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**The Daily Examiner.**

JULY 18, 1879.

**The Road Act.**

"So unworkable is the Road Act of the present Government that in order to make it at all acceptable to the people, overseers are compelled to violate its plainest and most stringent provisions. How some of them are to make their returns and swear to them surpasses our comprehension."

We need hardly say that this is clipped from the *Patriot*. If the statement it contains be true, overseers throughout this Province are perjurers and villains—and, as such, should be arraigned before the Court, be convicted and punished. If it be not true, then the *Patriot* is guilty of libellously calumniating the leading men of all our road districts. In either case the *Patriot* is bound, in honor, and by the duty it owes to the community, to state when and where, and by whom, "the plainest and most stringent provisions of the Road Act have been violated."

We have good reasons for believing that the Road Act is working with great satisfaction to the people. By letters and by word of mouth, farmers, in various sections of the Province, assure us that it is giving as much satisfaction as it is possible for a Road Act to give. Why should it not give satisfaction? The people want good roads. They cannot expect to get good roads for nothing. They have the option of working or paying, just as they choose. They are not compelled to hand over their money to the tax-gatherers whether they have it to spare or not! Nine tenths of them have chosen to work. The work they have done is for their own advantage, and to their own credit. They see that this is so. If every man does his fair proportion of work, or pays his fair proportion of money, there should be no complaint; and, to ensure this, the law is most stringent in its requirements. If the overseers be not perjurers, as the *Patriot* clearly insinuates they are, then the work must be done fairly; and, if fairly, then satisfactorily. It has been suggested that the Grit Overseers have, perhaps, neglected their duties, and given occasion for the scandal raised by the *Patriot*, in order that discontent might be engendered and political capital made. But we refuse to believe that any man, Grit or Tory, would be so base as to deliberately perjure himself, in order to render the Road Act popular or unpopular, or to make political capital for either party.

We note that the *Summerside Journal*, too, says "the gross injustice of the present Road Act is exciting great dissatisfaction throughout the Island." Let us meet this fiction with a few facts showing the "gross injustice" with which the late Road Act was carried out. In the session of 1878, one supervisor was voted \$975 as a fair grant for the roads of his district. He expended over \$2,400! The difference between the fair share voted and the amount spent was made up by the people at large. During the same session, another supervisor—a friend if not a relative of the late Commissioner of Public Works—was voted \$730 as a fair share for his district. But he spent in reality over \$2,000. A neighboring supervisor—who was not a particular friend of the Commissioner, and who did not exercise supervision over a district friendly to the Government—was not allowed to spend one dollar more than the Legislature allowed him. Such "gross injustice" as this—perpetrated under the aegis of the Grits and under the law which the *Journal* upholds—should render the *Journal* reticent about the working of the present law. We give a flat contradiction to the statement of the *Journal* that the poor are, as a class, dissatisfied with the law. If the information we have received be correct—and we think it is—the *Journal's* assertion is not true.

On Tuesday last a man named Hugh Doherty, a resident of Hampton, N. B., while intoxicated, was run over by a gravel train, half a mile above Hampton Station, completely severing his head and one leg from his body, and crushing his body into a shapeless mass.

At a meeting of Hyde heirs in Halifax on the 16th inst., the original warrant signed by the Duke of Argyll, grandfather of Lord Lorne, about possession of which there has been so much dispute, was produced. There was a general meeting of the heirs in Moncton on Thursday.

**A Question of "Veracity" Answered.**

A FEW DAYS AGO the EXAMINER stated that the late Government dismissed dozens of officials after they attained to power. A writer in the *Patriot* calls the EXAMINER's veracity in question, and asks us to name one official who was summarily dismissed.

If the writer for the *Patriot* will but consult the *Royal Gazette* of that time he will find that out of upwards of forty official changes which took place before the end of the year in which the late Government took office, the appointments of the following officials, at least, were cancelled, viz:—

- E. W. Hughes, Assistant Librarian.
- Richard Weeks, S. P. W. Queen's County.
- William McDonald, S. P. W., King's County.
- John McSwain, School Visitor.
- Joseph Doyle, Road Commissioner.
- Thomas McGrath, do
- John F. Holland, do
- Henry Dawson, do
- Arch'd Carmichael, do
- John Trainor, do
- Richard Gill, do
- David McEwen, do
- Alfred Schurman, do
- John Griffith, Messenger.

The other points made by the writer alluded to are hardly worth noticing. Besides, we are told that it is cruel to put our foot upon a worm—and, in matters political, the writer is evidently as ignorant and contemptible as a worm. Therefore, we shall pass him by with this advice: Before you write again learn that the regulations referred to by the *Commercial Advertiser* related solely to officials in the Dominion Civil Service; that they were made by Sir John McDonald and acquiesced in by McKenzie; that after McKenzie attained to power he shamelessly violated them, as in the case of Dr. Jenkins; that this system has never yet been introduced into or practised by any Government of this Province.

**CIVIC FINANCES.**

A STATEMENT BY THE MAYOR—THE POLICY OF ECONOMY AND ITS RESULTS—FURTHER RETRENCHMENTS INDICATED.

At the meeting of the City Council, held on Wednesday evening, His Worship the Mayor said:—

Being desirous of ascertaining the outlay during my occupancy of the Civic Chair, for the year just about to close, I have, to-day, gone over the detailed accounts and the aggregate receipts and payments, not as carefully as I could have desired, yet sufficiently so to enable me to arrive at about accurate figures.

THE ECONOMY INAUGURATED has been felt in several departments, without any detriment to the Civic service; and I would strongly urge upon the Council the absolute necessity of—not only a continuation but—a further reform and retrenchment. It is well to begin right—it is also well to end right.

I find there has been a saving upon the previous year in City Government, Police, Market Hall, streets and squares, park, advertising and printing, while there has been an increased outlay in street lamps, assessing and collecting taxes, interest and discount. The sum total of ordinary expenditure for the year ending 1st August, 1879 (as approximated), will be \$34,000. The ordinary expenditure for the year ending 1st August, 1878, was \$42,000. Of course, in making up these figures, I have had to estimate the expenditure for the balance of the Civic year; still, I am of opinion that the result given is about correct.

In the receipts of revenue there has been a falling off in Police Court, and an increase from City Court, Market Hall and Licenses (the latter principally from dogs.)

The amount received of last year's Assessment has been \$21,531.22, leaving a balance still due the corporation of \$7,782.39.

The sum levied this year reaches \$22,676.40, of which \$9,500 will be required by the School Board, leaving for general purposes from city assessment \$13,176.40, against \$19,859.11 last year.

The Council will at once see the need of ADDITIONAL RETRENCHMENT so as to reach the end of the year without serious embarrassment.

We owe the Union Bank on a Draft...\$12,785 35  
 The School Board bal. past year... 2,955 00  
 The Expenditure from 1st August to 31st Dec., should not reach beyond..... 12,000 00

\$27,740 35

To meet which is assessment arrears.....\$ 7,782 39

This year's assessment, \$13,176 40

Already paid 1,136 40 12,040

Other revenue say..... 4,700— 24,522 39

Showing deficiency 31st Dec., 1879, \$3,217 95

The present Debenture Debt of the City is \$92,855.01, being an increase since 31st Dec. last, of \$3,300, caused by outlay on Pownall Wharf, of which \$2,641.49, has up to the present time, been expended, the balance will, I trust, cover all outlay on this work.

THE SERIOUS TRADE DEPRESSION, through which we are passing, has compelled Governments and business houses to dispense with employees and amalgamate offices. In fact, it is the order of the day; and I feel bound to say that this Council owe it to the citizens to follow in the same direction.

It may be said that, in making these remarks just at the close of the civic year, and when one-half of the Council, in due course, retire, the time chosen is not quite opportune; but I reply that one-half of the Board do not retire and probably a majority if not all of the retiring members will be re-elected. Therefore my remarks are in order; and I have felt it my duty to place these matters before you so that an intelligent view of the position of the city financially, might be reached and you may consider whether further retrenchment cannot be made; and if, in your judgment, such can be done without impairing the

efficiency of any department then I say do it at once. My opinion is that it can be done.

The Mayor further stated that it had been his intention to particularize just here; but for reasons satisfactory, would defer until next meeting of Council. We understand his recommendation will be that the Recordership should be merged with the Stipendiary Magistrate; amalgamation of the offices of the Clerk of the Council and the Clerk of the Stipendiary Magistrate; dispense with the City Surveyor—which, with other changes, would, if adopted, effect an additional saving of some \$3,000 a year.

**WRECKED AT SABLE ISLAND.**

**Nine Lives Lost.**

A TELEGRAM received by Hon. J. C. Pope, yesterday, reports that the steamer *Virginia*, two thousand five hundred tons, from New York for Glasgow, loaded with cattle, went ashore on Sable Island on Saturday last. She had one hundred and thirty-six persons on board. The first officer, purser and nine men came off on the ship's boat and landed near Canso. They arrived at Halifax last night. They report that four women and five children were drowned in the surf while landing. The ship will probably be a total loss, as there were eleven feet of water in the hold.

Mr. Johnston, who telegraphs Mr. Pope the above information, asks permission to send the Government steamer *Newfield* to the wreck, for the purpose of saving the property and bringing off the passengers and crew. The permission was granted, and the *Newfield* left for the scene of the wreck to-day.

**The New Canadian Loan.**

**OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.**

[*St. John News.*]

It is gratifying to learn that Sir S. L. Tilley has succeeded in placing his new loan on the English Money Market. It seems that he adhered to the plan adopted by him last fall of fixing a minimum price for his bonds. Canadian financiers will be anxious to learn the average amount per cent. bid for the loan, and precisely how much the Finance Minister will receive after all necessary deductions shall have been made. Every Canadian should feel gratified if the loan should realize for Canada a larger amount than any previous Canadian loan of like magnitude and with like conditions attached. With such matters party spirit on any side should have nothing whatever to do. The interests of the country at large are infinitely more important than those of any party. Our readers are aware that part of the proceeds of this loan is to be applied in paying off certain maturing bonds bearing interest at 6 per cent. The redemption of these bonds by means of 4 per cent. loan is expected to result in a saving to the country of one hundred and twenty thousand per annum.

[*Halifax Herald.*]

It will be seen by our despatches this morning that Mr. Tilley has secured his loan of £3,000,000 stg. on what appears to be most favorable terms. The loan is to redeem a six per cent. loan falling due this year, and to provide the money for the purchase of the River du Loup Branch, and to pay the contractors on the Welland Canal. As far as we have seen, no part of the loan appears to have been covered by Imperial guarantee, although such may have been the case. If it was purely an unguaranteed loan, its success is wholly unprecedented. The last unguaranteed loan negotiated by Mr. Cartwright realized less than 90 per cent, while nine-tenths of Mr. Tilley's loan has realized 95 per cent, and the other tenth even a higher figure. Even if largely guaranteed, this result must be taken as quite satisfactory. The destruction of Canadian credit in England, which our Grit friends foretold as one of the inevitable results of the National Policy, seems, therefore, to have gone the way of all its fellows, and not yet put in appearance. Of all the evils foretold as the result of the adoption of a self-defence tariff system, the destruction of our credit in England was declared to be the most certain, and yet even it has been disproved.

[*Moncton Times.*]

This loan was made for the redemption of six per cent bonds, which fall due in January next, and the balance of the proceeds of the loan will be used for the purchase of the Riviere du Loup branch of the Grand Trunk Railway and the payments rendered necessary in the completion of the Ontario canal enlargements. The purchase of the Riviere du Loup section of the Grand Trunk by the Dominion Government had become an absolute necessity to the successful and profitable running of the Intercolonial and the competition for through freight. The delay occasioned by the inferior roadway and facilities afforded for the rapid transportation of freight on this section of the Grand Trunk, had become notorious, and was doing serious injury to the business of the Intercolonial. The purchase price is also acknowledged to have been very reasonable. By the redemption of the six per cent, an annual saving of exactly \$120,000 is effected in the interest on that amount of indebtedness, and by a simple sum in interest it will be seen that Mr. Tilley has succeeded in borrowing \$15,000,000, to be used for the redemption of bonds falling due and for the purchase of important public works, at an increased charge to the country of only \$240,000. In other words while we have been paying to British money lenders annually the sum of 360,000 for a loan of \$6,000,000, by the new arrangement we secure \$15,000,000, less the discount from par, at which the bonds sold, for an annual charge of only \$600,000.

The *Montreal Gazette* of Monday, we notice, stated that should Mr. Tilley be able to secure tenders for the full amount of the loan at the minimum figure, the result would be some five per cent better than Mr. Cartwright's last four per cent, and since even more than the high minimum figure has been realized, though how much it is impossible to say, at this writing, the result would seem to be doubly satisfactory.

A Woodstock (N. B.) despatch to the *Star* says: "Mr. Wilmot, Supt. Pisciculture, left here for Prince Edward Island on Tuesday morning, having completed all possible arrangements for the new fish hatchery at Royal Ell Femme, four miles below Grand Falls.

**Wimbledon.**

**SECOND DAY OF THE COMPETITION.**

The *Globe* of the 16th publishes the following special cablegram, dated London, 15th July:—"There was better weather to-day at Wimbledon. There was no rain, and excellent scores were made. Shooting for the Queen's Prize began to-day, and several Canadians are well up in the first range. The competition will be continued to-morrow. A handsome writing-case, made of Canadian wood, was presented to Capt. Millmay, Secretary of the National Association, in the Canadian camp to-day, on behalf of the Canadian Association, in recognition of the kindness and attention shown by him to the Canadian team on every visit to England. Capt. Millmay expressed his thanks, and promised a continuance of his attention while he was connected with the Association. Lords Wharncliffe, Hertford, and other members of the Council witnessed the presentation. No garden party will be given this year. The Duke of Cambridge is expected to pay a private visit to the camp next Saturday, and it is hoped that the Prince of Wales will be present some time during the meeting. No important competition was concluded to-day."

**Special Notices.**

The place to get Headstones, Monuments, Table and Bureau Tops, or anything in the marble or stone line, is at E. G. Hunter's, Kent street, next door to Butcher's Furniture Store.—[July 17, 6]

LIME JUICE at Beer & Goff's.

A LARGE lot of Spectacles received to-day. Call and get a pair to suit you at E. W. Taylor's. [July 12, 3in]

BEFORE ordering elsewhere (any person wanting anything in the Marble or Freestone line) go to E. G. Hunter's establishment, on Kent Street, near King Square. You will get good value for your money—[July 17, 6]

DON'T FORGET that E. G. Hunter, Kent Street, near King Square, furnishes Monuments or Headstones, of first-class design and workmanship, at exceedingly low rates. Give him a call—[July 17, 6]

**SHIPPING NEWS.**

In port at Barbadoes, June 28, brig. Marshal S., from Philadelphia.

In port at Port Spain, schr. Spring Bird, for Portland, Me.

At Honfleur, 30th ult., Unity, Bulmer, from Georgetown, P. E. I.

From Baltimore, 13th inst., bark Minnie Carmichael, for Dublin; brig Chesapeake, for Demerara.

**HOTEL ARRIVALS.**

**RANKIN HOUSE.**

July 16.—H Jonas, Montreal; John H Lid-dell, do.

July 17.—Chas. V Harris, Moncton; E F Russel, Boston; Benj. Fletcher, Detroit; Saml. Wilmot, Newcastle, Ont.; Charles Wilmot, do; John H. Cathrae, City; John H Winslow, St. Peters; Miss Whitman, Canso; Miss Janey Whitman, do.

**REVERE HOUSE.**

July 16.—Thos H Bickell, Quebec; Joseph H Couverse, Boston; Miss J E Couverse, do; John McKenzie, Summerside; I C Hall, Rustico; Robert Coulson, 5 Islands, N S; J Rupert Foster, Moncton, N B.

July 17.—Dr H H Guilford, Boston; M B Guilford, do.

July 18.—Thomas H Brown, Quebec.

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Casks and Tins 130 and 160 test. FENTON T. NEWBERY & CO.

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**TO ARRIVE THIS WEEK,**

200 Bbls. "Peacemaker," Extra,  
 100 " "Howland's Choice," Extra,  
 100 " "Superior Extra,"  
 200 " "North Star," "Strong Baker's,"  
 100 " K. D. CORNMEAL

Fenton T. Newbery & Co.

Ch'town, July 17—pat 3i her 2i

**GRAND TEA PARTY**

MOUNT STEWART,

Wednesday, the 23rd July.

THE Ladies of the Methodist Church of Mount Stewart intend holding a TEA in aid of the above Church Fund. A good time may be expected, as this will be the best Tea of the season.

The "Heather Belle" will leave Steam Navigation Company's Wharf at 9.30 a. m., returning at 6 p. m.

PRICES:—Boat, Return Trip and Tea, 60 cts. Railway Return Tickets at one fare, (65 cts), exclusive of Tea.

Tea on the tables at 1 p. m.

Should the day prove unfavourable Tea will be held on Friday 25th inst.

By order of Committee, July 17, 1879.

**PIC-NIC!**

THE Annual Picnic of the Zion Church Sabbath School will be held at SHAW'S WHARF, WEST RIVER

ON THURSDAY, 24th July,

The steamer *Southport* will leave the Ferry Wharf at 9.30 a. m., and 1.30 p. m.

Refreshments and Tea can be had on the grounds.

The usual amusements will be provided. Tickets 25 cents. Children under 12 years, 10 cents.

J. W. HODGSON

Chairman of Com.

Ch'town, July 16, 1879.—pat & pres 2i.

**FOR SALE BY AUCTION,**

**A VALUABLE**

**BUSINESS STAND!**

ON QUEEN STREET.

I am instructed to sell, by AUCTION, on Thursday, the 31st instant,

AT 12 O'CLOCK, ON THE SPOT,

THE UNEXPIRED LEASE of 20 years of that Eligible Business Stand situate on Queen street, between the Drug Store of P. G. Fraser and the shop occupied by Benjamin Balderston as a grocery store. The purchaser of the lease will be entitled to the right of purchasing the fee simple of the property any time within the term of the lease.

Terms made known at sale.

W. D. STEWART, Auctioneer.

Ch'town, July 11, 1879—

**MILLINERY AT AUCTION**

I AM instructed to Sell, by Public Auction, to commence on Thursday, the 24th of July, at 11 o'clock, a. m., at the

**LADIES' ESTABLISHMENT,**

QUEEN STREET,

the entire Stock-in-Trade of New Millinery & Dry Goods, comprising: Flowers, Feathers, Ornaments, Head-dresses, Ties, Cuffs, Collars, Frillings,

Ladies' Linen Costumes, Ladies' Underclothing,

Infants' and Children's Outfits, Silks, Woollen of all shades, also Shetland Woollen, Children's Woollen Goods,

Clouds, Table Linen, Silk Velvets,

Lace Curtains, Corsets, Kid Gloves, Toilet Mats, Fancy Goods, etc., etc. Also, the Shop Furniture.

Terms liberal and made known at Sale. The entire Stock will be sold, in lots so suit purchasers, without reserve, to close the business.

WM. D. STEWART, Auctioneer.

July 7, 1879—

**TO LET. TO LET.**

A COMFORTABLE HOUSE, north side King Square, containing, Drawing, Reception and Dining Rooms, Pantry and Kitchen on first floor, and six Bedrooms on second floor; a good frost-proof Cellar, a Stable for a horse and cow, and a Coach-house. Immediate possession can be given. Rent low.

MARK BUTCHER, King Square.

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**TEA PARTY**

**PIC-NIC SUPPLIES!**

**BEER & GOFF'S**

Lemon, Raspberry, and Pine Apple Syrup

Sold in bottles and by the gallon.

**Plain and Fancy Biscuits**

Sold in Boxes & Bbls. and by the pound.

Iceing Sugar, Raisins, Currants, Pastry Flour, Essence of Coffee, Confectionery, Nuts, Oranges, Potted Ham, Drivelled Ham, Potted Tongue, &c

**BEER & GOFF**

June 23, 1879.

"LORNE HIGHLAND WHISKY.—Sole proprietor, Greenlees Brothers, London and Argyleshire. This Whisky is a pure unadulterated spirit, very mellow, in quality excellent, and in our opinion perfectly wholesome. Where a stimulant is required, it is to be preferred to brandy."—*London Medical Review.*

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