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The Daily Tribune.

ST. JOHN, N. B., APRIL 6, 1879.

Topics of the Hour.

Our Fredericton Correspondent's letter touches on two points that will bear some comment. The impression is left that Mr. Wedderburn was not sincere in urging the passage of the Liquor License Bill introduced by him, first, by intimating that he did not adopt a mode of supporting it that did not appear to be very unusual, and, second, by repeating Mr. Adams' insinuation that Mr. Wedderburn, in private conversation, did not appear to care very much about the Bill. Many persons might suppose, from reading this letter, that Mr. Wedderburn was in some way responsible for the Bill. The fact, however, is that the measure was prepared in St. John by its friends outside of the Legislature entirely. It was simply given to one of the city members to introduce, and was not to be considered as framed in accordance with the introducer's own judgment as to the rights and propriety to be incorporated in its provisions. Having been requested to state the merits of a Bill which he had no part in framing, and which scarcely excited any support from the representatives of the constituency, he was naturally led to Mr. Wedderburn appears to have performed his duty fairly and faithfully, and any impression to the contrary is unjust to him.

Another point touched upon in the Fredericton letter is the resolution of Mr. Gough, limiting the travelling expenses of members of the Executive to the actual outlay. Mr. Gough is represented as showing that certain members of the Government named, to wit, Messrs. O'Leary and Cain, have been charging for expenses that were never incurred, and under this head securing a refund of monies they had never disbursed. If the charge is correct, and certainly the gentlemen accused have not proved their accounts or justified their exorbitant charges, measures should be adopted to prevent similar dealings in the future, whether the Government or the higher authority of the Legislature, whether in the shape of "Executive Travelling Expenses," or that other form of petty thievery known as "Members' Mileage," to which the Treasurer referred before the opening of the Session. It is important that the members of the Government, who are called upon to enforce the Provincial laws, should set the people an example of straightforward dealing, it is equally important that the men who make the laws should act in the same manner. Nevertheless, year after year members of the Legislature draw their travelling expenses, for their travelling expenses, monies, to the fourth part of what they have the slightest claim in equity. A stop should be put to these misappropriations, and if Mr. Gough's resolution is adopted, the measure of inaugurating a reform we hope it may pass.

Mr. Kelly's Travelling Expenses.
We have not heretofore referred to the detailed statement of Mr. Kelly's Travelling Expenses as Chief Commissioner of the Board of Works for the year ending October 31, 1878. The statement has been before the Legislature and the country since Wednesday last, and has given rise to a good deal of comment unfavorable to the Commissioner. It is as follows:—

To St. John, 1 trip, at \$100	\$100 00
Wentworth, 9 trips at \$50	450 00
Albert, 1 trip, at \$50	50 00
King, 2 trips, at \$50	100 00
Kent, 4 trips, at \$50	200 00
Restigouche, 1 trip, at \$50	50 00
Gloucester, 1 trip, at \$50	50 00
Roads, enquiring in reference to Small-Pox	120 00
Northeastern, 2 trips, at \$50	100 00
Victoria, 3 trips, at \$50	150 00
Charlottetown, 1 trip, at \$50	50 00
Charlottetown, 1 trip, at \$50	50 00
Queens, 3 trips, at \$50	150 00
Sunbury, 1 trip, at \$50	50 00
York, 1 trip, at \$50	50 00
Total	\$1150 00

These "trips" are supposed to be made from Fredericton.

We are to understand, then, that the Head of the Board of Works, who travels free over the Railways, and as a Mail Stage proprietor would also pass free over Stage Lines, cannot run down to St. John, and stay a day or two in the City, on his way East probably, at a less expense than \$200 for the "trip." To visit Northumberland, in the same tour, pass over his own Stage Lines, and remain two or three days at his home in Chatham, appears to cost \$24 for the "trip." To stay a day or two in Charlottetown, while en route to Grand Falls in Victoria, can not be done under \$30, and the "trips" to Victoria itself are worth \$80 each, while a Restigouche "trip" requires the Commissioner to shell out just \$20. (We can not understand why estates and drinkables are not so high in Restigouche, as it has always been considered a cheap place to live in.) Charlotte, too, has become an expensive County—the "trip" here, the one solitary "trip" to Digby or elsewhere in the year, cost our bleeding country just \$80, which is very high, indeed, considering the fact that railways, free to the Commissioner, run to the principal points. Westmorland, too, is an outrageously expensive district—a "trip" to Dorchester Corner (free by rail) and a few days stay there, amounts to the cost just \$80—of the three "trips" to Gloucester road inspection and "enquiring about small pox," are worth \$40 a "trip." (Napier must have been taken along.) The whole amount alleged to have been disbursed, certainly disbursed by the Government to its Head of Public Works, was \$1,150, on which there ought to have been at least \$500 "cream."

Either the country is becoming too dear

to live in or the Commissioner is too costly an official to keep. If the former, the "trips" had better be abbreviated; and if the latter, then we should try and get along with a less valuable man—the country is too poor to maintain him.

We regret the account has been published. The Province happens to be asking for Better Terms just now, and we are all too ready to oblige. It is not to be expected that the Dominion does not allow us money enough to live on, even with the most rigid economy. But a few "surplus" budgets such as the Secretary paraded the other day, and the publication of a few bills for Travelling Expenses for our Public Works Commissioner, would go to show that we have ample funds and are able to afford to scatter our wealth broadcast.

The City Accounts.
The Ward Elections are over; many of the old members have not been re-elected; and the rate-payers have not yet been favored with the Details of the Civic expenditures of 1878. The Auditor says he is not to be responsible for the delay. But the fact remains that Accounts which closed on December 31, and which might have been prepared, audited and printed long before this time, are in this, the fourth week of the new year, still a sealed book to the tax-payers. Perhaps we shall be able to understand the meaning of the delay when the Corporation officials kindly favor the citizens with a sight of their accounts.

OUR FREDERICTON LETTER.

The Liquor Bill—What Lobbying Done—The Result of Going to Paris—Frum Report on the Proposed Excise—Travelling Expenses of Members of the Government—Nothing to be Done with the Law Bill.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
FREDERICTON, THURSDAY, APRIL 4.
The Liquor Bill was announced in the morning to be given to the House in the afternoon, that members might have proper notice, so that some could have an excuse for shirking it, as Wedderburn said was done last year in the case of another Liquor Bill. This new Bill, which is a combination of the Evangelical Alliance, Young Men's Christian Association, and other influential persons to the number of about two thousand, is very brief, but quite clean. It provides for opening bars at eight in the morning; no liquor to be sold at nine o'clock at night; no liquor to be sold in the same shop, and that six householders in the nearest vicinity shall recommend an application for a license, the Bill winds up.

The general impression was that the Bill would be inoperative, but none anticipated the severe kicking out it got. In remarking on the sections of the Bill, WEDDERBURN said that the liquor traffic had assumed such proportions, and such a variety of saloons, rum shops, and places where liquor was sold had sprung up, that it was deemed best steps should be taken to oppose its progress; and of course the importance to the people of the City and County of St. John. He gave no statistics as to the number of licenses granted, nor to the quality, quantity, or kinds of liquor sold, or any reference to reports of the various kinds of places were required to be suppressed.

WILLS.
He said his views on the temperance question were well known, and he would support the bill as he considered it a good one, but would like to hear an expression of the House on the subject.

CRAWFORD.
He was in favor of conditional legislation to license, as the traffic was recognized by law. He considered it virtually a prohibitory law, as the section requiring six householders to recommend an application for a license rendered the law inoperative. He believed the section requiring only one door to a liquor shop unreasonable, and as the bill stood would oppose it.

CORBET.
He thought the best plan would be to have a Select Committee appointed, and let them report next Session, so that the Common Council, Portland Town Council, and the Sessions could confer with leading liquor dealers and submit an equitable bill next Session.

Wedderburn said rather than do that he would ask leave to report progress and communicate with the parties who initiated the bill, that they might introduce amendments.

MAHER.
He said the liquor traffic was recognized by the Dominion Government. Some of the provisions of the bill were good. He believed persons would sell without license if the law was made too restrictive, and increase an inferior class of establishments. It was injudicious to insert the sections requiring six householders to sign an application, and have only one door to an establishment. He did not believe, though, that billiard rooms and bowling alleys should be allowed as trips for young men, and didn't object to make them close at nine o'clock. The liquor bill last year was well enough, and it would be better to report progress on this one.

BATHWAY.
He said if a person couldn't drink a pint at a time he wouldn't be allowed to drink at all in a whole place. [Gough said that clause wouldn't make him (Bathway) suffer any.] The Bill was a dangerous one and had better be withdrawn, as it amounted to a prohibitory law.

KING.
He said the bill was not the kind he expected from what he had seen in the papers, and he was not prepared to follow the course of its promoters. The Bill was immature, and took the appointing power out of the hands of the proper persons, by placing the power of granting licenses in the hands of

any six householders. He would recommend that it lay over.

Adams then moved the

THREE MONTHS POST.
and he and Wedderburn got into an altercation. Wedderburn said Adams got his directions outside. Adams said it was a burn, in a conversation with him. If he would not agree to let it get the three months post, Wedderburn said that it was put in his hands, and he had a duty to perform, and did not seem anxious about it. Wedderburn said that when Adams made the proposition he told him he would not consent to anything of the kind.

Hibbard and Hinington thought the Bill should receive some consideration. It was finally decided to report progress to give Wedderburn a chance to communicate with the parties in St. John who initiated the Bill. It will come up again, but in such a shape that it will not be recognized, and it is highly probable that no more stringent Bill than that passed last session can be enacted at present. A powerful body of

INFIDENTIAL LIQUOR DEALERS.
were up last week, and they chattered to any extent, prominent among whom were Simon Jones, J. W. Nicholson, T. Baxter, T. Girdwood, and T. Furlong. Equities. The almost total annihilation of the Bill will have to induce the temperance men to take another tack, and if they want to do anything they will have to send up a lobbying crew to help it through.

Gough's motion for a reduction of salaries in the different departments will come up on Friday. There were

SOME NEWS BY HIS SPEECH the other day by Gough in his speech the other day proposing a reduction of salaries and expenses, which have not yet been published. He had previously moved for return of the sums paid the Government for travelling expenses for eleven members of the Government, but that was not less than \$215 had been paid Mr. Overt for his yearly journey half a dozen times from Sunbury eleven miles to Fredericton, and Mr. Cain received six hundred dollars for eleven trips to Fredericton, which the actual cost of his travel could not exceed at the most liberal allowance one hundred and sixty eight dollars. In Fredericton at each session the Executive Council, Gough commented severely on

THE DECEPTION PRACTISED on the public by such drafts on the Treasury, the people all the while deluded with the idea that the Executive Council were saving the public money, and that the Government all travelled free and ash heads on all our railways, and yet the least any of them had taken was twenty four dollars for a trip to St. John when the Government met there. Gough's resolution seeks to fix these expenses at the actual cost of stage and railway fares and to put it out of the power of every Government to repeat what has been done.

WOMEN AS CORRESPONDENTS.
It is a special correspondent that is wanted in their chief success in journalism. There is scarcely a paper of weight and veracity which is not upon its staff at least one female correspondent. Women in par excellence correspondents. Women write for the most part with a dash and vigor, and a certain quality that strikes one as the perfume of the sweet human flower. Every one who possesses the friendship of thoughtful, spirited women must feel the regret that often comes to us—the regret that their personal letters, full of tact, vivacity and humor, are not for the world's enjoyment. The captivating gossip of De Stuyvesant, the modern Greece of that most graceful writer, Kate Field, are daily rivaled in private letters which lord one pair of eyes probably ever scans. Lord Chesterfield's stately platitudes, Walpole's haughty ironies, Sydney Smith's somewhat vulgar wit, Charles Lamb's buoyant fun, have for years and years been cited as models of epistolary elegance in men. I give them all for that one letter, so deliciously simple and naive, in which young Fanny Barry describes her dinner with the great Mr. Burke.

Newspaper correspondents make a kind of literary seventh heaven for a clever and large-minded woman. To find free space and appreciation for her written talks are inspirations in themselves. Her words are as fresh and as untrammelled as the scribbling her impressions—thus allowing her own her name as well-considered judgments. The characteristic womanly dislike to method, with the necessity for "regular" letters, must bear the blame of this. I must confess that the best feminine newspaper letters are occasional ones. Men are much more even in correspondence, but what women lack in literary trustworthiness they more than make up in picturesque, naive, clean—a vivid elasticity that belongs to them and them alone.

"Gosh" is in correspondence a suitable fellow. We are allured to spare enthusiasm altogether, even if it does sometimes induce inopportune praise or vague redundancy of expression. The modern journalist often sacrifices literary art to such less worthy purposes. Grace Greenwood's droll and picturesque sketches, and those of Kate Field, nearly always acute, vivacious and suggestive, are examples of our best feminine newspaper correspondence. The lasting success of a woman in this kind of work depends very much upon her avoidance of the rock of small personalities—a rock upon which correspondents less cultured than these are apt to be quickly wrecked.—(Nelly Hutcheson in April Galaxy)

A Man Plunged Alive to the Bottom of the River by 3,000 Pounds of Iron.
NEW BRUNSWICK, April 4.—This morning an accident occurred at the Long Wharf, Fishery, resulting in the submersion of two men in the river, and the drowning of one of them, while the other narrowly escaped a like fate. It seems that on the landing of the steamer "Neversink" at the Catkill and New York Line at the Long Wharf, an attempt was made to put on board a heavy bar, shipped from the Fishkill Landing Machine Works for New York.

During the operation the gang plank was broken by the weight of the machine—about a ton and a half—and two men who were on the plank at the time slipped and fell into the water. One of the men, in getting the plank to the water, was a very exhausted condition. The other disappeared from the view of the men on the deck, and the bar was thrown overboard. The unfortunate man at once seized the line and pulled down to the bottom of the river by the weight of the bar, which probably weighed on his feet and legs.

Then one of the crew took a rope and went down to him, found him still alive, and trying to raise the bar, and another attempt was made to raise the man from the bottom of the river, but this was unsuccessful, and the bar proceeded on her way, leaving him at the bottom of the river.

THE COUNCIL, N. B. PATRIOT tells us that the "first fact" was said—Before the election Messrs. J. L. Bolster, of East Jaffrey, and S. I. Vose, of Peterborough, made a bet on the election, that the defeat of party should produce 30 lbs. of fresh fish and transport them by hand power to the village where his opponent resided, offering the same for sale, his opponent to accompany him, blowing the fish and taking the money. On the 22nd Mr. B. arrived with a corps of fifty Demo- cratic friends, with banners and badges. The Peterborough Band and a crowd of devoted men and the fish were packed on a decorated sled, drawn by Mr. B.'s friends. With a six-foot horn Mr. B. announced the fact for sale. Cannon were fired, speeches made and the fish sold, in the presence of about three thousand persons. A fish-chamber was served in the Town Hall to the contestants and their friends, and a free dance took place in the evening.

MATTERS IN GENERAL.
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LOCALS.
Personal.
Mr. J. J. J. is organizing his Concert party, preparatory to visiting St. John next month.

Sunday Services.
It is announced by advertisement that services "in the interest of Christian Education" will be preached to-morrow in the Wesleyan Church, as follows:—
Emouth St. Church, at 11 a. m., and German St. Church at 8 p. m., by Rev. Dr. Stewart. Portland Church, 11 a. m., and the Centenary at 8 p. m., by Rev. Mr. Barrows. We may state in this connection that public meetings in reference to the Sackville institutions will be held as follows:—
Cathedral Church, Monday evening at 7:45; Carlton Methodist Church, Tuesday evening at 7:30; Portland Methodist Church, Wednesday evening at 7:30. A collection will be taken up after each sermon, and at each meeting, in aid of the Funds of the Conference Educational Society.

Rev. James Bennet's evening discourse to-morrow will be specially addressed to the young people.

In the Duke St. Chapel there will be preaching by Elder Garrity to-morrow at 11 o'clock. Theme—"An Infallible Platform for Christian Union." Evening—"John the Baptist." Seats all free. Elder Garrity will preach in the Pitt St. Baptist Church to-morrow at 3 p. m.

Matrimonial.
Many of our readers will be interested to know that Mrs. William Crane, formerly of this place, was married at Christ's Church Cheltenham, England, on the 7th ult., to Dr. Richard Payne Cotton, of London. Dr. Cotton has a well known and distinguished local practitioner and as an author.—(Beckville Post.)

Promiscuous Kissing Parties.
The Provincial Temperance Commission's "promiscuous kissing parties" which a correspondent informs it are fashionable in some parts of the Province.

Nominations for Mayor.
Up to 3 o'clock, the only nominator for Mayor, filed with the Common Clerk, was that of Mr. Reed. The others would be in by 4 o'clock.

THOMAS M. REED.—Nominated by John Hagan, D. W. Clark, John Boyd, A. C. Crampton, John McSorley, J. Walter Scammell, Robert J. Leonard, Thomas McArthur and Thomas Furlong.

EDWARD ALDRIDGE.—Nominated by W. Jack, Geo. E. Seider, John McSorley, S. P. Wetmore, James J. Kaye.

SAMUEL J. GOLDING.—Nominated by Henry G. Hunt, John McLean.

ALAN ALDRIDGE.—Nominated by E. J. Kennedy, J. N. Wilson, S. B. Smith, E. H. Babbitt, Geo. W. Hilder, Henry Nass, Chas. W. Yall, Fred. H. Linde, Isaac Noble, W. H. Adair, John McCookery, W. H. Skinner, Thos. P. Traeman, G. A. Noble, Robert Stevens, X. Perry, G. Rix Price.

Utafr Treatment.
Last evening, Mr. Golding's eyes must have been opened to the folly of his running for the Mayorship. A number of his "friends," so called, assembled at the Ritz, Ritchie's Building, and presented a report, recommending his withdrawal from the race, in favor of Mr. Reed. The advice may have been good enough in itself, and the act, proceeding from those who have encouraged Mr. Golding to stand, "just for the fun of the thing," was of a piece with the arrangements for the night. These may, however, serve a useful purpose if they convince Mr. Golding of the uncertain character of the support on which he has been leaning, and deter him from the contest to which he has committed himself. These may, however, serve a useful purpose if they convince Mr. Golding of the uncertain character of the support on which he has been leaning, and deter him from the contest to which he has committed himself.

The Legislative Hall.
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