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THE President and Directors of the above named institution, in order to liquidate the liabilities of said building, and to render it worthy of the purposes for which it was intended, as a
Temple of Art and Recreation,
beg leave to announce to the public that they have arranged with a Committee of Management and Business Managers to give on
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FOUR GRAND
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At which will be given away
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IN THE FOLLOWING DISTRIBUTION:

1 GRAND CASH GIFT OF		$10,000
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jan 29

The Daily Tribune.

J. L. STEWART,..... EDITOR.

FRIDAY EVENING, MAR. 28, 1873.

A Local Board of Audit Wanted.

In the days of King William the Fourth of England, when a pane of glass or a cupboard door in the scullery of the palace wanted mending, the chief cook had to draw up and sign the requisition, which was countersigned by the clerk of the kitchen, who took it for further signature to the master of the horse, who sent it to the lord chamberlain for his authorization; from whose office it went before the clerk of the works, under the office of Woods and Forests, by which office the broken pane of glass or the cupboard door was mended in course of time—perhaps.—*Exchange.*

The above paragraph is very funny, and there is little doubt about its truth. Those who are inclined to dispute it on the ground that it is too silly and too vexatious for endurance by human beings have only to read the following and they will see that we have a circumlocution office equally foolish and vexatious: In the days of Prime Minister Macdonald the first of Canada, when a pane of glass, or a cupboard door in the scullery of the peritentiary, or a loaf of bread or load of wood, has been furnished, the bill is made out in due form and sent to the accountant of the prison, when it is signed by the accountant and countersigned by the Warden, who sends it to the Inspectors of Penitentiaries at Ottawa, whose chairman signs it and hands it over for further signature to the Deputy Minister of Justice, who authorizes the Receiver General at St. John to pay the bill and notifies the Auditor General that he has done so, who then writes to the Receiver General aforesaid to pay the bill, who then countersigns the check previously drawn by the prison accountant when it is tendered by the furnisher of the glass, door, or wood, who takes it to the bank, endorses it, satisfies the teller that he is the person named in the check, and gets the money—sure pop.

It strikes us that the circumlocution office was only in its infancy in the days of William IV. We have improved immensely on the model, and it is right and proper that we should. But having clearly demonstrated our superiority over our forefathers we should be satisfied with the triumph, and abolish the circumlocution office altogether. The fact that tradesmen, laborers and others have to wait from twenty to forty days, and occasionally longer, for payment of their accounts, makes everything that is furnished for the public service dearer than it would be if proper payment were certain. Money is thus lost to the treasury and a world of vexation and trouble caused to those who furnish supplies or perform services. In every department of the public service the same circumlocutory process is pursued. There can be no earthly reason for it except that there are officials at Ottawa who have nothing to do but sign their names to bills, and the bills are sent there so that they may appear to to do something for their salaries. What can the Inspector, the Deputy Minister of Justice, or the Auditor General know of the merits of a bill for supplies furnished the St. John Penitentiary? All their auditing amounts to is the simple adding up of the columns to see if a clerical error has been made. The local accountant and Warden are the only ones who have any real knowledge of the bills, and auditing them at Ottawa is a mere farce.

The great inconvenience of the circumlocution process is the uncertainty in the working of the machine, and the consequent inability of the contractor to depend on getting his money at any fixed period. It may be in three weeks and it may be in seven, or more. During this time, after the first three weeks he visits the Receiver General's office daily, lifts his eyebrows enquiringly, and is told that the final order that will alone justify the payment has not yet come. If the account is small, it is exhausted by the wear and tear of shoe leather.

We want a Local Board of Audit having power to authorize the payment of bills after they have been approved by the local heads of the different departments. The farce of sending bills to Ottawa before their payment should continue no longer. Prompt cash payments are the rule in private business, and should be the rule adopted by the Government. Any circumlocutory machinery that prevents prompt payments for supplies furnished or services rendered should be immediately abolished. Our representatives in Parliament should exert themselves to secure the adoption of business methods in the managing of the Governmental machine.

A Petty Raid on the Treasury.

Mr. Pierre Landry, M. P. P., is an estimable young man of considerable talent, and has an assured political career before him if he does not keep open the serious breach between his immediate supporters and the majority of his constituents; and we are pained to see him destroying his influence in the House and his reputation in the country by lending himself to a grab-game against the provincial treasury. M. Robidoux got $250 for relinquishing a $800 contract, and the attempt to get more is almost, but not quite, as respectable as highway robbery. It is lamentable that good-natured respectability should become the advocate of so shameless a grab on the public funds. Mr. Landry had better offend M. Robidoux by declining to aid him than thus shock the moral sense of a whole people The Government dare not and will not throw another dollar away on this man. They have already been forced to give $1,450 for nothing, simply because Mr. Willis's committee made grossly one-sided contracts for work they knew to be condemned by the majority of the House of Assembly, and they dare not face what honesty there is still left among their constituents if they consent to the throwing away of another dollar on this score. Whining and begging around the House may induce a majority of members to promise not to oppose a donation of $50 in aid of M. Robidoux, but the Government must sternly refuse to put one cent in the supplementary estimates for the purpose of satisfying his bogus claims.

Mr. Maher and Mr. Gough, in the Legislature yesterday, assailed the Government on account of charges made against them in the correspondence of the *News*. They held the Government responsible for the utterances of Mr. Willis, that is, the utterances of his paper. They are warranted in so doing. While a member of the Government edits a paper the Government is as much responsible for opinions expressed in the paper as though they were uttered on the floor of the House by the honorable member himself. If the *News*, by correspondence or otherwise, makes a charge against a member of the House, it must be met by the Hon. E. Willis, if the charge is not sustained he and his colleagues in the Executive are responsible. There is no way of getting out of this. The editor cannot repudiate his paper, and the Government cannot repudiate one of their number. The paper is their official organ while edited by one of their number.

NOTES AND NEWS.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Baziel Crowd, a colored man, died at Preston near Halifax yesterday morning, at the great age of 103 years. He wasn't Preston's oldest inhabitant—not by a long chalk. There is another colored man up there who is 109 years old, and who performs all the wonders of work that are expected of oldest inhabitants.

The Temperance Hall, Halifax, was packed on Tuesday evening last, to hear Mr. Boyd lecture on "The crop that never fails." The *Citizen* says, "when John Boyd, Esq., visits Halifax in the capacity of a lecturer, he never fails to attruct a large audience. He is one of the most pleasing lecturers of the day."

A telegram from Bridgewater to the Halifax *Chronicle* states that a young man named Bateman, belonging to Shelburne, in the employ of Messrs. Morton & Co., was killed Wednesday by a tree falling on him. He and his brother were chopping a tree, which lodged. He went to cut the next one, and before he could get out of the way was caught by the falling tree, crushing his head. He only lived five minutes.

UNITED STATES.

At Chicago the other night a gang of drunken Irishmen invaded a German ball room and became involved in a fight. Albert Geetz was held by three Irishmen while Luke Haley drew a knife and cut his throat from ear to ear.

The milk of human kindness in some of the good people of Calais, has been soured by a youth who begged means to pay his expenses at a theological seminary, and supported his wandering steps with a gold headed cane. They did not care so much for the cane, but the theological aspirations of the youth proved to be a delusion and a snare.

Professor Burt G. Wilder, of Ithaca, N. Y., has written a long letter to the *Tribune*, in which he argues against hanging as brutal, and suggests as a substitute death by an excess of chloroform; and he would have the execution, not a public spectacle, but a dark mystery; the time and place known only to the proper officials. He thinks the dread of such a death would have a greater restraining effect over the dangerous classes than any other form of execution.

Last Wednesday, Julia Dunleavy, a girl aged 12 years, employed in the Danbury, Conn., shirt factory, dropped a spool of thread beneath her bench and reached down to pick it up. Her hair, which hung loosely down her back according to the prevailing fashion, caught on a set screw to the shaft which runs the machines, and immediately commenced to coil up. The shaft was making 120 revolutions a minute at the time. An effort was made to stop the machinery, but was not successful and had it not been for the presence of mind of another girl, Lizzie Brown, the neck of the unfortunate girl would have been broken. Miss Brown caught the head of the victim and held it while the shaft mercilessly coiled up the hair and tore it, with a good share of the scalp from the head of the screaming girl.

Mr. Beecher, in a recent Plymouth prayer-meeting, took a text from the times, and with his usual volubility discoursed upon the lack of honesty everywhere. Although he confined himself more especially to delinquencies in private corporate and domestic honor and integrity, he made his charges broad, and found an insufficient number of honest men to be trusted in any walk in life; not enough for banks, not enough for public offices, not enough for the judicial bench.

A few weeks ago John Beddiet, a Hempstead, L. I., merchant, quarreled with Walter Brown, an employe. He threatened to run a pitchfork through him and annihilate him generally. Brown did not wait to hear any more, but ran and told his wife Fannie. Now, Fannie is bigger than her husband, and was not disposed to have her better half go unavenged, so she went to the hotel where Peddiet was stopping, called him down, and pitched into him with words and finger nails. Then she doubled up her fists and pounded him, and finally knocked him down. Peddiet retreated, and bleeding, torn, and dusty, obtained a warrant for the arrest of the woman. She pleaded guilty to assault and battery, and was fined $10. Mr. Peddiet's father-in-law came forward and paid her fine, and another prominent gentleman entered into $500 bonds for her future good behavior.

Napier as an Orator—A Warm Tribute to his Powers—His Speech in moving his Famous Canal Resolutions

FREDERICTON, March 27.

The private bills are being rushed thro with a vengeance, and it is probable that all the business will be transacted within a fortnight. Some of the debates are interesting and instructive; others amusing but not edifying. Mr. Napier's resolution is creating quite an excitement. Some say he has adopted this scheme to pave the way for future fame and greatness, that it is only for electioneering purposes. Be this as it may, one thing must be conceded that as an orator he will leave an illustrious name to future generations. As an orator he is imaginative, witty and epigrammatic, oftimes clothing his fancy in the artistic language of the poet. Without much fluency or art, he speaks out what his *strong sense* and *judgment* prompt, appealing to *the reason* and not to the imagination. His speeches are but the natural expression of his experience, opinions and purposes. His mind being clear, his views practical and sagacious, and his objects singularly direct, his speaking is plain and to the point. His manner is sometimes extravagant in its vehemence, and his voice, always shrill, is often raised in his impassioned efforts to a harsh and discordant roar. When one considers his action respecting the Bye-road Grant and then the great public works to which he is directing the attention of the Government, it would seem that his action is inconsistent. If such be the case he will be called to account at the hustings. The projected scheme is the result of deep thought and practicable knowledge combined. I have noted some of the points which Mr. N. has taken on the resolution which was transmitted. Mr. Napier, according to notice, at 3.25 p. m., moved the order of the day. He then read the resolution that has already appeared in your columns. He said:

Honble. Gentlemen—I have had a very, very long and serious consultation with a remarkable scientific gentleman, Mr. Welby, respecting the feasibility of making canals mentioned in my important resolution (hear, hear.) Why should I not ask for canals? (Hear, hear.) Is it because I have the honor of representing a very honorable constituency at the North that I should not raise my voice and introduce wholesome measures (hear, hear.) I repeat, honorable gentlemen, why should I not ask for canals? Other honorable gentlemen ask for railways. My vener able co-associate Mr. Hibbard asked for railroads. Before Mr. Bailey went to the upper story he asked for railways (that's so.) Why, honorable gentlemen, my constituents appreciate my ability and expect me to bring down some of these great measures (hear, hear.) Why should I not do something? When I consider what Wellington and Gladstone have done by dint of energy, it is high time I put forth my most strenuous exertions (hear, hear.) I have been in session, session, no, honorable gentlemen, I mean consultation with another scientific man besides myself, considering these feasibilities. But I don't want all these very very important measures carried out in one year. I hope to be back here two or three years yet, and we will carry them little by little. (Hear, hear). Why, gentlemen, this other gentleman is going to assist with his money and service. Why, Mr. Speaker and honorable gentlemen, this is a very liberal offer. We have spent very very much valuable time burning the midnight fluid in our lucubrations. (Hear, hear.) I have the whole scheme drawn on paper, the distance calculated and an accurate financial statement of Better Terms; no, gentlemen, I mean the costs made out. I have put myself in direct communication with the Government. Mr. Speaker and honorable gentlemen, I sometimes feel myself inadequate to the task. (It can't be.) The Government assured me they would give my notions, plans, calculations, abstract ideas, and costs, their serious consideration. (Here it was questioned if the Legislature had power to do all this.) Mr. Napier showed that under the provisions of the North America Act and the several acts in consideration thereof, that he had the right to introduce wholesome measures and the Government should notice them.

Here Mr. N. was informed that his resolution was not on the notice book. In reply, he said it was only an oversight, and that now he would give notice of motion for Saturday.

Mr. Napier's remarks were well received and the whole House gave its undivided attention.

It is thought that when the resolution comes properly before the House he will make one of his ablest efforts in its support.

THE WATER COLOR MINIATURES painted at NOTMAN'S STUDIO are fine specimens of artistic skill and are fast becoming very popular. Call and see specimens. tf

LOCALS.

For a list of Agents for the sale of the DAILY TRIBUNE see first page.

For advertisements of WANTED, LOST, FOUND, FOR SALE, REMOVED, or TO LET, see Auction column.

New Advertisements.

Advertisers must send in their favors before 12 o'clock, noon, in order to insure their appearance in this list.

Amusements—
Academy of Music Gift Concerts
do Grace Egerton
Notice—
Notice to Contractors— F Braun
Lecture to-night by Rev Mr Grant—
Election Card— John C Ferguson
Public Notice— J Howe
Muff Lost—
European and North America Railway— M H Angel
Shop to Let in Moncton— D Patton
AUCTIONS.
Clothing, &c— E H Leste

Brevities.

The concert last evening for the benefit of the Wesleyan Sunday School, in the City Hall, Carleton, was largely attended, and the entertainment was a success.

Governor Wilmot is a director of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Fame follows merit.

A meeting of Mr. Weldon's friends is called this evening, in Lawrence's building, King st.

The tickets for the concert in aid of the Y. M. C. A. will be ready in a few days. The directors of the Academy of Music have given the building on very favorable terms.

Grace Egerton is creating a perfect furore in Halifax. Houses crowded every evening. She gave her farewell entertainment there last evening.

The post office is to close at 9 p. m. instead of 9.30. It is suggested that it only keep open an hour each day.

A Yankee calls the Halifax train a "try-weekly," as the traveller *tries* to get there one week and *tries* to get back the next week.

Some of our legislators are said to visit the "bear" on exhibition at a hotel near by, very frequently.

Railway Fare to Boston.

The fare from St. John to Boston, by rail, will be reduced to $8 next Tuesday.

Delayed Train.

The Western train was about three hours late last evening. The delay was caused by snow drifting in on the track. A snow-storm raged about Harvey Station as furious as any they have seen this winter, say the employes of the road, and it was also very cold.

Another Entertainment in Calvin Church.

The last sociable under the auspices of the young men of Calvin Church will take place this evening, at 8 o'clock, in the Lecture Room. The programme has been arranged with great care, and the entertainment promises to be the best of the season. Hitherto there has been no charge of admission to these sociables, but on the present occasion, in order to defray expenses incurred during the season, the young men have been persuaded by friends to make a small charge of *ten cents*. Already about 500 tickets have been disposed of, and only a few are reserved for sale at the door, so that it will be necessary for those holding tickets to be "up to time" to-night, in order to secure comfortable seats.

Subscribe for the DAILY TRIBUNE, *and have it delivered at your residence every afternoon*

Institute Lectures.

Quite a number of people gathered at the Institute last evening to hear the Rev. G. M. Grant lecture. The train however was delayed two hours, and the lecturer did not arrive. Prof. Atkins presided at the organ. George Stewart, Esq., at 8 o'clock, announced that the Rev. G. M. Grant would not be there to lecture—(pause) for half an hour. The audience comfortably settled themselves to wait that time, at the end of which, Mr. Lawrence announced that they had at length received definite information, and there would be no lecture. The audience took it quite good naturedly merely pronouncing Mr. Grant, the weather, the trains, and the Directors "little frauds." Mr. Grant is now safely at the Victoria and a strict guard will be kept on him so that he cannot be spirited away until 8 o'clock when he will lecture.

Gaspereaux Fishery.

A few Gaspereaux have been taken in in the outer weirs, by some of the fishermen. None have been seen as yet in the market, although it is Lent, and many are anxiously looking for them. A little warm weather is all that is required to bring them in.

A Liberal Gift.

One of the committee of the Fredericton Y. M. C. A., while soliciting donations for the tea soiree on Tuesday last, given in aid of said Association, called on a prominent legal gentleman. Having made known his errand the gentleman replied: "Here is a $1 bill; take out 60 cents and return the balance." The request was complied with, and that committeeman left in disgust, thinking it better to give than receive.

Seaman's Wages Case.

Yesterday Judge Gilbert gave his decision in this case, which has occupied the attention of the court for some time. The decision was in favor of Roff Ray for $68.55, with costs. The Judge remarked severely on the conduct of the captain, and he was ordered to discharge the mate and pay him off before the Shipping Master. General satisfaction was expressed with the decision by those who had heard the case through. John Kerr, Esq., appeared for the mate, and E. C. McMonagle, Esq., for the captain.

The DAILY TRIBUNE *is not excelled as a city advertising medium.*

Shipping Notes.

The schooner Fred E. Scammell, Barbarie, master, at Vineyard Haven on the 21th inst. from Darien 5 days, for this port, reports: On the 21st inst., one of the crew named Alexander Ayles, 20 years of age and a native of Moncton, was lost overboard.

Dropped Dead at Sea.—The bark Martha Rideout, at Sanfrancisco on the 17th inst., from Port Blakely, reports: On the 9th inst., in lat. 45 40 N., lon. 125 42, John Kelly, seaman, a native of St. John, N. B., dropped dead and was buried at sea.

New Light Houses on Sable Island.—A party of carpenters is about to be forwarded, per Dominion steamer Lady Head, to Sable Island, to work on the new light houses in course of erection there.

Bark Enigma.—A deep bark was seen off Digby Gut last evening. She is supposed to be the Enigma from Liverpool to this port, now 56 days out.

The steamer Glendon, Sulis master, arrived in port this morning from Portland with her first cargo for the season.

Bark Brothers Pride.—An arrival at London previous to the 25th inst., reports that the British ship Brothers' Pride, from Cardenas for New York, was abandoned at sea. The bark Brother's Pride, of this port, Morris master, sailed from Havana on the 8th inst. for Cardenas and New York, and had not arrived there up to the latest advices from that port. The B. P. was one of the fleet formerly owned by Oulton Bros., and now the property of Messrs. Palmer & McLauchlin. She was built at Courtenay Bay in 1866, and registered 443 tons. As there is no British ship of that name, there need be little doubt as to her identity.

Charge of murder on the High Seas.—At Southampton, on the 1st inst., Jolta Robinson, a young sailor, was charged with the wilful murder of John Caplin, mate of the brigantine Sarah Crowell, when on the voyage from Nova Scotia to Porto Rico last January. The prisoner was remanded for a week, pending instructions from the Board of Trade, to whom the depositions have been sent.

The circulation of the DAILY TRIBUNE *is rapidly increasing.*

Railway Meeting.

At the recent Railway meeting at Elgin it was decided to appoint a Committee to confer with the contractors for the Albert Railway, Messrs. Cook and McDonald, with a view of influencing them to carry the Railway from Petitcodiac through the Parish of Elgin. It is said that some of the residents of the Parish are prepared to assist the railway liberally if this route be adopted.—*Times.*

Portland Town Council.

The Portland Council held a meeting last evening, Coun. Jarvis presiding.

The Harbor Committee reported that they had received tenders for revenues, and recommended that that of Mr. C. M. Brown be accepted, which was done.

A discussion arose on a bill which Mr. Otty was trying to get through the Legislature exempting a portion of the Town from taxation, the Clerk was authorized to petition against it.

Coun. Austin wanted the time extended for paying the taxes. It was decided not to do so but to circulate information as to the time when taxes must be paid.

Coun. Shaw, in answer to Coun. Strang, said the new engine house was progressing in a satisfactory manner, and would be ready about the middle of April.

The Fire Committee were authorized to procure one double and one single cart for the Town, and anything else that should be required by the department.

Special Services.

Special meetings are being held with the Free Baptist Church of this city, with encouraging indications of good. The congregations are large and deeply solemn, and many are deciding to seek the Lord. Three young men were baptized on last Sabbath evening by Bro. Parson.—*Intelligencer.*

Advertise in the Tribune.

Business men in every department of Trade, Lawyers, Doctors, Landlords and others who wish to extend their business, increase their practice, sell property or rent houses, will find it greatly to their advantage to advertise in the DAILY TRIBUNE. Our subscription list includes the names of a large number of our leading professional and business men, and our city circulation is not exceeded by any other daily in St. John.

Fire in Moncton.

On Monday, about noon, a fire occurred in Mr. Milliken's work-shop, nearly opposite the British Bank, Main street, resulting in the total destruction of the building and its contents. The latter included some tools, seasoned lumber and fire wood. Mr. Chandler's office was badly scorched. A small building in the rear of the office, occupied by a French family, was destroyed, and for a time there were fears of a still more extensive conflagration. Mr. Milliken had $550 insurance on his work-shop and $200 on his tools, in the "Queen."—*Times.*

Escape of Deserters.

The Halifax *Express* says: An extraordinary circumstance is related by the captain of the brigt. Alice Woods, at this port last week from Dundalk via Fayal. He says that at Dundalk two deserters from the band of a crack British corps stowed themselves on board, and were not discovered until after the vessel had been two days at sea. Upon reaching Fayal the captain handed the men over to the British Consul there, by whom they were placed in custody. Before the Alice Wood left Fayal an English brigantine, bound to Liverpool, put in, leaky, for repairs. The repairs were not made there, but a double crew was put on board, and she left for Liverpool, thinking to make that port safely. The consul took the opportunity to send home the deserters, and therefore they were put on board the leaky vessel "with gyves upon their wrists." But h y nev r reached l iverpool, for the brigt. foundered after leaving Fayal, all hands were saved and landed at a seaport in France, and the deserters, of course, are free. It is a rare thing for fortune to so favor those who are anxious to get away from their responsibilities. Despatches were received here anent the men, who were thought to be on board the "Alice Woods," but it has since been ascertained that the men got clear, as related.

Quick Transit

Paper for the *Maritime Monthly*, dispatched from Montreal five weeks ago, via Portland, has just arrived. The April number will be delayed in consequence. Somebody would make money by establishing a paper warehouse in St. John.

Music Union Concerts.

The Directors of the Academy of Music have kindly placed their hall at the disposal of the Young Men's Christian Association in which to hold a series of concerts, to be given by the Music Union, in aid of the building fund of the association, to take place on the 7th, 14th and 17th of April, the association to pay the expenses of lighting, etc.

Legislative Wit.

The power of repartee is one of the most useful a legislator can have. Mr. Gough prides himself on possessing it. In the House yesterday he said the time had been when newspaper editors would be summoned to the bar of the House for daring to invade its sanctity and trifle with its dignity by ridiculing its members. "This thing has gone on long enough," said he; "the time will soon come, atenerate, when something will happen to put a stop to it." "Perhaps the sky'll fall," suggested Mr. McQueen. Mr. Gough's reply was instantaneous—"If it does, perhaps you'll fall lower than the sky." Let the reader mark the crushing wit in this airy retort. Let them mark it, we repeat, for we can't see it, and they needn't look to us for help.

Prize-Fight Spoiled.

The "tub" and "bucket" crowds assembled last night in force on the flats at the foot of Clarence street. Two of their number had a quarrel and the rules of the society compelled them to fight it out with fists. The preliminaries were all arranged, the hour fixed on, and at the appointed time the gathering of the clans commenced, from near and from far they came to see the fray. The ring was formed and the combatants were about commencing the struggle when that ominous word "police" was heard. And sure enough the policemen were seen, having scented the fight from afar, and arrived just in time to scatter the crowd. They left before the police got too near. A number went up St. David street and stopped at the head of the street making as much noise as they could. During the evening and until late at night, they stayed in this street and made night so hideous with their howls that hardly anyone in the street could sleep.

Albion Division, S. of T.

At a meeting of Albion Division held last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: S. E. Gerow, W. P.; Jas. A. S. Mott, W. A.; Thomas W. Peters, Jr., R. S.; LeBaron Robertson, A. R. S.; David Smiler, F.S.; Jas. Thomson, Treas.; John R. Marshall, Chap.; David D. Robertson, Con.; John Fleming, A. C.; Thomas Hollis, J. S.; J. S. McLaren, O. S.

City Police Court.

John Driscoll was the only prisoner this morning. He is an old offender, having only two days ago been let out of gaol, and yesterday he was fined $1 in the Portland Police Court. The Judge sentenced him to pay a fine of $6, or go to gaol for two months. In the meantime if he really decides to work he will be let out by the Deputy Sheriff.

Portland Police Court.

Thomas Madigan and John Slater, who, on Sunday last, accompanied by a number of boys and men, went out to Lily Lake and settled a dispute by fighting it out, were summoned to appear and answer the charge this morning. They did not pay any attention to the summons and the Judge fined them $8 each. It is hoped this will be a lesson to a noisy crowd who have been in the habit of creating a disturbance round Lily Lake.

Merchants' Exchange.

The following despatches were received at the Exchange to-day:—

Montreal, March 27th.—Liverpool breadstuffs market quiet.

Flour 28s. Red wheat 11s. a 12s. 3d.

Corn 28s.

Cotton 9½d. a 9¾.

Consols, London, 92⅝ a 92¾.

New York.—Flour market quiet and firm.

No. 2 Spring wheat $1.62½ a $1.73.

Western mixed corn 64½c. a 67c.

Mess pork $16.00. Market firm.

Grain freights 7d.

Fair refining sugar 8c.; good do. 8⅜c.; prime do. 8½c. Cuba, Cienfuegos molasses 30 a 33c; Porto Rico molasses 55c. a 60c.

Receipts of flour 8,000 bbls.; sales 8,000.

Receipts of wheat 8,000 bush.

Receipts of corn 15,000 bush.; sales 59,000.

Montreal — Flour market dull, in buyers favor.

Ordinary Canada and Welland Canal $5.90 a $6.95; Fancy $6.50 a $6.60; Extra $6.95 a $7.25.

Oats 30c. a 32c.; barley 48c. a 60c.

Receipts of flour 1,000 barrels; sales 800.

Chicago—No. 2 Spring wheat $1.19¼. Market dull.

Receipts of wheat 19,000 bush.; shipments 14,000.

New York, March 28th.—Gold opened at 116¾.

An exhibition of the "Fruits of Industry" in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and P. E. Island has been proposed. The proposal is an excellent one. An "Intercolonial Exposition" would give a great impetus to the Agricultural and Mechanical Industries of each and all the provinces. The Central Board of Agriculture has the proposed exhibition under consideration.

The most matter of fact story of a ghostly interview that we have seen for a long time come from Des Monies, Iowa. A young woman at breakfast, the other day said she was much troubled by a dream, and continued: "My little niece came to me last night, and says, 'Aunty, I have come to bid you good bye, I am dead.' I said, 'No, Agnes, you are not dead, and took hold of her.' 'Yes, I am,' she repeated. 'I died at 12 o'clock to-night, and have got to be in heaven at 1 o'clock,' and said, 'good-bye, Aunty, and disappeared." At noon news of the death of her niece at midnight came.