf

Wants, Lost, Found, &c.

TO LET—To let, the first of May next, that new House now occupied by Mr. Bailey, nearly opposite the residence of E. J. Hodgson, Esq., Weymouth Street, near Hillsborough Square. Apply at the office of SULLIVAN & MORSON. [m 11]

TO LET—A HOUSE situated on Cumberland Street, containing 5 rooms. Rent very low. Enquire at this office. [m 10, 1f]

LOST—In this City, yesterday, a bunch of KEYS. The finder will be rewarded by leaving them at this Office. [m 6]

WANTED—A good SERVANT MAN to attend upon one horse, drive sleigh, &c. and also to wait at table indoors. Wages, \$130 a year. Enquire at this Office. [m 4, 1f]

TO LET—On the ninth of April, the HOUSE now occupied by R. Young, Esq. W. J. BOWMAN. [m 21]

TREMAINE & METCALF'S,

83 QUEEN STREET.

Ch'town, Feb. 28, 1880.