

JOHN PHELAN, contractor of the Government work on the Lachine canal, Montreal, has absconded leaving some \$30,000 due merchants and bill discounters, besides six weeks wages to two hundred and fifty workmen. He drew \$12,000 in cash from the Government at Ottawa, \$5,000 in advance from the National Bank against next month's work and crossed into the States at Ogdensburg. It is supposed he has gone to Albany, N. Y., where he has some contracts in progress. Cochrane, Lewis & Co., powder merchants, took out an attachment for \$1,500 against the absconder this afternoon. The workmen are in a frantic state about their wages.

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

MARCH 23, 1878.

Report on Public Accounts, 1877.

We have to thank the "Provincial Auditor" for the fullest and clearest exposition of the Public Accounts of the Province ever laid before the Legislature and people of this Island. We must admit that Mr. Hyndman merits the handsome compliment paid him a few days ago by the Hon. Mr. DeBlois. The receipts, during 1877, were:—

RECEIPTS, 1877.	
Subsidy received from Dominion Government.....	\$102,637 55
Public Lands.....	78,506 26
do Arrears paid in by late Commissioner's Clerk.....	189 42
Assessment, arrears for 1876, under 27 Vic. Cap. 37, (old Land Tax).....	12,864 52
do (1877) on Real Estate.....	30,092 59
do (1877) on Poll Tax.....	15,487 00
	\$45,583 59
Less 15 per cent. paid Assessors and Collectors.....	6,837 52
	\$38,746 07
Fees from Provincial Secretary's Office.....	857 68
do Prothonotary's Office.....	3,063 53
do County Courts.....	6,672 53
do Registrar of Deeds.....	4,223 00
do Prince of Wales College.....	900 89
do House of Assembly for Private Bills.....	85 00
Fines and Penalties.....	457 10
Licenses—Store, Tavern and Pedlars.....	2,139 07
Rent of Wharves and Bridges.....	1,112 06
Wharfage.....	104 34
Hillsborough Ferry.....	4,957 78
Steamer "Southport".....	1,342 29
Casual Revenue.....	251 29
Refunds.....	3,794 96
Interest from Banks on Deposits.....	3,192 76
do on Duty Bonds paid.....	101 20
Total Receipts, 1877.....	\$326,274 64
RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURE.	
Attorney General.....	\$ 1,600 00
Administration of Justice—Salaries.....	2,680 09
Supreme Court.....	3,305 53
County Courts, salaries, buildings and disbursements.....	9,691 44
Court Houses.....	2,271 45
Crown Prosecutions.....	578 14
Jails, salaries, maintenance, etc.....	7,563 41
Miscellaneous.....	984 82
Auditor, Provincial—Salary and printing, etc.....	1,319 72
Assessors, Georgetown.....	16 25
Artesian Well.....	335 00
Bridges—Queen's County.....	4,379 38
do Prince County.....	5,484 26
do King's County.....	1,904 74
Breakwater.....	214 50
Coast and River S. Service.....	3,345 56
Calverts.....	57 00
Causeways.....	370 00
Coroners' Inquests.....	224 25
County Courts—(See under Administration of Justice.....	400 00
Dredging.....	80,813 60
Executive Council.....	2,860 32
Elections.....	103 35
Ferries.....	10,557 56
Falconwood House.....	14 50
Georgetown Market House.....	21 66
Jails—(See under Administration of Justice.....	10,686 59
Legislation—House of Assembly.....	6,413 03
do Legislative Council.....	412 36
Legislative Library.....	1,897 55
Lieutenant Governor.....	9,647 40
Lunatic Asylum (old).....	15,067 07
do (new).....	600 00
Licenses, Inspector of.....	5,760 08
Miscellaneous.....	4,191 92
Provincial Secretary and Treasurer—Expense of Department.....	8,227 53
Public Lands—Expense of Department.....	8,601 12
Government Estates (valuing, etc.).....	8,793 75
Government Estates purchased.....	3,578 71
Expenses under Land Purchase Act.....	4,922 50
Public Works—Expenses of Department, including Commissioner of Highways, Superintendents, etc.....	2,085 80
Park, Charlottetown—Fence.....	2,151 49
Provincial Building.....	8,549 63
Provincial Exhibition.....	633 42
Poor House.....	2,255 25
Paupers.....	1,650 09
Packet Service.....	5,141 45
Postage.....	2,607 65
Registrar of Deeds (Expense of Department).....	675 60
Registration of Voters.....	380 31
Right of Way.....	4,092 50
Roads—Expended by Commissioners of Highways.....	2,085 80
Expended by Supervisors.....	2,151 49
Miscellaneous.....	4,747 64
Rifle Association.....	40,025 18
Railway, P. E. I.....	2,455 55
Retiring Allowance.....	100 00
Signal Station.....	283 94
Stock Farm.....	650 00
Telegrams.....	33 00
Wharves.....	8,580 00
	189 08
	17,618 74
Total Expenditure.....	\$331,632 13

THE BALANCE.	
Dr.	
1876, Dec. 31—To balance in favor of the Colony 31st Dec., 1876.....	\$ 40,604 02
To this amount reserved for redemption Treasury Notes.....	4,241 76
1877, Dec. 31—To Receipts at Treasury.....	326,274 64
	\$371,120 42
Cr.	
1877, Dec. 31—By Expenditure during the year.....	\$331,632 13
By Treasury Notes redeemed and destroyed.....	563 35
By Treasury Notes unredeemed at this date.....	3,677 41
By Balance.....	35,246 53
	\$371,120 42

Dec. 31—To balance in favor of the Colony..... \$ 35,246 53

It will be noted that the balance in favor of the Province at the end of the past year is \$5,357.49 less than it was at the end of the previous year. But as the Province has acquired Estates to the value of \$8,793.75, it is better off by \$3,436.26—that is supposing the Estates have been acquired at fair prices. We find no fault with the Government for reducing the cash balance at the credit of the Province, if they have fair value in property to show for the amount by which it has been reduced. It will be remembered that we condemned the furore raised by politicians and journals of a certain class over the reduction of our capital account by the Owen Government in acquiring public buildings and other property. There is, however, another and less pleasing view of the Public Accounts. Nearly eighty thousand dollars of the receipts are from public lands sold to tenants; and the whole of this amount has been absorbed in the the expenditure. When we call to mind the amazement and horror with which the Hon. L. H. Davies (as Leader of the Opposition) regarded the absorption of receipts at the Land Office to defray the ordinary expenditure of the Government, we must confess to some surprise at the exhibit he now presents. Admitting that the amount expended on the new Lunatic Asylum might fairly be taken out of the Land Fund, there are still some sixty-four thousand dollars of that fund for the expenditure of which we seek an explanation.

The amount raised under the obnoxious Assessment Act was \$45,583.59. The percentage paid Assessors and Collectors for raising it is set down at \$6,837.52. We note the fact that \$1,168.97 were expended in printing and preparing blank books and rolls for this unpopular service—thus swelling the admitted cost to \$8,006.49! Nearly a fourth of the net amount raised!

The Province has been at the expense of \$2,685.80 to enable the Dominion Government to use the ballot in the next elections. This is not right. The Dominion should provide the machinery for carrying out its own acts. There is a small but remarkable item under the head of "miscellaneous." It is this: "Horse hire on the visit of Hon. A. McKenzie, Premier of Canada, \$30. If Mr. McKenzie had come here as Premier of Canada, this small item would not be objectionable. But, as he came here to prepare and commence a political campaign and to tell a leading politician who has the confidence of the Dominion, that he is a "man dead in trespasses and sins," we are justified in asking who authorized this expenditure and by what right was it made?

Reciprocity.
AGAIN we repudiate any desire after a reciprocity of feeling or of language with the Patriot. Our sole mission is not to call those who may be politically opposed to us, "fools," "liars," "slanders," and "traitors." If we think an opponent has done wrong, or placed himself in a false position before the public, we try to explain our reasons for thinking so; and then we wait until he has with better reasons answered us; or until, by shirking or by silence, tacitly admitted that he is wrong or has placed himself in a false position. We gave our reasons for believing that Mr. McKenzie and his party have no more right to the name of "The Free Trade Party" than the fabled ass, in a false skin, had to the name of "lion." We have waited several days; and Mr. McKenzie's organ in this Province has answered—nothing. Still our patience is not yet quite exhausted. We shall wait until Monday; and if the Patriot puts in no plea on that day, we shall feel justified in concluding—and we shall ask the public to conclude with us—that Mr. McKenzie is "without justification."

THE Patriot quotes much from the Toronto Globe; but it has never quoted the following:—
"Mr. Pope, the champion Free Trader, might safely vote for it [sic John's amendment], and boast himself, with perfect consistency, to be the champion Free Trader still."
AN article in the Irish Canadian of the 20th, attacks Lord Dufferin for receiving the Orange deputation, and says that his action is an insult to Irish Canadians. Records of his conduct shall be sent to the Home Rulers for representation to the Imperial Government. The article concludes by calling on the True Witness to get up a petition for his Excellency's recall and pledges the support of the Irish Canadian in such a step.

Read This.
"As long as duties are levied upon imported articles, they should be levied upon articles produced by our own people."—The Premier at Hamilton.
"Sir Francis Hincks stated last year, in his election tour and in the House of Commons, that he was in favor of incidental Protection. I said, 'I am in favor of it.'—The Free Trade (?) Premier.

"As I have said, all parties in this country have accepted the doctrine I lay down, that our revenue must be obtained by means of duties upon imported goods, and the distribution of these duties should always be in such a way as to confer the GREATEST AMOUNT OF BENEFIT upon our people."—Hon. Alexander McKenzie, Premier.
"I have assumed as a matter of public policy—and not one man in Parliament has attacked that policy—what Sir Francis Hincks characterizes as 'Incidental Protection'—meaning a revenue raised from the inspection of duties on articles imported into this country."—Hon. Alex. McKenzie.

"The result was that within a year we found it necessary to increase the duty to 17 1/2 per cent., and that is the duty at present in existence. We have, therefore, given an incidental protection of two and a half per cent. more than had been imposed by the previous Administration."—Hon. A. McKenzie, Leader of the so-called Free Traders.

Correspondence.
We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions or statements of correspondents.

To the Editor of the Examiner:
SIR,—In reading this morning's Patriot I see you are classed unusually dishonest. Its editor would do well to look at home before crossing his neighbor's threshold on that score. Will you please be honest enough to remark that Mr. Campbell's observations on the floor of the House of Assembly, on the foundation stone of the new Asylum now in course of erection, is what he represents it to be, unfit for the foundation of such a mighty superstructure. Look how it was with the present Colonial Building some fifteen years since; the foundation crumbled away, and the stone used for it was far before what is now using for the Asylum (being quarried from Henry Longworth's hill) I have been out and seen the work at the new Asylum, and am sure that the remarks of Mr. Campbell are correct. What does the Overseer of that building know of the Island soft sand stone. Only the upland stone of this Island is fit for anything. And again, where is all the French drains, and the numerous drain pipes of the various sizes that were specified in the specification for tending; nothing is yet to be seen. It is true the stone that is used can easily be cut for the reception of those expensive pipes. And, Sir, look at the work of ash framing that is now progressing; such work should not be allowed, nor such materials used. It is unfair for the persons tendering for the job and unfair for the public money to be spent in such a manner.
Mr. Editor, please be honest enough to put this in your fearless daily and you will oblige a visitor of the scene and
A LOOKER-ON
March 22, 1877.

A Reign of Terror.
MORE OUTRAGES IN THE STREETS OF MONTREAL—A POLICEMAN FIRED AT, AND TWO MEN MURDEROUSLY ASSAULTED.

MONTREAL, March 18.—A number of pistol shots were heard at different hours last night, but no one was injured so far as could be learned, and no arrests were made. While patrolling St. Antoine Street, soon after eight o'clock last evening, sub-constables Kilfoyle and Larimee observed a crowd of eight or ten fellows at the corner of St. Antoine and St. Margaret Streets, and as they approached, one of the crowd raised a revolver and fired at them. The ball whizzed past Kilfoyle's ear, startling him considerably. The crowd immediately ran off down St. Margaret Street, pursued by the policemen, and escaped after a lively chase. The police claim that, in the present state of affairs, they ought to be furnished with firearms. About four o'clock yesterday, Jacob Hamilton was on his way to his son's residence in Shannon Street, and when at the corner of Ottawa and Shannon, observed a crowd of young men on the opposite side of the street. One of them cried out, "Go for him, the old Orange," upon which four of them made a rush at him, but were kept at bay by Mr. Hamilton. Then the rest of the crowd, numbering a dozen or more, furiously set upon, threw him down, and kicked him about the face and head in a murderous manner. Mr. James Hill, laborer of Murray Street, was also, last evening, the subject of a brutal attack by three young men at the entrance to his own gateway. A man named Wm. O'Brien was yesterday arrested for carrying a revolver, and was this morning committed to stand his trial at the Court of Queen's Bench, bail being refused.

Winter Navigation of the St. Lawrence.
THE question of winter navigation of the St. Lawrence was brought up in the House of Commons on the 20th. A lively debate took place, in which Mr. Pope took part. He considered that it was perfect nonsense to attempt the navigation of the St. Lawrence in winter, and that since Halifax has a winter port, and the Intercolonial Railway is in existence, the best thing now is to develop these properties and facilities for winter trade. The Premier said he had not much money to spare for experiments, but he thought the question of the winter navigation of the St. Lawrence should be tested. It was too expensive to send lumber to Halifax by rail.
PROFESSOR CHARLES F. HARTY, of Cornell University, in charge of the Brazilian Geological Survey, died of yellow fever at Rio Janeiro recently. He was a native of St. John, N. B.

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