

An Undue Advantage.

We are informed that the firm of Messrs. Dodd & Rogers have received from the Government (of which Mr. Dodd is now a member) an undue advantage in the matter of supplying glass for the new Lunatic Asylum. In the specification, the glass for the building is set down as "Chance's best No. 1." It is asserted that "the glass supplied by Messrs. Dodd & Rogers is "Chance's No. 2"—of poorer quality and lower price than was required by the terms of the tender. We should like to have this little matter explained.

Business Failure.

We greatly regret to announce the failure of the firm of James Duncan & Company. The firm was, to-day, placed in bankruptcy by the Merchants Bank. Under existing circumstances the failure will, of course, affect, more or less, the whole community; and our business men will have need to exercise all their patience, care and caution to avert further disasters. If the proper steps be taken, we see no reason why our difficulties may not be successfully tided over. One of the finest crops ever grown in the Province is to be disposed of; and, with good prices for potatoes, and fair prices for oats and other produce, it is evident that our business men, as a whole, will be quite able to meet their liabilities, if only sufficient time be given them.

The Jacques Cartier Fraud.

The Montreal Gazette reports that "The Jacques Cartier electoral swindle has been fully detected, and will soon be completely exposed. The modus operandi was as follows: At about 4.30 p. m., on the day of the election, the deputy returning officer, Mr. Forget, was apparently taken ill with a colic. One of Mr. Girouard's agents at the poll, whose home was close by, invited him to go there and take some medicine. Forget accepted the offer, but, before leaving, placed the ballot box in a sideboard, locked it and took the key with him. It now appears that the sideboard had been arranged beforehand for the operation to be performed. The bottom boards had been removed; a small trap had been cut into the floor and a notorious election wire-puller stationed in the cellar, withdrew the box, opened it and changed the votes in the manner already mentioned. High Constable Bissonette was despatched to the polling house in question, saw the whole fixtures and brought the trap away with him. It has also transpired that an extra number of ballot papers had been sent from a printing office in this city on the morning of the election. On the same morning, another house, which had at first been engaged for the polling, was abandoned, for the one afterwards used, in which the preparations for the swindle had been made. The deputy-returning officer had also been changed so as to fall in with the villainous project. All those who took part in the affair are intimate friends of the Hon. Mr. Laflamme—the man in the cellar, the printer, and the deputy returning officer. This story is a sufficiently startling one and is its own best commentary. What is worth while remembering at this moment is that the man in whose interest, and as most people will believe, with those whose connivance, this infamy has been perpetrated, is a minister of Justice in Canada, and is proposed to be appointed to a Judgeship. In fact, we see that the Ottawa organ of the Government announces that the first step in the intrigue, whose concluding act is to be the nomination of Mr. Laflamme to the Bench, has been taken in the resignation of Mr. Justice Taschereau. Whatever may have been Mr. McKenzie's intentions in the past, we feel confident that he will never so outrage the public sentiment of the community as to make Mr. Laflamme a Judge, after the exposure now made of the means by which his pretended election for Jacques Cartier was secured."

We were led by the Patriot to understand that the true Grit principle regarding the composition of the Cabinet is, that the best men should be Ministers—without regard to Provinces. But the Grit press of St. John is raising a great ado on the bare mention of a surmise that, perhaps, only one representative of New Brunswick will receive a portfolio in the new Cabinet.

SAID Mr. Blake at Teeswater on the 24th September, 1877: "Choose whom you will to serve you, and we shall acquiesce—whatever may be our opinion as to the relative claims of ourselves and our opponents—we shall cheerfully acquiesce in your decision." His friends in the Government don't look like acquiescing cheerfully or otherwise.—Mail.

SUCCESSFULLY SPlicing A SEVERED THUMB.—One day last week a son of Mr. John Gallivan, of Union Point, Fairville, while working at a circular saw in Cushing's mill, got his hand caught in the saw, and the thumb was torn almost off below the joint and left lying on the opposite side of the palm of the hand, while only a small portion of the integument still united it to the hand. The boy was immediately taken to a doctor, who fitted the piece on to the hand and dressed it, and, singular to say, the mutilated parts are uniting. The hand is doing well, and the thumb will, no doubt, be saved.—St. John Paper.

City Council.

A meeting of the City Council was held last evening. Present: the Mayor, Councillors Beer, Davy, Hooper, Horne, Koughan, Byrne, Morris, Heatz, and Peake. Councillor Byrne was appointed to the Wharf Committee in place of Councillor Morris, resigned.

Messrs. Hodgson & McLeod's bill of costs in the suit of Carvell vs. the City of Charlottetown, was read and ordered to be paid. Councillor Koughan referred briefly to the dilapidated condition of Queen's Wharf, and moved that the lease of the said Wharf be submitted to the Recorder and Wharf Committee to report upon it at the next meeting.

A letter was read from Messrs. Sullivan & Morson, requesting payment of Patrick Cullen's account—\$42.50—for services rendered in attending and burying small-pox patients in 1874. It was referred to the Finance Committee.

It was moved by Councillor Beer, seconded by Councillor Peake, and carried, that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of carrying into effect the suggestions of the Finance Committee, with regard to the Dog Tax, the tax on Water Men, and the tax on Livery Stable Keepers.

The Mayor, in submitting to the Board correspondence regarding city debentures, remarked as follows:—

"Before entering on the Order of the Day, I desire to make a few remarks bearing upon the present aspect of the City finances. From what I have just said, and from the correspondence read to you, it will be apparent that the prospect of disposing of debentures at their par or face value, or within a considerable margin, is not the most flattering."

Since my occupancy of this chair, viz., since the 6th August, there has been received as revenue—

From Assessment, \$3,685 14
Other ordinary sources, 1,411 70

The ordinary expenditure during the same period, 6,354 97

Showing excess of ordinary expenditure over ordinary income, \$1,268 13

In addition there has been voted the following sums, which I term extraordinary, as they will not be required again the present year, viz., Assessors, \$ 500
Dredging, 750
G. Douglas, 180

From which I deduct as extraordinary income, Government grant, 650

Instalment of sale F. E. 200—\$50— 580 00

Showing an excess of expenditure over income in 2 months, of \$1,843 13

I leave the Council to say how soon, at this rate of expenditure, the estimated year's income will be expended. The city has in the past—shall I say unfortunately—had facilities for obtaining over draft, which, consequent in a great measure upon the present financial stringency, is not now available. Still, through the kindness of the Union Bank, I have been enabled to check for all amounts voted at the last meeting of Council, with the exception of three items—two of which are allowed to stand over for a short time. The Collector, owing partly to the very large number of appeals, has not been able to make that progress in collecting assessment which is desirable, although using due diligence.

I have a profound conviction that it is a mistake of the most serious kind for the Council to pursue a policy of initiating large expenditure without first ascertaining not only the source from which all necessary funds are to be derived, but that such is secured, so that the excess of expenditure over ordinary revenue may be at once provided for, and must, if persisted in, tend to a demoralization of the credit of the corporation—in a failure to meet its engagements—and either a large increase on the present excessive rate of taxation, or inevitable (shall I say) insolvency. It is, therefore, in my opinion, of the utmost importance that the credit of the city be maintained and its current expenditure be promptly met; and it becomes a matter for serious consideration on the part of the Council (1) to see that no bills are contracted without first making provision for their liquidation; and (2) to consider whether all has been done that can be done to reduce the expenditure; whether (3) in addition to economy in the Police Department a similar economy may not be introduced into other departments without impairing their efficiency; and further (4) whether it be not an imperative necessity to suspend further city improvements, with the exception of any that may be absolutely required to protect work already done?

The clerk will read to you a letter which I have received from the Secretary of the Board of School Trustees of Charlottetown, requesting that the amount required by them for school purposes be paid. I need hardly say to the Council that this matter calls for their prompt response, as, failing which, the School Act gives the Board power to call upon the Collector for the sum so required.

He will also read to you a letter received from the Cashier of the Union Bank, stating that they had advanced the amount of the city's indebtedness to the Merchants Bank, and that the said indebtedness has been transferred to the Union Bank, and asking what the prospects are of payment being made.

After the Clerk read the letters referred to by His Worship, the Finance Committee's report was read. It censured the City Collector for having paid funds into the Union Bank contrary to the Act of Incorporation, and recommended that in future all monies be paid into the hands of the Treasurer, in accordance with the said Act.

Daniel Gordon was then appointed Park-keeper. The meeting adjourned.

"Mamma and sister died this evening; what must I do?" was the telegram recently received by a gentleman at Dallas, Tex., from his nephew, a little boy, left all alone in New Orleans.

The Execution of the Berlin Treaty.

The London Times remarks that "in spite of delays, misgivings, impediments, obstructions and difficulties of all kinds, the execution of the Treaty of Berlin continues slowly to advance. Those who expected the whole East to be suddenly transformed as by the stroke of a magic wand at the bidding of the statesmen assembled at Berlin are still disappointed, and will have a long time to wait for the consummation of their visionary hopes. What was done at the Congress was to lay the foundation of a settlement, not perhaps ideally perfect, but still expedient and feasible, and to trust to time to solve problems which no human sagacity could solve without its aid. The treaty has not been ratified two months, but several of its provisions are slowly being carried into effect. It may be that many illusions will be dispelled before its work is complete, but we shall do well to be satisfied if it attains its paramount object of securing the peace of Europe. It is easy to say, with Bosnia in flames and Austria baffled, with Albania leagued against all comers and murdering the emissary of the Porte, with Greece disappointed and threatening war, that peace is a happy result yet to be desired. But the peace of Europe is one thing; the tranquility of Bosnia and Albania, even of Greece, is not quite the same thing. No settlement that could have been devised would have pacified the outlying provinces of Turkey with a stroke of the pen. Their malady is chronic, and, however drastic the remedy applied, its effects must be awaited with patience. It is not in them, therefore, that we must look for the first effects of the treaty of peace. If we look elsewhere, however, and fix our attention on more central and vital points, we shall discern slight but substantial signs of progress. * * * The important point for us all is that events do march, slowly indeed, but substantially, in the direction desired by the Congress. Week by week some progress, however little, can be noted, and so long as that is the case reasonable men will await the issue with confidence and patience."

News from the North-West.

WINNIPEG, Man., Oct. 2.—About one thousand tons of merchandise is now accumulated at Fisher's Landing, and the railway authorities at St. Paul have stopped receiving freights consigned to Winnipeg.

The first number of the Saskatchewan Herald, published at Battleford, was received to-day brimful of news.

The agent of Baker & Co., of Fort Benton, Montana, recently made an examination as far up the Saskatchewan as Edmonton to ascertain what class of steamer is best adapted for the navigation of that river.

Vast herds of buffalo are arriving near Battleford, and the prospect is good, so that the Indians will secure plenty of food for the coming winter.

During the coming winter mails for Victoria, Saskatchewan, and Edmonton settlements will be conveyed by horses instead of dog trains. The town site of Battleford has not yet been surveyed, and several buildings are unfinished in consequence.

The surveying of settlements in the belt of townships adjacent to the Prince Albert settlement has made great progress.

Miscellaneous News.

The eruption of Vesuvius has moderated. There is great enthusiasm in the Indian army at the prospect of active service.

The Crown Princess of Germany has been staying at Homburg and delighting the people by the simplicity of her existence. She went to the spring with her children every morning, arrayed in a plain costume of buff linen.

The Princess of Wales has made that queer little old-fashioned musical instrument, the zither, fashionable in England. She took lessons on it last year, and all the daughters of the nobility have thumbed it energetically ever since.

Jamaica advices of the 26th ult. state that trade is stagnant, and there was some anxiety that day, on the announcement that a typhoon was sweeping towards the island. Several sugar plantations were ruined by the planters abandoning them on account of the failure of the firm of Morton & Co., in London. The coffee and sugar crops are abundant. The pimento and ginger crops are a failure.

Dr. Tapper at Gananoque: "In 1875, when a deficit of nearly \$2,000,000 was staring Ministers in the face, they felt in their inmost souls that they could do nothing but favor a protective policy. They had decided in favor of raising the tariff, and the Globe favored it. Why did they not do it? Because Jones and the 'Halifax brigade' protested against it. They (the Government) never had a policy that they would maintain for the interests of the country—what they did was to benefit themselves."

Special Notices.

FOR Improved Waltham Watches, go to McKay's.

McKAY is selling his Waltham Watches with Guard and Key, the cheapest in the city.

Those who want cheap Clocks, go to McKay's.

A nice assortment of Gold Pins and Fancy Rings at McKay's.

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Legislative Council Campaign COMMENCED!

Abolition of Legislative Council!

Economy and Reform in the Civil Service of the Province.

Reduction of Expenditures, and Low Taxation!

MEETINGS of the electors of the First Electoral District of Queen's County will be held at the following places, viz.:

Breadalbane Station, Saturday, 12th Oct., at 2 p. m.

Stanley Hall, New London, 15th Oct., at 4 p. m.

Bonshaw, Friday, 18th October, at 2 p. m., to nominate a Candidate for the Legislative Council.

1st District Queen's County, } pres 2i ar li
8th October, 1878.

COAL! COAL!

Arrived, per schooner "Lusteria," 180 TONS Govrie Mines Small Coal—will be sold low while landing. Oct. 8—3i WM. KOUGHAN.

GANG PLOWS!

THE BRANTFORD

NATIONAL GANG PLOWS,

which were so much admired at the trial held on the day of Exhibition at Summerside, are for sale by DONALD FERGUSON, Charlottetown.

Oct. 8—3w

Insolvent Act of 1875, and Amending Acts.

RICHARD HEARTZ, Plaintiff. JOSEPH A. McDONALD, Defendant.

A WRIT of Attachment has been issued in this cause.

B. WILSON HIGGS, Official Assignee. Ch'town, P. E. Island, Oct. 5, 1878—1i 8th

Insolvent Act of 1875, and Amending Acts.

In the matter of JAMES M. BUTCHER, an Insolvent.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED Benjamin Wilson Higgs, of Charlottetown, in the County of Queen's, in the Province of Prince Edward Island, have been appointed Assignee in this matter.

Creditors are requested to file their claims before me within one month.

B. WILSON HIGGS, Assignee.

Ch'town, Prince Edward Island, } li 8th
October 4, 1878—1i

J. G. ECKSTADT, SURGEON CHIROPODIST.

Office, Lower Hillsborough Street, near the Railway Station.

BEGS to inform the public that he is now ready to attend to the duties of his profession. Bunions, Clibblains, Ingrown Nails, Club Nails, etc., cured. All who may favor him with a call will receive prompt attention. Satisfaction guaranteed. Corns extracted, 25 cents. Ch'town, Oct. 7, '78.—1m

ST. MARGARET'S HALL, HALIFAX, N. S.

Diocesan Seminary for Young Ladies,

VISITOR:

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia;

PRINCIPAL;

The Rev. John Padfield.

THIS SCHOOL offers, at a moderate cost, the advantages of a thorough and refined education and a comfortable home.

The course of instruction, which is conducted by four resident Governesses and two Waiters, is the same as that of first-class schools in England. Arrangements are being made whereby pupils who desire it can present themselves for examination; and if successful, obtain certificates from the University of King's College, Windsor.

TERMS.—Board with tuition in the English Branches, Latin, French, Drawing, Catechisms and Music, with use of Piano for daily practice, \$300 per annum, to be paid quarterly in advance.

Next Term Commences Oct. 31st. Halifax, Oct. 3, 1878.—2w

Look Here!

THREE PRIZES IN 12 MONTHS.

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Took 1st Prize at Provincial Exhibition last Fall at Georgetown; Diploma for Excellence of Work at New York, Jan. 1st, 1878—contesting with the United States and Dominion of Canada,—and

1st Prize at Summerside, Oct. 3, '78.

DAVID WILSON'S OLD STAND, CH'TOWN. Oct. 5, 1878—3m law

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Grand Opening this Week.

AN ENTIRELY NEW STOCK

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Call and be convinced that we are giving the best value in Dry Goods in this City, FOR CASH ONLY.

PERKINS & STERNS.

Ch'town, Sept. 20—10i eod



Grand Military Concert

—AND— BONNET HOP!

THE BAND of the 62nd Battalion (of St. John, N. B.) intend giving one of their popular Promenade Concerts in the

Market Hall

—ON—

Tuesday, October 15th,

and a BONNET HOP on WEDNESDAY, October 16th.—Tickets for Concert: Adults, 50 cents; children (under 12), 25 cents. Tickets for Hop: Gentlemen, 50 cents; ladies, 25 cents—for sale at W. R. Watson's, S. W. Dodd's, Apothecaries Hall, C. D. Rankin's, Bremner Bros., the Diamond Bookstore, and at the door on the evenings of entertainment. Doors open at 7.30.—Entertainment to commence at 8.

THEO. L. CHAPPELLE, Agent. Oct. 5—tu th sat. pat mon wed fri

HERRING!

LANDING, ex "M. A. Starr," 150 Bbls. N. S. Shore Split, for sale cheap from wharf. FENTON T. NEWBERRY & CO. Oct. 5—pat 2i ne li

TO PLASTERERS!

WANTED—Proposals for 1,100 yards of Plain Plastering for a party in the country. PROMPT PAY. An opportunity for a beginner to put work where it will be generally seen. Apply, before Monday evening, to H. COOMBS. Oct. 5—2i

HARD COAL.

150 TONS ANTHRACITE NUT to arrive per "Mary Jane" about the 15th inst. Will be sold low from vessel. WRIGHT & MACGOWAN. Oct. 3—dy pat 2 aw till 15th

Shop to Let.

ON Queen Square, part of the Store lately occupied by Keith & McGregor—a first-class Business Stand, suitable for any kind of retail trade. Apply to HORACE HASZARD. Ch'town, Sept. 23—pat 1w eod

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