

Debt or No Debt.

The few misguided individuals who attempt to excuse the Government for levying their onerous tax endeavor to make a point out of the fact that some of the money is to be applied to the erection of the Asylum for insane. They argue that the Government act wisely in not going into debt on account of that building. "Debt," they say, "is a very bad thing. It is much better even to pay assessors and collectors fifteen per cent. for wringing money out of the hard hands of our farmers, than to pay five or six per cent., for a loan of the amount required in the construction of the Asylum—and so incur a debt."

Now, if it is not right to incur a debt for the Province, it certainly is not right to plunge the city into debt, as the irresponsible Board of City School Trustees are doing. Without consulting the City Council or the citizens—without even offering the plans of the building for competition—the irresponsible Board are about to erect an ugly schoolhouse to be a perpetual eye-sore to the citizens, and to saddle the city with a debt with which they will be perpetually burdened.

Yet we have never a word of protest on the part of the members and officials—the only defenders—of the Government. No debt must be raised for the Province. Rather than that, let an army of Assessors and Collectors be organized to spread themselves over the face of the land, and gather a tax at a net cost of fifteen per cent. of the amount obtained. But the Government and their officials think it quite right for an irresponsible Board to rush the city into debt for an ugly schoolhouse, whether the citizens like it or not!

City Council.

The City Council met on Tuesday evening. Present: the Mayor, the Recorder, Councillors Peake, Harris, Davy, Hertz, Smith, Hooper, Crabbe and Morris. In reference to the account of Geo. Foster, which had been referred to a committee at last meeting, Councillor Crabbe said the committee had examined and reduced the account to \$76.20. He therefore moved that it be paid. Carried.

Councillor Morris reported that the committee appointed had examined the bill of Michael Egan, pump contractor, and that they found it was correct with the exception of the item for cleaning the wells—a work which has not been performed.

Councillor Harris said that it was every day becoming more apparent that a competent city official was required to look after all outside work that was being performed. He and Councillor Morris had visited the different wells of the city, and all they knew was that new pumps were put down; but that the wells were cleaned he could not tell. He, as well as other Councillors, were in favor of having a person to look after the outside business. Such a person would have to be well paid; but it was their opinion that he would render a saving far greater than his salary.

The Mayor suggested that member should come prepared at next meeting to remedy the evil which was complained of. Councillor Morris then moved that the bill of the pump contractor, amounting to \$622.93, be paid, as it was reduced to \$23. Carried.

Councillor Davy brought in a resolution to allow Mr. Snelgrove to retain his position, as a vender of groceries in the Market House, at the advanced rate, which resolution was carried.

The report of the last meeting of the Fire Department was read. It showed that Donald McKinnon had been re-elected Chief Engineer, and that it was resolved that periodical meetings of the Board will take place, for the future, once every second Saturday, in order that the business of the Fire Department—so much increased during the last years—be properly conducted; and that the Chief Engineer be requested to make application to the Mayor and Council to occupy one of the apartments of the belfry for the entire accommodation of the Fire Department.

The report was adopted, and the requests granted. The Committee appointed to examine the accounts for building the tank at Spring Park, recommended that bills for that work, amounting to \$1287.14, be paid.—Carried.

This includes the entire amount paid for the tank, less the sum of \$250 for a pump, which is not included. A number of small accounts were read, and ordered to be paid. Read a letter from Market Clerk, asking an increase in salary. It was laid on the table till next meeting.

Two of the Assessors appointed at the last meeting declined the appointment. His Worship suggested that the matter stand over till next meeting, as the gentlemen, in the meantime, may be induced to serve. The Mayor remarked that he had an offer from Mr. Woolrich to deposit 500 tons of stone in any part of the city, for 65 cents per ton. As the offer was a good one, he would advise the Council not to allow it to pass.

After some discussion with regard to the civic expenditure and income of the coming year, the expenditure on streets, etc., etc., it was moved that a contract be made with Woolrich to supply 500 tons of stone, at 60 cts. per ton. The Council authorized the Mayor to sell debentures for the purpose of paying all outstanding debts of the city. Councillors Peake and Hertz, were appointed a Committee to sign debentures with the Mayor. The Council then adjourned till Friday evening.

CANADIAN CATTLE.—At a meeting of the Ontario Agricultural and Arts Association lately, a resolution was passed to the effect that the Dominion Council of Agriculture be requested to procure from the British Government the admission to the ports of the United Kingdom of Canadian cattle when shipped from Canadian ports, on the same terms as cattle shipped from other British ports. SEVERAL burglaries are reported in Montreal and in Halifax.

Latest by Telegraph.

WAR NEWS.

[By Telegraph to Reading Room and Daily Examiner.]

LONDON, Jan. 16.

Twenty thousand fugitives have arrived at Constantinople from Erroumla. The Russians have ordered forty-two more torpedo boats at Stetin, to be completed by April the fifteenth.

A great battle was fought on Monday between Tartar Bazardjik and Philippopolis. The fighting was resumed again yesterday.

Suliman Pasha took a position near Philippopolis and ordered the inhabitants to leave the town.

The Russians have reached Tcherpan in their march on Zeni and Cahagre. Surver, and Namyk, Pasha's Envoys of Peace, left Constantinople yesterday to negotiate with the Grand Duke Nicholas, the latter having informed the Porte that he was invested with full power to arrange the conditions of peace.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.

Gold 107½. Exchange unchanged.

A True Picture.

In an article on England's war preparations, the New York Sun truthfully says:—

It is the Gladstone crusade that has paralyzed the British Government. It is he who has led the sentimentalists and philanthropists whose outcries against Turkey have drowned the voices that otherwise would have been on the Danube. It is he who has thwarted the Queen's Government at every step that promised hopeful results for peace and Turkish independence. It is he who has encouraged Russian license, and sustained the Russian armies in crushing Turkey. He has humiliated his country for turning him out of power and has aided in exalting the enemy which his country has most reason to fear. Whether he will now sustain the Russian demand for Armenia, and for the Turkish fleet, and for the control of the Dardanelles; whether he will oppose the Ministerial policy of defending Constantinople and rendering secure the Suez Canal remains to be seen. The two Houses of Parliament will meet next month, earlier than usual, and if Disraeli's policy be then defeated, in the House of Commons, Russia will have a free and open field in which to work her will. It is reported that there are dissensions in the Ministry, and it does not yet appear that any of the continental Governments are prepared to sustain a line of policy that will secure the independence of Turkey. Yet, if England enters the field she is very sure of a united Ministry, a vigorous public support, and powerful allies.

Sun Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Montreal, Que.

The progress of this Canadian company is really something wonderful in these hard times. From the Montreal Herald, of 7th December, we clipped recently a very flattering notice regarding the new business, and we now copy from the same paper at that date the following:—

The new business for the past four weeks stood thus:

	Life.	Accident.
Wednesday, 14th Nov.,	\$54,000	\$25,000
" 21st "	63,000	8,000
" 27th "	57,000	16,500
" 5th Dec.,	55,000	7,000

The total new business of both branches for the past ten months foots up \$2,916,981.

Mr. Deles Derniers, the Inspector from Montreal, paid us a visit yesterday, and enjoyed a hearty laugh at our expense for giving currency to the Globe Mutual suit matter. He assures us that the figures complained of are correctly copied from the New York Insurance Superintendent's Report, pages xx, xxii and 18, and that they took that mode to rub of the sharp edge of said figures. It is a way they have of making capital at the expense of our honorable competition. The circular complained of was shown to us, from which we clip the following—the offensive paragraph:—

GLOBE MUTUAL.

Gross Premium Income, including Notes and Annuities,	\$632,729
Expenditure exclusive of Dividends to Policy holders,	798,855
Ratio of Expenditure to Premium Income,	1.25
Percentage reserved for future Claims and Dividends,	None.

From the above the public will be well able to judge what value to attach to the rumor referred to. A sound, well managed Home Company like the Sun, is deserving of patronage and preference on the part of all desiring a safe investment for their insurance premiums.—Halifax Recorder.

CHILD KILLED.—On Thursday night two women, one of whom was intoxicated, slept in bed with Mrs. Gabriel Lanford, at her residence in Bugtown. The women are all colored. Mrs. Langford's baby, about five weeks old, was in bed with her. The drunken woman inadvertently kicked the child, causing it to behave very restlessly through the night. Towards morning the mother nursed it to sleep, and as it did not give utterance to any fretfulness through the day, no particular attention was paid to it until late in the afternoon, when Langford went to attend to the child, and found it was dead. An inquest will be held. The father is in Boston.—St. John Freeman.

COL. JOHN O'NEILL, the Fenian leader, who "commanded" the Ridgway expedition into Canada in 1866, died a few days ago, at O'Neill City, Nebraska. He was a native of the county of Monaghan. At the age of 16 years he came to America, and served during the war of the rebellion, first as a private, and afterwards as an officer. O'Neill was a little over forty years of age, and was, it is said, possessed of some good qualities. Certainly Canada has good reason for not reverently cherishing his memory.

THERE were no trials at the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court this morning.

London Gossip.

(From English papers received last evening.)

This is how they manage things at the Admiralty. Some few weeks ago a number of the employes at Chatham were put on day work, the sum allowed for wages for that department having been exhausted. Within the last few days, however, the authorities have sent down an additional £1,000, and the workpeople employed in the ropery are now on task work again.

Somebody sent five shillings' worth of stamps to the Chancellor of the Exchequer the other day, for unpaid succession duty. As this sum could at the outside have represented only a few pounds, the sender must have had a very tender conscience indeed.

In one of the Edinburgh courts this week a huggous young gentleman, 8 years old, sued the North British Railway Company for £1,000, for damages sustained by him through falling out of a train between Balloch and Glasgow. Fortunately for the company it was discovered that he was travelling without a ticket, and the Court therefore decided in favour of the defendants. That boy, we should think, is now of opinion that, after all, honesty is the best policy. The payment of a trifling fare might have secured him £1,000.

A proposal is on foot to establish an "Afternoon Tea Association," not an association of ladies and gentlemen who shall meet and drink tea together, but a company to buy up the business of a tea merchant in Eastcheap, and to extend the sale of the best qualities of tea. According to the prospectus, the capital of the company is to be £50,000, in 10,000 shares of £5 each. Curiously enough, the "merchant" is willing to sell his business to the company for £7,000, partly paid in shares, and to become its manager for seven years, at a salary of £150 a year and commission. Lord William Lennox is announced as the chairman of the board of directors.

The best way to obtain promotion in the Church of England is to marry one of the Bishop of London's daughters. His lordship has plenty to do in looking after the temporal prospects of his six or seven clerical sons-in-law. One of them was recently transferred from a small church in Holyway to a rich living in St. Pancras, and now the Rev. Arthur Brook, another son-in-law, and vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Bromp-tan, has been nominated to the rectory of St. John, at Hackney, worth about £900 a year.

The "Society" journals have two bits of social gossip this week of exceptional interest. One is that a noble novelist is about to make his appearance in the divorce court; and the other that the eldest son of a distinguished Conservative Peer and ex-Cabinet Minister has become hopelessly insane.

It is rumored that an intimation has been conveyed to Cardinal Manning that it is not desirable he should continue to write upon religious questions in secular magazines. Such freedom does not consort with Pontifical ideas respecting the duties of the Cardinalate. Dr. Newman, years ago, discovered what sacrifices his duty as a "good Catholic" required him to make.

Cardinal Manning has had an audience of the Pope. The Scotch project is to be dropped for a little time, until something more satisfactory has been settled about the future of the Papacy. A number of Cardinals are in favor of electing Dr. Manning to the Papal Chair, but the Italian Cardinals are too wary to let the prize slip out of their grasp.

Mr. Richard Proctor, the astronomer, is dissatisfied with the result of the observations made by the British Transit expeditions for the purpose of calculating the distance from the earth to the sun. Capt. Tupman makes it 93,321,000 miles, which is about a million miles greater than the distance as calculated by Newcomb and Leverrier, and nearly two millions as calculated by Stone.

The other day a lady who had advertised for a cook received a letter with a Royal coronet on the envelope and gilt-embossed heading to the note paper. It did not contain a Royal invitation, but an intimation from one of the domestics in the Princess Mary's household, to the effect she "was leaving at a month's, as it do not suit me," and applying for the vacant situation. The lady was disappointed, very.

ST. JAMES'S, HATCHAM.—The Rev. Malcolm McColl, of St. James' Church, Hatcham, accompanied by one of the church wardens, attended the Greenwich Police Court on Monday last. The rev. gentleman addressing Mr. Balguy on taking his seat, said he was happy to state the services of the previous day had passed off peaceably. His object in coming to the court was to ask that in the case of Evenden, who had been convicted on two counts and heavily fined, the fine which he had to pay might be reduced. Evenden had shown his repentance, and his position as a working man would not admit of his having much money. Mr. Balguy said he was pleased to hear the remark made of peace having been observed, and the application now made would tend to promote peace in future. Evenden had not yet attended to pay the fines and damage (£7 2s. 6d.), but on his attending to do so he should inform him of the application made and take it into consideration. The rev. gentleman thanked his worship and withdrew.

The question of opening up St. Paul's churchyard for traffic is practically settled. The churchyard is to be transformed into an ornamental garden, with ample footways all round. The north side is not to be made available for vehicular traffic, but is to be turned into a promenade. The Corporation is to bear the whole of the expense.

A special despatch to the Halifax Morning Chronicle states that "on account of differences with his congregation, many of whom have returned to the Church of England, the Cummingsite preacher at Ottawa has resigned."

New Advertisements.

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—AND—

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THE Subscriber wishes to inform his friends and the public generally that he still keeps on hand a choice assortment of

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AT HIS OLD STAND,

and will be pleased to have them call and inspect for themselves.

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1,000 Lbs. Canadian Cheese,

10 Casks American Kerosene Oil, (120° test; 36 cts. per gal.)

20 BARRELS SUGAR (all kinds),

100 Bbls. Sup. Extra Flour,

3 Puns. Very Choice

MOLASSES

and all goods usually found in a First-Class Grocery Store.

FAMILIES SUPPLIED BY THE MONTH.

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Jan. 16, 1878—y.

ACME SKATES!

A FULL ASSORTMENT of Sizes just received per Northern Light. A. A. BALDWIN & CO. Ch'town, Jan. 16—11

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1875, and Amending Acts.

ROBERT HOGG, Plaintiff. SYLVANUS KEITH, Defendant.

A WRIT of Attachment has issued in this Cause. B. WILSON HIGGS, Official Assignee.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1875, and Amending Acts.

In the matter of SYLVANUS KEITH, an Insolvent.

ALL persons indebted to the above Insolvent are hereby notified to pay their accounts to me, and to me only. B. WILSON HIGGS, Official Assignee.

Charlottetown, P. E. Island, January 14, 1878.

SPRUCE BOARDS!

20,000 FEET SPRUCE BOARDS, for sale by F. S. HANFORD & CO. Ch'town, Jan. 13—3i

TENDERS.

THE Subscriber will receive Tenders up to WEDNESDAY, the 16th, to finish the inside of that Three Story Brick House on Upper Queen Street,—the Contractor to had all material. The Specifications will be seen at the store of HORNE, PIERCE & Co. ALEXANDER HORNE. Ch'town, Jan. 10—2i

LECTURE!

THE FOURTH LECTURE of the Course in connection with the Y. M. C. ASSOCIATION, will be delivered on

Friday Evening, Jan. 18,

BY REV. A. OSBORNE.

Subject, . . . "WICKLIFFE."

Doors open at 7.30; to commence at 8. Admission 10 cents. Jan. 14—2i

New Advertisements.

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WILL CONTINUE AT

Further Reduced Prices.

Several Lots of that

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In Connection with our

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We will offer our entire Stock of

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of about \$2,000 worth, at cost to clear, consisting of—

Men's Wellington Boots, Men's Leather Congress Boots, Women's Felt Congress Boots, Men's Larrigans & Overshoes, Men's Felt and Leather Slippers,

Women's Leather Boots, (Elastic and Laced),

Women's Felt Boots, Women's Slippers & Overshoes, Misses' & Children's Leather Boots.

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Ch'town, Jan. 9, 1878.

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been selling DRY GOODS so LOW as at present, and we

would invite those in Town and country, who have not

participated in the EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS we are giving, to call at once.

We only ask a personal inspection to show that we are, in good faith,

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Dec. 13th, 1877.—eod2w

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FINE ARTS

NEW YEAR'S CLASS.

MRS. W. W. IRVING begs to intimate to the public that she has re-opened her Classes at the late City Hotel, opposite the R. C. Chapel, where, having every facility, she is prepared to give lessons in Oil and Water Color Painting, and Drawing in Crayon and Pencil in all their different branches. Terms made known on application. Jan. 11, 1877.

SOLE LEATHER—500 Sides No. 1 & 2 CARVELL BROS. Dec. 5—pat 3i