

ing along with him on the pleasant romantic banks of the Kirtle, she observed his rival on the other side of the river, among the bushes. Conscious of the danger her lover was in, she passed betwixt him and his enemy, who, immediately firing, shot her dead whilst she leaped into Fleeming's arms. He drew his sword, crossed the river, and cut the murderer in pieces. A cairn or heap of stones was raised on the place where she fell, as a common memorial in similar incidents, from the earliest times, among celtic colonies, and continues over Scotland to this day. She was buried in the adjacent churchyard of Kirkconnel; and the poor, forlorn, disconsolate Fleeming, overwhelmed with love and oppressed with grief is said to have gone abroad for some time, returned, visited her grave, upon which he stretched himself and expired, and was buried in the same place. —Wood's Edition of the Songs of Scotland.

The Examiner.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1850.

MORE "ISLANDER" FALSEHOODS REFUTED.

In the *Islander* of Friday last the majority of the House of Assembly are again favoured with a column of abuse from the pen of that consistent and upright politician, Duncan Maclean. The old story of incapacity, negligence, and office-seeking, is therein repeated with all its false, stupid, and tiresome details. The Liberal party never have been, and never expect to be, praised by the *Islander* for capacity; and if ever they should be applauded for their diligence by that voracious publication, then shall we believe that they have been negligent in the discharge of their duty, and selfish in their designs. The charge of office-seeking comes with extremely bad grace from the organ of a party who are perpetually quarrelling amongst themselves about the disposal of patronage, and in the ranks of whom there are scores of people ready to skin the first of their crew that is fortunate enough to secure an office.

The *Islander* says, THE EXAMINER "promised the public," at the commencement of the first short Session of the present House, "that one of the first acts of the Assembly would be to amend the Currency Bill of last year," so far as related to the fixing the rate of money to be taken in payment of rents. We do not know what the *Islander* means by the word "promise," but we think it is misapplied in this instance. We suggested, previously to the meeting of the Legislature, that the one-ninth Bill—which is the matter under consideration—should, and probably would, receive the attention of the Assembly at the earliest period of the Session. Sir Donald Campbell having, however, PREVENTED the House of Assembly from proceeding with the transaction of the public business, the one-ninth Bill had to share the fate of other equally important measures. It is not true, on the part of the *Islander*, to allege, that the House did not intend to take up the question: it was a subject of earnest consideration with individual members; and if the Lieut. Governor's conduct had not been marked by incomparable folly, in refusing the reconstruction of the Executive Council, (which reconstruction that Council declared, by its own act of resignation, to be a necessary measure), that, and other questions would long ere this have been disposed of, to the entire satisfaction of the public.

In a paragraph, which is neither very clear nor very logical, the editor of the *Islander* argues thus: charges of peculation have been preferred against Government officers—it was duty of the Assembly, or of those of the Assembly who made the charges, to investigate them—their neglecting to do so proves the charges to be false, and their authors "unprincipled slanderers." The *Islander* will thank us for putting its nonsense into something like decent intelligible English. Now, if all the premises in the above argument were true, the conclusion might be fair and legitimate; but it is directly false for the *Islander* to assert that the Liberal party in the Assembly "never made the slightest attempt to investigate" the charges of peculation.

In the old House, where the Liberals were in a minority, an enquiry was asked by them into the affairs of the Treasury—suspicions of misapplication of the public money in that department having gained public notoriety. How was the enquiry met? Not by a manly and straightforward investigation, honorable to the officer implicated, and satisfactory to the public,—but by a manoeuvre of Dr. Couroy's,—who, by aid of his

Tory majority, took the enquiry out of the hands of the Liberals, and who, unable to reply to the arguments with which Mr. Coles based his claim to the appointment of a committee of enquiry, hushed up the affair as speedily as possible; but, to give it something of a business-like air, he brought in an exculpatory report, as a sort of big plaster to cover the wounds that had been made in the Treasurer's honor. Again, respecting the subject of Private Secretary's fees—a Resolution calling on the Government to procure the refunding of those fees, they being illegally exacted, was negatived by the same Tory majority in the old House. When the subject was again brought up in the new House, and a committee appointed to make the necessary enquiries, what was the result? The Government was so ashamed of the business—so apprehensive for the safety of its chief officer—that His Excellency was induced to prorogue the Houses slyly and suddenly, and thereby prevent the enquiry being completed. In the face of these facts, patent to every one, D. Maclean charges the Liberals with "gross dereliction of duty" for "never having made the slightest attempt to investigate" the imputed peculations!! Surely the man is insane, else he would not be putting into our hands those weapons with which we can so easily gore himself and his employers.

The mischance of this Island's being excluded from the advantages of reciprocity with the United States, is made the subject of complaint against the House of Assembly. The editor of the *Islander* is well aware that that is a misfortune not justly chargeable on the Assembly. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have been likewise excluded by Congress from the Reciprocity Bill. No one has ever dreamt of blaming the Assemblies of those Provinces for the misfortune. It is true the Executive of the latter Province sent a deputation to Washington to remonstrate with the Government of the United States on its injustice in this matter. The Executive of Prince Edward Island might, and perhaps should, have done the same thing; but the *Islander* insinuates, that as no funds were provided for that purpose, it could not be done. Why, we may ask, did the Government take the responsibility of sending two Executive Councillors to Halifax last year, on a similar errand, when no funds were previously provided by the Assembly to defray their expenses? Answer me that, Master Brooks, answer me that. It is the easiest thing in the world to find fault with an individual or a party; it is not always the easiest thing to justify the fault. The editor of the *Islander*—disappointed and annoyed at the discomfiture of his party—smarting under his own defeat at the hustings, and envious of the Assembly because he is not there himself—has determined to carp, and snarl, and grumble about anything and everything that may be supposed to have the slightest connection with the Assembly; and all the world cannot alter his determination. We wish him a long continuance of the spleen; and we pray Heaven the House of Assembly may never be guilty of any proceeding to call forth his good opinion.

COLLECTORSHIP OF EXCISE.

WE are informed by the *Gazette* of yesterday that James Duff M'Donnell, Esquire, resigned his office of Collector of Excise and Impost for the District of Charlottetown. The official notice does not, of course, state the reasons which induced the resignation of so important and lucrative an office, or whether it was voluntary or otherwise. We are not disposed to credit all that we hear in connection with the fact, and shall, therefore, abstain from comment. Mr. M'Donnell has, we understand, removed from the Island.

We are likewise informed that Charles Stewart, Esq. of Rosebank, was, on Monday last, appointed to fill the vacant office. We do not question the competency of the new Collector on personal and individual grounds. His education, his well-known business habits, and his general probity and deportment, fully qualify him for the post. But if we regard the appointment in a political point of view, we must say that it is an unhappy one. At the commencement of the present Parliament, Mr. Stewart was a candidate for the second clerkship of the Assembly. His claims were disallowed by a large majority, and Mr. Cooper was selected in his stead. It may be, that he was chosen on this late occasion to mark the Executive's disregard of the Assembly, and to atone for the disappointment felt by Mr. Stewart on his rejection by the House. Murmuring, not loud, but deep, has agitated the breasts of some of the Tory party at witnessing the preference of Mr. Stewart. It is thought, and perhaps justly, that others of that party served the Government more effectually than he did, though it cannot be denied he was zealous in its behalf,

and the Government is soundly rated for its ingratitude in passing over one gentleman, at least, of the minority, who sustained it by his votes and speeches in many a hard-fought fight. We regret that we cannot sympathize with the complainants; and we regret with equal fervour, that we cannot congratulate Mr. Stewart on his appointment, as his tenure of office is not likely to be one of long duration.

CANADIAN MINISTERIAL VICTORY.—We learn from the *Toronto Globe*, May 4, that the Lafontaine Ministry have obtained another victory in the election of their protege, Dunbar Ross, Esq., who has been returned for the county of Megantic by a majority of 49. The *Globe* says, "Mr. Ross is a man of much ability and shrewdness of character; he possesses a thorough knowledge of Canadian affairs, and we feel confident will prove one of the most useful men in the House of Assembly."

There has been so much said about "Ruin and Decay," especially in the City of Montreal, that we were not a little surprised when we were told that the contractors of the Portland Railroad (Messrs. Black, Wood, & Co.) had refused, from capitalists in the United States, 95 per cent for the City Corporation Bonds, having 29 years to run. Messrs B. W. & Co. do not intend selling them *under par*, and in this we believe they are pursuing a correct policy; for there is no city on this continent, even under the present temporary depression in its commerce, that owes so little and has so much to pay with. We trust that the members of the City Council will consider it one of their most essential duties to arrange for the prompt payment of interest on bonds.—Let this be done, and there is no reason why Montreal City Bonds should not sell as well as those of New York.—*Pilot*.

MARRIED.

At Lot 18, on Thursday the 21st February last, by Thomas Hunt, Esq., J. P., Edwin Ashby Vaughan, Esq., M. D., to Ellen, second daughter of the late Patrick Cody, Esq.

DIED.

At Chepstow, East Point, on Monday the 13th inst., Catherine, widow of the late Mr. William Pope, leaving six children to mourn their loss.

PASSENGERS.

In the *Rose* on Sunday evening, Capt. Stainbanks, Messrs. George Beer, Charles Welsh, Luther Bracket, Benjamin Tremain, and two in the steerage.

SHIP NEWS.

ENTERED.

MAY 23—Schr. Fanny, Pine Pictou, coal; Flora, Hingley, do., salt; 27—Mary Jordan, Languelle, Tatmagouche, scantling; Gentleman, Babin, Pictou, coal.

CLEARED.

May 22.—Schr. Sealer, Dunn, Halifax, produce; Packet, Babin, Arichat, do.; 23—Brothers, M'Rae, Halifax, do.; Columbia, Gallant, St. Pierre, cattle, sheep, produce, &c.; 25—Clydesdale, M'Innis, Halifax, produce; Ann, Curran, fishing voyage; Flora, Hingley, Tatmagouche, produce; 27—Fancy, M'Millan, Liverpool, G. B., timber, deals, &c.; 28—James, Coffin, Miramichi, produce; Spec, Griffiths, West Indies, do.

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