

CITY COUNCIL.
THE CORPORATION HARD UP!
COUNCILLORS AFRAID TO FACE THE MUSIC.—
A DEAD LOCK!—NOW, WHAT'S TO BE
DONE ABOUT IT?

The pressure on our columns is so great on this, the last working day of the week and of the month, that we have not sufficient space left for a full report of the sayings and doings of the City Council of last evening. The councillors, with His Worship and the Recorder, were all present. A good deal was said, but little done; and the Council separated in a state of utter disorganization.

A LITTLE BILL.
The Mayor opened the ball, by presenting a claim of the Department of Public Works at Ottawa for payment of its little bill for the services of the Steam Dredge at Pownall Wharf. Councillor Davy said the Wharf Committee had concluded to let or sell Pownall wharf; and moved that tenders be called for with the view of having it let or sold to the best advantage. The returns of the wharf for last year were called for; and statements of the receipt of \$182.59 were read. The Mayor said a statement of the earnings as well as of the receipts should have been submitted. Councillor Koughan agreed, and said the amount returned seemed very small. Councillor Davy said he had no doubt the Wharfing would furnish a statement of all the earnings of the wharf if required so to do. Councillor Beer said the return furnished no criterion whatever of the value of the Wharf; for it had only been in use a few months. It is the best wharf in the city, and a live man would undoubtedly make it pay well. Councillor Davy's motion to call for tenders then passed.

FIRE INSURANCE.
A formal notice that the Mutual Fire Insurance Company intended to suspend operations in the spring, was read, and the Mayor was authorized to execute a deed of dissolution with the Company.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.
Councillor Beer, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said he had prepared a report. But Councillor Byrne had, after signifying his acquiescence with the tenor of the report, sent in his resignation as a member of the Finance Committee, and, of course, he was not in a position to sign it. He (Councillor Beer) was, therefore, not going to take the responsibility of doing so. He would, however, read it as prepared for the signatures of the Committee:—

DRAFT REPORT.
The Finance Committee have to report that at the present time, the overdraft at the Union Bank, including \$2,000.00 which has been paid the School Board since the 1st January last, amounts to \$11,467.78; that a number of accounts are lying on the table waiting payment; that some \$2000.00 of debentures have matured; and that the officials have received no pay for the last two months. Your committee also notice that on the 1st day of January last the overdraft at the Bank was \$10,822.87, only \$644.91 less than it was on the 19th inst., after paying \$2000.00 to the School Board; and for this very dull season, when it is so very difficult for assessments to be collected, your committee are thankful it is no worse.

Your Committee would direct your attention to the fact that it requires about \$10,000 to pay the officials their yearly salary; that about \$10,000 more are required for the School Board, and that the assessment for the current year only amounted to \$22,000, which includes a large percentage to be deducted on account of poverty, deaths, bankruptcies, leaving the city, &c., &c., so that unless the taxes are very much increased, or our working expenses very much reduced, it will be impossible to avoid deficits.

Your Committee had hoped that the Union Bank would have seen their way clear to have helped the city to tide over the present hard times, until new assessments and taxes could be collected, but they have decided not to render the city any further assistance. There is still due the School Board between \$7,000 and \$8,000 for the present year, and there is still due the city about \$11,000 arrears of assessment. Your committee regret that so grave a mistake should have been made in reducing the rate of the current year's assessment from 12 per cent. to 10 per cent. For even the higher rate, after deducting the losses sustained by the present vicious mode of levying and collecting the same, would have been inadequate to meet the expenditure required.

Under those circumstances your Committee would recommend the immediate collection of all assessments and taxes overdue, and the passing of a By-law imposing a personal property tax to be levied and imposed in such a manner as will bear equitably on the citizens and incorporated companies doing business in the city, to realize between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

Your Committee are of opinion that application should be made to the proper authorities for the City's share of the per capita tax received from the Dominion Government since entering Confederation, and to which amount, say from \$8,000 to \$10,000 yearly, they consider they have an undoubted right.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Councillor Beer then formally tendered his resignation as a member of the Finance Committee.

SURPRISE AND REGRET!
Councillor Crabbe expressed his surprise at the course adopted by Councillor Beer. Councillor Beer had always been able to carry all his measures. No matter what he proposed he had a solid majority to carry it out; and he had received assurances that he would not be impeded in the passage of any measure necessary to maintain the credit of the city. How is it, then, that he now shows the white feather? and, without giving any good reason, shirks the responsibility which devolves upon him as Chairman of the Finance Committee? Councillor Crabbe then made some reference to Councillor Morris and brought that gentleman to his feet. Councillor Beer retorted that he was not going to allow Councillor

Crabbe to misrepresent him, nor would he, in view of the resignation of Councillor Byrne, be held responsible for unpopular measures. Of the \$22,000 raised, \$10,000 are required by the School Board; another \$10,000 are wanted for the officials, and nothing is left for the Fire Department and other services which must be maintained. The city is now in a tight place, more money must be raised; but he would not be responsible for putting on more taxes, unless Councillor Byrne shared the responsibility with him. Councillor Crabbe replied, and then followed some sharp words between he and Councillor Morris. Councillor Murphy then spoke at length. Councillor Morris and he indulged in a lively dispute about the relative merits of beer and gas. At length the motions accepting the resignations of Councillors Beer and Byrne, as members of the Finance Committee, were passed.

HOW TO FILL THE VACANCIES?
Councillor Horne then moved that Councillor Murphy be Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Councillor Murphy said that for him to take that position with a majority of the Council against him would be preposterous. But the motion was put and carried on the following division:—

For—Councillors Beer, Lawson, Davy, Hooper, Horne, Morris.
Against—Councillors Murphy, Crabbe, Koughan and Byrne.

Councillor Murphy declined to serve. Councillor Lawson assured Councillor Murphy that he should have his support. Councillor Murphy said that even so, he would not have a workable majority.

Councillor Beer said he would support Councillor Murphy in every good measure. Councillor Murphy did not seem satisfied. More talk followed.

The Council adjourned at half-past ten.

"MACBETH" is the subject of Professor Anderson's lecture in St. Patrick's Hall, on Friday evening next.

HEAVY PORKER.—Mr. E. Swabey sold in this city a few days ago a porker, four months and twenty-five days old, which, when killed and dressed, weighed 205 pounds. Very heavy for the age.

The mails arrived by the Capes to-day (Saturday) in very good time.

Mr. E. J. Hodgson lectures in Y. M. C. A. Hall, on Monday evening next, on "Francis of Assisi."

We are obliged to hold over a quantity of news, correspondence, etc., prepared for this day's paper.

The Northern Light left Picton at 7½ o'clock this morning.

Special Notices.

GOOD TEA. J. B. Harty.—f20

WORSTED SUITS made to order for \$12.50 at BRUCE & MCKENZIE, Queen Street.

A FEW TRUNKS, made to order, suitable for travellers. J. B. Harty.

ESTERBROOK'S, Gillott's, Mitchell's, and McNiven & Cameron's Pens, at Bremner Bros.

CARTER'S, Toiray's, Walkden's and Stephen's Inks, in different-sized bottles, at Bremner Bros.

ALL wool tweed suits made to order for \$12.00 at BRUCE & MCKENZIE'S Queen street.

BOSTON MIXED PICKLES, in bulk, 29 cts per quart, at Hall's Fish Market.

Herring and Codfish selling cheap for cash.—J. B. HARTY.

CODFISH, canned lobsters and mackerel, and cheese only 16 cents at the Family Grocery. R. K. BRACE.—[Feb. 23, 3i]

JUST RECEIVED.—A fresh lot of flour and vegetable seeds at the Agricultural Store.—ROBERT MAY.—[Feb. 23, 3i]

A CHOICE LOT of Groceries, Cheap for Cash. J. B. Harty.

CAPE COD CRANBERRIES, and Baldwin Apples, at Hall's Fish Market.

CHOICE FRUIT and Pound Cakes at BEER & GOFF'S.

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

Sprink Park School District.

ALL PERSONS who have not paid their Tax for the current year are hereby notified that all delinquents will be sued before the next County Court without further notice.

JOHN HIGGINS,
Collector.
Ch'town, Feb. 21, 1880.

Merchants Bank of P. E. Island

THE Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of this Bank will be held at their Banking House in Charlottetown, on THURSDAY, the 4th day of March next, at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may be laid before them.

Proxies for voting must be left with the Cashier at least one day previous to the meeting.

WM. McLEAN,
Cashier.
Ch'town, Feb. 21, 1880.

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. Hodgson & McLeod, Charlotte town.
Jan. 9, 1880—cod

JANUARY! LONDON
1880.
HOUSE.

First Arrival this Year. **JANUARY.**

We have just received, ex Str. "Northern Light," several cases of

NEW GOODS Reduced Prices,

New Black Silk Velvets,
New Colored Silk Velvets,
New Colored Satins,
New Black Satins,
New Black Velveteens

Frillings, Edgings and Laces.

NEW LACE CURTAINS.

Berlin Wool and Yarns,
Wool Damasks, Fringes
and Curtain Holders.

SPECIAL.

Fur Goods,
Ladies' Cloth Jackets,
Ladies' Ulsters,
Knitted Wool Goods,
and Blankets,

BIG DISCOUNT,

In order to clear them out before the season is over.

Cash customers in want of any of the above Goods will save money by giving us a call.

Perkins & Sterns. Geo. Davies & Co.

January 8, 1880. Jan. 8, 1880.

During this month we will sell at

to clear our stock in the following departments, viz:

MEN'S AND BOYS' ULSTERS, OVERCOATS & REEFERS.

MEN'S AND BOYS'

FUR CAPS, LADIES' Fur Caps and Muffs, LADIES' MANTLES & ULSTERS.

The balance of our **Wool Goods,**

PROMENADE SCARFS, BREAKFAST SHAWLS, CROSS-OVERS, &c.

Splendid lines of **DRESS GOODS,**

AT 10, 12 AND 14 CENTS PER YARD.

TERMS CASH.

Bank of P. E. Island.
THE Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank will be held at their Banking House, in Charlottetown, on TUESDAY, the second day of March next, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may be laid before them.
Proxies for voting must be left with the Cashier at least one day previous to the meeting.
J. R. BRECKEN, Cashier.
Charlottetown, Feb. 20, 1880—pat h pre ar no

Molasses.
65 PUNS. } Bright Molasses.
20 Bbls. }
CARVELL BROS.

SUGAR.
78 PACKAGES (Hhds. and Ebls.)
White Granulated,
Bright Porto Rico,
Barbadoes,
Cuba.
CARVELL BROS.
Feb. 18, 1880—2w ws

PEA SOUP.
PREPARED with Pea Flour and seasoned and flavored with the finest herbs and seasonings, to which is added Liebig's Extract of Meat, making one of the most nutritious dishes that can be obtained.
A 25 cent Tin will make 3 quarts of thick Soup.
For sale at
BEER & GOFF'S.
Feb. 18, 1880.

Labrador Herring.
CHOICE CATCH OF 1879.
Smoked Salmon, Salt Trout,
" Herring, " Shad,
" Halibut, " Mackerel.
At HALL'S FISH MARKET.
Feb. 18, 1880—tf

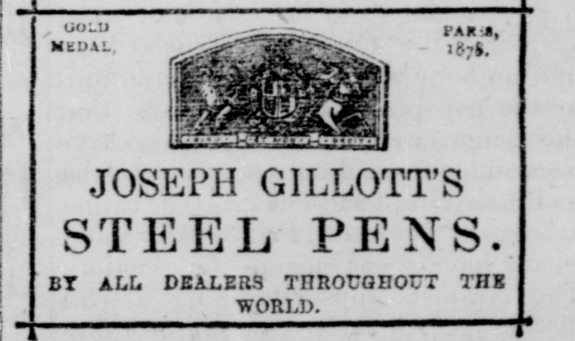
For Sale!
A FIRST-CLASS "King Bird Colt," three years old. Apply at EXAMINER Office. [f 18, 3w 2w

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, 1872.



LORNE HIGHLAND WHISKY.
ANALYTICAL SANITARY INSTITUTION.
54, Holborn-viaduct, E. C., London, Aug. 18, 1879
Report on the LORNE HIGHLAND WHISKY:
"We have visited the bottling stores of Messrs. Greenlees Brothers, and have selected from the vats, samples of their Lorne Highland Whisky, and have subjected them to careful examination and analysis. The samples were very fragrant, mellow, and of pleasant flavor, and possessed all the characteristics of pure and well-matured Scotch Whisky of the first quality."
ARTHUR HILL, HASSALL, M. D.
"OTTO HEHNER, F. C. S., F. I. C."
Wholesale of the Sole Proprietors, GREENLEES BROTHERS, 31 Commercial Street, London; Distilleries, Argyleshire.
Agents: MESSRS. OWEN CONNOLLY & CO., Charlottetown, P. E. I.
Feb. 24, 1880

CODFISH.
THE Subscriber has on hand 300 qts Prime Codfish, which he will sell cheap or Cash. Apply to
CAPTAIN JOHN HUGHES,
Water Street.
f11 mwf



Wants, Lost, Found, &c.

WANTED—A smart BOY to learn the Hairdressing. Apply to JOHN F. POWERS, Queen Street. [f 26, pd

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

A Fine Cabinet Organ—(Smith's maker) which cost \$130.00, will be sold for sixty dollars, less than half. Apply at this office. [f10