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### NOTICES.

**JAMES HOWARD COLLIS,**  
Dealer and Importer of  
**ENGLISH & AMERICAN  
HARDWARE,**  
Picture Moulding, Glass  
Looking Glass, Pictures  
Glassware, &c., &c.  
**TROUTING GEAR,**  
In great variety and best quality, WHOLE-  
SALE and RETAIL.  
**221 WATER STREET,**  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.  
One door East of P. HUGHES, Esq.  
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material, made to order.  
St. John's, May 10.

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### RESERVES & GROCERIES

Just Received and For Sale by  
the Subscriber—

Fresh Cove OYSTERS  
Spiced do.

PINE APPLES  
PEACHES

Strawberries—preserved in  
Syrup  
Brambleberries do.

—ALWAYS ON HAND—

A Choice Selection of  
**GROCERIES.**  
T. M. CAIRNS.

Opposite the Premises of Messrs. C.  
W. Ross & Co.  
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BOOK & STATIONERY DEPOT,

E. W. LYON, Proprietor.

Importer of British and American

**NEWSPAPERS**

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Constantly on hand, a varied selection of  
School and Account Books  
Prayer and Hymn Books for different de-  
nominations  
Music, Charts, Log Books, Playing Cards  
French Writing Paper, Violins  
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A large selection of Dime & Half Dime

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Lately appointed Agent for the OTTAWA  
PRINTING & LITHOGRAPH COMPANY  
Also, Agent for J. LINDBERG, Manu-  
facturing Jeweler.

A large selection of  
**CLOCKS, WATCHES**  
**MEERCHAUM PIPES,**  
**PLATED WARE,** and  
**JEWELRY** of every description & style  
Msy 14.

**THOMPSON,**  
AGENT FOR  
**Parsons' Purgative Pills.**

### NOTICES.

### PAINLESS! PAINLESS!! TEETH

Positively Extracted without  
Pain  
BY THE USE OF  
**NITROUS OXIDE GAS.**

A NEW AND PERFECTLY SAFE  
METHOD.

### Dr. LOVEJOY & SON,

OLD PRACTITIONERS OF DENTIS-  
TRY, would respectfully offer their  
services to the Citizens of St. John's, and  
the outports.

They can be found from 9 a.m. to 5  
p.m., at the old residence of Dr. George  
W. Lovejoy, No. 9, Cathedral Hill, where  
they are prepared to perform all Dental  
Operations in the most

Scientific and Approved Me-  
thod.

Dr. L. & Son would state that they  
were among the first to introduce the  
Anaesthetic (Nitrous Oxide Gas), and  
have extracted many thousand Teeth by  
its use

### Without producing pain,

with perfect satisfaction. They are still  
prepared to repeat the same process,  
which is perfectly safe even to Children.  
They are also prepared to insert the best  
Artificial Teeth from one to a whole Set  
in the latest and most approved style,  
using none but the best, such as  
received the highest Pre-  
miums at the world's Fair  
in London and Paris.

Teeth filled with great care and in the  
most lasting manner. Especial attention  
given to regulating children's Teeth.  
St. John's, July 9.

### GEORGE BOWDEN,

Repairer of Umbrellas and  
Parasols,

No. 1, LION SQUARE,

ST. JOHN'S, N. F.

THE SUBSCRIBER, in tendering  
thanks to his friends for the liberal  
patronage hitherto extended to him, begs  
to state that he may still be found at  
his residence, No. 1, Lion Square,  
where he is prepared to execute all  
work in the above line at the shortest  
notice, and at moderate rates.

All work positively finished by the  
time promised.

Outport orders punctually at-  
tended to.  
St. John's, Jan. 4.

172 WATER STREET, 172

### JAMES FALLON,

TIN, COPPER & SHEET-  
IRON WORKER,

BEGS respectfully to inform  
the inhabitants of Harbor Grace  
and outports that he has com-  
menced business in the Shop No.  
172 Water Street, Harbor Grace,  
opposite the premises of Messrs. Punton  
& Munn, and is prepared to fill all orders  
in the above lines, with neatness and  
despatch, hoping by strict attention to  
business to merit a share of public pa-  
tronage.

### JOBGING

Done at the Cheapest possible  
Terms.

Dec. 13.

### BLANK FORMS

Executed with NEATNESS  
and DESPATCH at the Office  
of this Paper.

### House of Assembly.

#### OFFICIAL REPORTS.

TUESDAY, Feb. 11, 1873.

The House met at 4 o'clock.

Captain Parsons presented a petition  
from the inhabitants of Placentia, which  
was received and read, praying for the  
establishment of a house of refuge at the  
South East Woods, near Placentia.

Captain Parsons, in moving that the  
petition lie on the table, stated that it  
was signed by the Clergyman and Magis-  
trate of Placentia, and by other leading  
inhabitants. A petition was presented to  
the House last year, praying for the same  
object as now sought for. A house of  
shelter was a thing of the greatest neces-  
sity to travellers to and from Placentia,  
a journey which was long and tedious,  
on which persons were exposed to inclement  
weather. He (Capt. P.) trusted that the  
Government would bestow upon the prayer  
of this petition that solicitude to pro-  
mote the benefit of the people which they  
had always hitherto manifested.

Hon. Premier would, without pledging  
the Government to the measure, support  
the prayer of that petition. The distance  
between Colinet and Placentia was above  
twenty miles, running through a bleak and  
open country with very little woods for  
shelter and not a house existed the whole  
of that distance, which had rendered dan-  
gerous for travellers during snow drifts, boisterous  
weather and rain.

Ordered that the petition lie on the  
table.

Hon. Mr. Carter presented a petition  
from the inhabitants of Fortune which  
was received and read, praying for a grant  
for the completion of a breakwater.

Hon. Mr. Carter, in moving that the  
petition lie on the table, would observe  
that if the people of Fortune had had the  
good fortune to be represented by the  
hon. Premier, they would have a much  
better chance of obtaining a favorable re-  
sponse to their petition than they could  
now hope for. Fortune was a settlement  
of considerable importance, and contained  
among its population, a large number of  
independent vessel owners. The people  
of that place had never drawn from the  
public funds money for purposes of poor  
relief, and as an equivalent for what was  
expended in this way in other districts,  
they now asked for a grant for a useful  
public work. He (hon. Mr. C.) hoped  
that the Government would give the pe-  
tition a favorable consideration.

Hon. Premier would assure the hon.  
member that he would warmly support  
the prayer of the petition. He believed  
the work would be very useful, and that  
it would be of great advantage to the  
fishermen in making the harbor of For-  
tune safer for shipping and the hon. Pre-  
mier would be disposed to favour an ap-  
propriation for this purpose out of the  
special grant for the district.

Ordered that the petition lie on the  
table.

Hon. Mr. Carter presented a petition  
from the inhabitants of Red Harbor, in  
the district of Burin, praying for a grant  
to build a breakwater.

Hon. Mr. Carter, in moving that the pe-  
tition lie on the table, would urge the  
favourable consideration of its prayer by  
the Government. The settlement from  
which it came was but comparatively  
small one, but so far it had received none  
of the public monies for any purpose  
whatever, and he (hon. Mr. C.) hoped that  
the present application would be favour-  
ably entertained.

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Parsons presented a petition from  
the Rev. M. Johnston and others, of  
Pouch Cove, on the subject of roads.

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Warren presented a petition from  
the inhabitants of Hants Harbor, which  
was received and read, praying for a grant  
to open up a road from Hants Harbor to  
a land called Still Waters, in the vicinity,  
which was considered to be well adapted  
for Agriculture. A report of the Deputy  
Crown Lands Surveyor, confirming the  
statements contained in the petition, and  
accompanying it, was also read.

Mr. Warren, in moving that the pe-  
tition lie on the table, would most earnestly  
support its prayer. The road sought for  
would be of the greatest benefit to the  
people of Hants Harbor, as it would en-  
able them to avail of the advantages of-  
fered by a tract of land known to possess  
great agricultural capabilities. Great im-  
portance had been attached, by hon.  
members who had supported the address  
in reply to His Excellency's speech, to  
the importance of opening up for settle-  
ment the fertile lands of the country by  
means of roads; but he (Mr. W.) was at a  
loss to know what had been done by the  
Government in that direction. The Gov-  
ernment had plumed themselves highly  
on their achievements in constructing  
roads, and thereby promoting agricul-  
ture; but he (Mr. W.) would challenge  
them to point out where any such im-  
provements had been effected. He would

deny that any credit was due to the Gov-  
ernment for what they had thus done, for  
no such useful works had been accom-  
plished with the exception of what was  
done by their predecessors. The only  
line of road constructed for many years  
past, which had served to develop an  
agricultural district of any considerable  
extent, was that from Gallows Cove Pond  
to Pouch Cove, in the district of St. John's  
East, which was the work of the late Gov-  
ernment. Instead of arrogating to them-  
selves credit for useful expenditure, in this  
respect, the present Government deserv-  
ed only the severest condemnation for  
wanting and useless expenditure for pur-  
poses of corruption. The so-called spe-  
cial grant for public improvements was a  
farce, and was used only as an instrument  
of political convenience and to promote  
party purposes. The hon. Premier had  
falsified the promises he had made in re-  
ference to this special grant. He had as-  
sured him (Mr. W.) that the members re-  
presenting the several districts would al-  
ways be consulted as to the appropriation  
of these votes, but that promise had been  
set at naught, and the representatives of  
the district he had the honor to repre-  
sent were not only ignored, but set at  
defiance. He (Mr. W.) did not so much  
blame as pity the hon. Premier, for his  
position in relation to this matter. He  
probably desired to act fairly and bene-  
ficially; but his wishes and directions were  
set at naught by his colleagues in the  
Ministry, and he, though nominally the  
Premier, was really a mere nonentity in  
the Government. He (Mr. W.) felt warm  
ly upon this question, for he knew and  
felt that his constituents had been wrong-  
ed. If he failed in obtaining a sum out  
of the special grant for the purpose now  
sought, he (Mr. W.) would take care that  
it would be provided for when the vote  
for main lines of roads came up for consid-  
eration.

Hon. Premier declined to accept the  
personal quarrel tendered him by the  
hon. member, Mr. Warren, but would at  
once speak to the subject before the  
House. In regard to the prayer of the  
petition he (hon. Premier) thought it  
was deserving of support. He knew the  
locality in question, and believed that the  
opening of the desired road would be of  
great benefit to the people of Hants Har-  
bor, a place where there was very little  
good agricultural land. The Government  
had already, at his (hon. Premier's) re-  
quest, consented to appropriate a sum for  
the opening of a new road to agricultural  
ground, whence the poor people were  
compelled to bring the potatoes out on  
their backs and in like manner to carry  
the manure in a distance of about a mile  
and a half. It is by such appropriations  
that the country is opened up and the  
land cultivated.

Hon. Chairman of Board Works said  
that the exceeding warmth of the hon.  
member, Mr. Warren, was due to some-  
thing not apparent in connection with the  
subject matter of the present petition,  
but to some other cause. His simulated  
indignation at the alleged misappropriation  
of the public monies, was in strange  
contrast with the state of matters as they  
existed when the hon. member had the  
expenditure of these road monies under  
his own control. [Here the hon. C.B.W.  
read from the accounts of the Board of  
Works, in the Journals of the Assembly  
for 1871, a list of amounts expended by  
authority of the then Chairman.] The  
hon. member ought to be more careful in  
his animadversions knowing what his own  
conduct was, when in office. Where was  
the hon. member last session? He had  
the dishonesty to walk into the House the  
last day of the session of this Legislature,  
and to pocket his sessional pay, which he  
never earned. There is of course an un-  
derstanding that if a member of this  
House takes his seat even for one day of  
the session, he can demand his pay, but  
it is a pity that such an injustice had not  
been met. The hon. members, Mr. Rorke,  
and Mr. Munn, and the other hon. mem-  
bers representing the outports were in  
their places watching the interests of  
their constituents. The object of the  
hon. member is well known. Understanding  
that there is to be a general election  
next fall, he thinks to make up for the  
deficiencies of the last session, by showing  
the interest, forsooth he is now taking in  
the district he represents. When the hon.  
and learned leader of the opposition com-  
plained of the treatment his district re-  
ceived at the hands of the Government,  
he would tell him, that the district of Bur-  
in received as much consideration from  
the hands of the Government as any dis-  
trict in the island. In the district of Bur-  
geo, there is a Harbor light in course of  
erection at Rose Blanche, and others will  
be erected at Burgeo, Harbor Breton, Bel-  
loram, and Cape St. Francis as soon as  
plans can be prepared, contracts entered  
into and workmen can be engaged to do  
the work. In Channel a Court House has  
been built and a Police force has been  
sent there. At Grand Bank a lockup has  
been lately built, as also a breakwater.  
In Bay-de-Verde district the Government  
have effected many improvements, and

he could with confidence state, that ex-  
cept the hon. member, the representative  
of the District, no person could take more  
interest in the welfare of that district than  
the hon. the Premier. Go to Bonavista  
Bay, and they would there find that the  
Government have not been wanting.  
They have erected a light on Puffin Is-  
land, to be illuminated on the 1st of  
March next, for the benefit of the sealers.  
And many similar improvements have  
been effected in the other districts of the  
Island. These advantages have been con-  
ferred for the preservation of the lives of  
the fishermen of the country. He did  
not think therefore that their was any  
well grounded cause of complaint against  
the acts of the present Government.

Mr. Warren had been accused of dis-  
honesty a few moments ago, by the Act-  
ing Chairman of the Board of Works, be-  
cause he had last session received his ses-  
sional pay, whilst at the same time he ad-  
mits that if he (Mr. W.) had sat but one  
hour in the house during the session he  
was entitled to his pay. Where then was  
the dishonesty in such a proceeding? He  
would now ask the hon. Acting Chairman  
of the Board of Works whether or not  
the Volunteer money, which has been  
surreptitiously taken from the public  
treasury, has been refunded? Nor can  
the people forget the fifty pounds fire  
sufficers money, fraudulently pocketed  
by the now acting Chairman of the Board  
of Works after the great fire of 1846. The  
fact of the committee of enquiry being  
refused shows there is a great fear of in-  
vestigation. He knew facts connected  
with the present Board of Works that  
would paralyze the feelings of any honest  
man, eye, even the humblest man walking  
our streets. He had been taunted by the  
hon. member for matters connected with  
the Board, whilst he (Mr. W.) was Chair-  
man of the Board of Works. Now he  
he would challenge him to investigate the  
accounts, and if he found money illegiti-  
mately employed he would give him  
liberty to malign him, eye, even expel  
him from the floors of the House. He  
would defy him to do it. He stood in the  
House with an unblemished character.  
None can accuse him of wilful misapprop-  
riation of one shilling of the revenues  
of the country. He could flatter him-  
self that whilst he was Chairman of the  
Board there never had been persons  
knocking at the door of the office in vain  
for relief. He had gone so far as to give  
them relief from his own pocket in their  
distress. Now it is not the case; it is denied  
them. Where then after such large  
revenues, is the money gone? It is gone  
into the pockets of those who have no  
right to it. He will soon tell this House  
and the country where the money is  
gone. He will show up the acting Chair-  
man of the Board to the country in his  
true character. He will make him before  
long eat the humble pie. Is it just, is it  
creditable he would ask, to have the  
brother-in-law of the Chairman as pay  
master of the Board? Was he [Mr. W.]  
whilst he was head of the Board guilty of  
an act such as that?

Mr. Rendell had much pleasure in sup-  
porting the prayer of the Petition, and  
he trusted that it would receive every  
consideration from the hands of the Gov-  
ernment. The hon. acting Chairman of  
the Board of Works had stated that the  
different members had been consulted  
as to the manner in which to appropriate  
the special grants. Now, he would de-  
clare before the house that he never was  
consulted, nor does he know in what  
manner they were disposed of. The ses-  
sion before last circular letters were ad-  
dressed to the different members as to  
the appropriation of these special grants  
and as far as he and his colleagues were  
concerned, the communication addressed  
by them to the Government on that oc-  
casion received little or no attention.  
Last session he had not been consulted  
about the special grant, and it is not all  
creditable to the Chairman of the Board  
of Works or the Government not to have  
taken the views of the members upon the  
question.

Mr. Carter had no idea when this pe-  
tition was introduced that it would have  
engaged the time and attention of the  
house so long. But he was not sorry for  
it and if he were only to use the clas-  
sical language of the Acting Chairman  
of the Board uttered on the first day of  
the session, he would say that it were far  
better that hon. member had "kept his  
tongue in his cheek." The hon. member  
Mr. Warren took his members pay last  
session. What a charge! What did the  
members of the Executive do. They  
gave up their sessional pay the first year  
in office, and reduced the salaries of the  
poor officials of the House. The very  
next year what did they do? They took  
their sessional pay.

Hon. Major Renouf—That is not true,  
Mr. Carter. That is true. "The in-  
tegrity of my conduct no man can im-  
peach. I want a select committee to ex-  
amine into the accounts of the Board of  
Works." These are the words of the hon.  
member, and when that select committee  
was asked for on yesterday, it was refus-