BUSINESS NOTICE.

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The Daily Tribune.

ST. JOHN, N. B., APRIL 16, 1872.

Attack on the Inter-Colonial Railway Commissioners.

A correspondent of the Toronto *Globe* has given the Railway Commissioners timely notice of charges to be preferred against them during the current Session of Parlament. The writer appears to be tolerably conversant with the subject of the construction of the Road, especially with the Nova Scotia section,—a circumstance from which we infer that he is a Maritime man and probably a discharged Engineer. He describes the original difficulties between Chief Engineer Fleming and the Commissioners. Of the former he alleges that "Comparatively little was known of Mr. Fleming before his employment as Chief Engineer on the Nova Scotia Railway, where his enemies accuse him, first of ruining the contractors and then taking the contract himself and making a fortune out of it, the new Chief Engineer practically acting only as his tool." The Commissioners he charges with embarrassing their Engineer in every possible manner. "The Commissioners first act was to destroy every printed form of tender or contract which had the Chief Engineer's signature, and get up new forms, from which his name was rigidly excluded. He was himself excluded from their counsels, snubbed and generally treated as a nonentity, a state of affairs which they took little pains to conceal, even when on their periodical champagne picnics along the line. His recommendation not being noticed, Mr. Fleming was obliged to have recourse to separate reports to Government." He alludes also to the important dispute between the Commissioners and the Government Engineer as to whether the contracts should be let by a schedule of prices or in lump sums, the Commissioners favoring and carrying the latter. He alleges that this decision was most disastrous to the earlier contractors, who were finally obliged in many instances to throw up their contracts, and that these were subsequently taken by contractors to whom the Commissioners allowed the fullest latitude in spite of the remonstrances of the Engineering Staff. Of the treatment the Staff received the writer says:—

That the enmity above described continued at least to near the close of last year, is proved by the fact that the sweeping discharge of the whole staff of the Nova Scotia district, made, it is said, in order to get rid of the District Engineer, who was obnoxious to some of the contractors, was resolved upon, when Fleming was himself present in Ottawa, without consulting or even notifying him of their resolution, which they left him to find out for himself from the parties dismissed on his subsequent visit to that part of the line.

Another wholesale dismissal from the Staff,—not altogether unmerited, we should say,—took place as here described:—

That this cumbersome and expensive organization was partly due to the Chief Engineer there can be no doubt; but that the Commissioners persistently denied every measure tending to make it efficient, there is equally little doubt. With a perverseness that would be wonderful if the motive were not so apparent, they were flooding the work with a motley crew of farmers, mechanics, ex-M. P. P's, Editors, boys, &c., in the shape of pod-men and chainmen, at the same time that they were checking the real workers. These rod and chainmen, nine-tenths of whom never saw an instrument for surveying, nor knew a line of mathematics, having received their diplomas from the Commissioners became straightway engineers, and added highly to the repute of the staff. They were paid about double the salary usual to the class, but as from unfitness they had little to do, amusement became so expensive that their pay was kindly increased, and "all things were beautiful" until a Bathurst senator, Mr. Ferguson, becoming jealous of his social prerogatives, demolished the happy dream by a furious attack upon the Commissioners on one of their jolly picnics, which nearly frightened them out of their senses. They promised amendment, and a general decimation of the staff was ordered; for all were included in the generic term "Engineer." The Commissioners did not bother their heads to distinguish between workers and drones, they took the simple course of discharging those who had no friends and retaining those who had, reinstating any who by mistake had been classed under the former head. The impolicy of this proceeding was only equalled by its cruelty, for the unfortunate men were dismissed at the beginning of winter without a penny of compensation. The hardship to many was extreme, they having incurred necessary debts in their new homes which they depended on their future pay for the means of meeting.

The writer puts it very strongly that the Commissioners have of late been building the road without respect to Engineering advice and that the contractors are really masters of the situation. His allusions, we imagine, have special reference to the Nova Scotia sections. He is particularly severe on Commissioner McLellan, of whom he alleges that he is the actual contractor for No. 7, on which section McLellan's nephew is Engineer in Charge. He assails personally each of the Commissioners and finds motives for wrong doing in each instance. His sketch of Commissioner Chandler is quite graphic and but slightly malicious:—

Mr. Chandler is a fussy old man, without an entire idea in his head (unless a strong instinct for looking out for No. 1 may be so called), but a large number of half ideas. Being unable to sit still, think of or listen to anything more than five minutes at a time, his mind is a jumble of half-fledged, jumped-at conclusions, picked up from chance remarks that fall from those with whom he converses like a human magpie, which bird, indeed, he not a little resembles. Of course he is opinionative, and has contributed not a little to make a mess of matters by his interference, but is totally helpless and confused when difficulties have to be combatted. He appears to have devoted what intellect he has to the advancement of Moncton. His influence succeeded in defeating Fleming's cheaper, shorter and better line, which, starting from Amherst, would have avoided the dangerous tidal streams, Missequash, Au Lac and Tantramar, and the intricate line of road between Amherst and Moncton now existing, on which the history of the winter traffic since its opening has been but a series of smash-ups, delays and mishaps. At the present moment the ice has so fractured one of the piers of the Tantramar bridge that traffic has been suspended, and will be extremely hazardous until it can be rebuilt, which will take the greater part of the ensuing summer. We are required to believe that Mr. Chandler's affection for Moncton is quite disinterested; he tells with a peculiar glee how that being accused of owning the greater part of that town, an investigation was made into the records, which showed that he did not own a foot of land there; nobody of course ever heard of the dodge of holding land through men of straw, or covering property with private mortgages. If ever the Intercolonial is finished, perhaps a re examination of the records may show him to have suddenly acquired a more lively personal interest in the place.

The writer winds up with an indictment containing sixteen counts, in which the same charge is stated in several different ways; and the *Globe* endorses the document and scatters it broadcast throughout the Dominion. The Commissioners, in their report, will probably meet many of these charges; and as their statement will shortly be issued the country and Parliament will soon be put in possession of all the facts necessary to frame a verdict.

Points of Difference.

The Ottawa *Free Press*, in enumerating the good qualities of the new Governor General, indulges in a few hits of Lord Lisgar. It announces that Lord Dufferin "has shown himself a careful, thoughtful, and kind landlord, considerate towards his tenants, and taking an intelligent and active interest in the management of his estates, not content to leave them in the hands of bailiffs." The point of the rebuke is found in the fact that Lord Lisgar's course has been the exact opposite, his bailiffs, having performed unnecessary acts of cruelty, while his Lordship has been in Canada, their course having been approved by Lord Lisgar when appealed to on the subject. Another alleged point of difference between the two noblemen is connected with a subject on which Ottawa society is very sensitive. "When Lord Dufferin comes to Canada, says the *Free Press*, "it is probable that the modest buildings of Rideau Hall will assume a gayer and more festive appearance than they have been wont to wear, and be as much associated with mirth and social enjoyment as with viceregal dignity. In such a case the fifty thousand dollars a year voted to the office will not be grudged or considered too much." Ottawa society will never forgive Lord and Lady Lisgar for the comparative seclusion in which they have lived; and the politicians claim to have equally good ground for complaint in the quality of his wine on State occasions.

It was Hon. Mr. Peters, Congressman from Maine, a friend of President Grant's Administration, who is the author of the movement in Congress to abandon the claim for "indirect damages." The resolution is to the effect that in the opinion of the House the claims for indirect damages should be considered to be waived, and that the claims for such damages are incompatible with the terms and provisions of the treaty, and that the propositions contended for in respect to the obligations of neutrals are unsound and incompatible with American precedent and the genius of American institutions. If this resolution is reported and passed, the position of the treaty will be, of course, materially changed.

☞ The Toronto *Globe*, after serving up for its readers THE TRIBUNE's statistics of ship building in this Province, remarks:—"New Brunswick, with its hardy and "cheap spruce ships, constructed with the "best mechanical skill, bids fair to hold "its prestige as a leader in this commer-"cial industry."

MATTERS IN GENERAL.

Prayer by Telegraph.

(Car. N. Y. Paper.)

The prayer meeting in Fulton street is a sensitive barometer of the religious world of the United States. The attendance has increased fifty per cent. since the 1st of Feby., and the exercises are marked by uncommon zest. Daily instances of awakening conversion occur among persons present. Reports of new revivals and conversions are sent in daily from churches in different parts of the country, from which had previously come requests for prayer. A number of daily union prayer meetings send greetings, and desire prayer for their permanence. I looked in the other day at 12.55 o'clock (the hour for closing), as a gentleman rose saying: "I too, am from the West; and I want to tell you of something I lately witnessed there that has thrilled my heart. During the late convention of Young Men's Christian Association in Zanesville, Ohio, daily dispatches were passing by telegraph between associations in different parts of the country and the convention.

An operator at Zanesville, who received and transmitted the messages, was invited to the devotional meeting, and carelessly consented to go in. It was but a few minutes before he was seized with the conviction that he was a perishing sinner, and rose to ask prayer for himself. Before that meeting closed, he rose again, and with great joy declared his faith in the Saviour, saying that he felt as certain that God had forgiven his sins as that he stood there. Shortly after a delegate, who had been to Zanesville, returned to Cincinnatti and told the story. An operator in the Cincinnatti office heard of it. He said to himself, "That's a rather sensational story, and I don't believe it." During an idle hour in the office it occurred to him to test the story. So he called Zanesville. Zanesville answered, and he asked the question: "Was an operator converted in the Christian Association Convention in your place the other day? "Yes," was the answer, "and I am the man." "Are you a Christian?" "No." "Then come with me to Christ. I want to pray with you. Will you kneel down now and pray for yourself while I pray for you?" "All right." Then (continued the speaker) they closed that telegraphic circuit, and opened one with heaven! God answered. The soul of the operator was converted, and the next evening he went into the meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association, told his story and confessed his faith. Names, dates and references were given to vouch for this strange story, and as the speaker concluded another jump ed up in a remote corner by the door and said, "I want to say one word!" The leader said no, and was giving out the closing verse, but the stranger persisted, and said, "I can confirm every word of the story just told for I was present myself at that telegraphic prayer meeting."

— It is well known that the statistics published by the French government in regard to the fisheries of the country are very detailed and extremely accurate, in this respect far exceeding those of any other nation. Both the English and Americans are very much behind them in this matter, rendering it extremely difficult to obtain the necessary data for judging of the actual importance and absolute value of the trade carried on in this connection. In a recent number of the *Revue Maritime et Coloniale* we find a report of the maritime fisheries of the French for 1870, from which we learn that about 12,000 men were engaged in the cod-fisheries during the year, of whom 7000 were in the waters of Newfoundland and 5000 in those of Iceland. The shore fisheries employed over 57,000 men and 31,000 women and children, making the total number of persons occupied 101,594. During the same period 188 vessels were employed in the Newfoundland fisheries, and 299 in those of Iceland, while the shore fisheries required 17,110, or a total of 17,597. The tonnage of the vessels engaged in the cod-fisheries amounted to about 56,000 tons, and that of all of them together to 150,127 tons. These figures exhibit a slight reduction from those of 1869, due, of course, to the disturbance of popular industries caused by the Franco-German war. The total value of the products of the sea for 1870 was estimated at about $12,000,000.

— Mr. Bass, the great English brewer, whose pale ale runs down the throats of fifty millions of people, recently told the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when the brewers' deputation waited upon him, that he (Bass) paid to the government $450,000 a year in the shape of brewer's license, for which he got not one penny back. Upon this the London *Morning News* sharply comments as follows: "When we find a Buxton dying under fifty and leaving personalty alone (besides large estates) to the extent of $1,250,000, and when we find a Bass a millionaire, albeit he give away to the Chancellor of the Exchequer $450,000 a year, the public will hardly be brought to believe that the condition of the brewer is very hard."

— There was much festivity at Cavers wall on the occasion of the return home of Mr. and Mrs. Radcliffe and Lady Doughty, after the close of the great Tichborne case. At the entrance to Caverswall Castle, the seat of Mr. Radcliffe, there were triumphal arches, the village bells rang merrily, there was processioning, dining, general festivities, and a display of fireworks. The public is prone to consider that the huge cost of the Tichborne trial goes intact into the pockets of the lawyers. As far as counsel are concerned, it is believed the fees paid by the defence constitute somewhat less than one-fifth of the expenditure. The Attorney-General received £6,000, Mr. Hawkins, Q. C., rather more than £5,000, and so on in proportion.

— Dr. Hartwell Carver, of Pittsford, New York, was thirty years ago an enthusiast about a railway to the Pacific, and long devoted his energies exclusively to that project. Feeling that others reaped the harvest of his sowing, he has erected in Mount Hope Cemetery, Rochester, in advance of his death, a monument, costing $8,500, setting forth that Dr. Carver is descended from John Carver, who came over in the *Mayflower* in 1620; that he was the father of the Pacific Railroad; that he spent years in endeavoring to impress upon the minds of his countrymen the possibility of the accomplishment of that great work; and that he lived to see his scheme adopted and practically carried out.

— Not long since the measles broke out among the Ute Indians, who are of the mountain tribes of Utah, Colorado, and Northern Mexico. The papooses died, and the medicine man was in demand. Incantations and drum-beating did not mitigate the disease, and finally the chief of the tribe demanded of the Indian doctor why he did not stop it. In vain the poor fellow attributed it to the dissatisfaction of the Great Spirit at some irregularities of the Utes; in vain he redoubled his incantations and monkey dances: the papooses still died rapidly. At last the chiefs "held a smoke," and concluded that the medicine man was no good, and at sunrise one fine morning they led him out just back of the camping ground and shot him.

— Reports indicate that Chicago is being rebuilt with unwise and unsafe haste. Energy and enthusiasm are invaluable qualities, but there is a haste which is "waste." Buildings should be stable and fire-proof as far as possible. Yet it is said that frame buildings are rapidly going up in Chicago; and not only so, but many of them are constructed of unseasoned wood, and, of course, soon will become unstable.

— It is said that corkscrews have sunk more than corkjackets have ever saved.

THE SLEEPING LADY.

She lay upon a bed of thyme,
Within a dim, umbrageous nook,
Amid wild rose and eglantine,
Beside the music of a brook.
The branches met above her head,
And screened her from the glowing sky,
While blithe birds twittered round her bed,
And sang a pleasant lullaby.
It was a strangely witching place,
Such freshness lingered in the air,
And seemingly the elfin race
Had held their nightly revels there.
A rustic fountain's tinkle low
Fell softly on the listener's ear,
And bright fish darted to and fro,
And sported in the waters clear.
This was her haunt; her loosened hair
In golden wealth around her lay;
Her eyes were closed, but on her fair
And tempting lips a smile did play.
Then I approached with stealthy tread;
Bent o'er her form—soon all was o'er,
My dreams dispelled, away I went,
For I could swear I heard her snore!

LOCALS.

New Ferry Boat.

It is expected the new Ferry Boat "Western Extension" will make her first trip on Saturday next.

Academy of Music.

The intention now is to open the Academy of Music May 6th. It is not leased yet.

Personal.

Hon. W. S. Caie left for Kent County in the morning train to Shediac.

The Steamer "New England"

arrived at Eastport at ten minutes after 11 this morning. She is due here about 5 p. m.

New Wooden Screw Steamer.

The hull of the wooden screw steamer to run between St. John and Boston next summer, now building in Fisher's Yard, Lower Cove, is nearly completed.

Emery & Co.'s new Vessel.

A novelty not seen in Carleton for some time is daily assuming larger proportions; the large barque Mr. Wellington Ring is building for Oliver Emery & Co., of Saint John. Carleton rejoices in the general shipbuilding prosperity of the Dominion.

A Good Measure.

The proposed sewer of Councillor Jarvis, which he submitted to the Portland Town Council last night will be highly beneficial to the low swampy ground from the Skating Rink to the Marsh Bridge. It has been a want the necessity of which has been felt for a long time.

New Tug Steamer.

A very highly finished, handsomely built tug steamer arrived at this port yesterday afternoon from New York. She was bought there by her present owner and Captain, Mr. John Callaghan, for $10,000 gold. She is intended for the North Shore, and will be the best steamer of the kind there. She is 52 tons register.

Entertainments To-night.

Readings by John March, Esq., in the basement of the Leinster St. Baptist Church.—Bishop's Serenaders at the Mechanic's Institute—Y. M. C. A. Social Readings by Messrs. Willet, Quinn and Knowles, at their rooms, corner Union and Charlotte streets.—Industrial School Conversazione at Victoria Hotel.

Mutual Base Ball Club.

The executive officers of the Mutual Base Ball Club for the ensuing year are:—J. F. Hennigar, P. A. Melville, and Jas. Lane, Directors. P. A. Melville, Captain; S Reed, President; W. D. Stephen, Vice-President; W. W. Carr, Sec.-Treasurer. Fourteen members comprise the Club.

Bishop's Serenaders To-night.

This troupe of Ethiopean delineators open at the Institute to night. They come well recommended by American papers, and now is the time when a real good, side splitting, amusing entertainment would do a great deal of good by diverting the minds of the people from the gloomy state of affairs superinduced by the chronic snow storms all winter. In their bills they say they are "gentlemen by birth and education." If so, such a modest announcement ought to guarantee a respectable entertainment.

Militia General Orders.

62nd St. John Battalion of Infantry—to be Paymaster, Capt. and Paymaster Charles Campbell; to be Quartermaster Brevet Major Michael W. Maher; to be Surgeon, Sylvester Z. Earle, Assistant Surgeon, Thomas J. Otty Earle, Brevet; to be Lieutenant-Col., Major George Hamilton Pick, Garrison Artillery, from 7th November, 1871; to be Majors, Capt. Michael W. Maher, 62nd Batt., from 17th September, 1871; and Capt. Jacob Daye Underhill, Adjutant, N. B. Brigade Garrison Artillery, from 2nd January.

New Joint Stock Company.

The gentlemen who got the bill through the Legislature for the incorporation of a Company to build the "Alexandra Hotel," bathing houses, &c., have not as yet contracted with any one for those edifices. The Bay Shore, Carleton, is the place designated, for the Hotel, in the vicinity of the properties of T. McCarthy, A. H. DeMill and other parties.

Steamer "Emperor."

The large boiler for the steamer "Emperor" was put aboard on Saturday at York Point Slip, where the steamer now lies. The boiler was manufactured by Dugald McLachlan & Sons The shell is 11 feet 4 inches in diameter, 21 feet in length, over all. The furnaces are 7 feet 6 inches in length, and 5 feet wide; there are 12 flues from 20 inches to 10 inches in diameter, and 98 return tubes 4½ inches in diameter. A large gang of men are on the steamer and Mr. Clements expects to get her on the route by the 1st of May. She is a much stronger boat now than when first built. Nothing in the way of iron, copper and wood has been spared to strengthen her.

Fairall & Smith's New Store.

A new plate glass front, iron pillars, and highly polished walnut window frames put into the lower story of Messrs. Fairall & Smith's dry goods store on Prince William street last night, has changed the store from being ancient in appearance to a handsome and modern place of business.—The whole lower front has been taken out; the granite pillars removed and the changes made under the supervision of Mr. D. E, Dunham, architect. The walnut frames on each side of the door are filled with one sheet of plate glass, measuring 7 ft 6 in. by 4 ft. 6½ in. A new cornice will also be placed over the front, and a new roof put on the building. A new style of patent awning when it arrives from England will keep the pavement shady in summer. With all these improvements and the energy manifested by this new firm, they will no doubt do the large and profitable business they deserve.

Merchants' Exchange.

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

Montreal, April 15.—Flour at Liverpool, 26s. a 26s. 6d. Red Wheat, 10s. 8d. a 11s

New York Flour Market dull; common to good Exchange State $6 95 a $7.65.

Pork firm. $13 62 a $13.75 new.

Grain freights 4d

No meeting of the Board to-day.

New York, April 16.—Gold opened at 111.

Meeting of Portland Town Council.

A special meeting of the Council was held last evening. The following is the distribution of the various offices for the year:—

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

Fire—Jarvis, Stevens, Hillyard, Strang.

Street—Burpee, Jarvis, Strang, Jordan, Wilson, Hillyard, Shaw, Stevens.

Accounts — Austin, Nevins, Jordan, Fisher.

Ferry—Shaw, Austin, Stevens.

Assessment — Burpee, Jarvis, Strang, Wilson, Austin.

Police — Burpee, Hillyard, Stevens, Strang.

Light—Snider, Shaw, Wilson, Jordan.

Finance—Burpee, Fisher, Hillyard, Jordan.

License—Snider, Wilson, Stevens, Jordan.

Buildings — Harris, Nevins, Snider, Fisher.

Bye Laws—Jarvis, Austin, Fisher, Burpee.

Town Officers—The Chairman and the whole Council.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Commissioner of Streets—Robert Nelson.

Constables — Jacob Pidgeon, Thomas Selfridge and John Miles.

Clerk of the Market—William Irvin.

Pound Keepers—John Long, Joseph C. Wood, A. McCann, Edward Lowell, Hugh Morris and David Munroe.

The appointments of Harbor Master and Assessors will be made next Monday evening.

Victoria Hotel Conversazione.

A number of invited guests will participate in a highly entertaining evening's enjoyment at the Victoria Hotel to night, when readings, addresses, and music will be furnished by Messrs. Boyd, Caie, Carey, Burpee and Armstrong. Mrs. Perley will sing; there will be vocal and instrumental music by others. This entertainment will be given for the benefit of the Industrial School, one of the most deserving of our City charities. Below we give the programme:—

1. Address—By the President.
2. Chorus — "Chough and Crow" — Bishop.
3. Solo—"Song of the Captive Greek Girl," Hobbs.
4. Address—Rev. Mr. Caie, Secretary.
5. Duet—"The Hunter's Song," Kuchen.
6. Piano Solo Waltz—Sultani Fatima.
7. Address—Rev. Mr. Carey.
8. Reading—Mr. Boyd.

COLLECTION.

9. Quartette—"Calm, Healthy Slumbers."
10. Address—Mr. Burpee, Treasurer.
11. Address—Rev. G. M. Armstrong.
12. Pass Solo, The Storm Wind.
13. Solo—"I'm a Merry Zingara"—Balfe —by Mrs. Perley.
14. Address—Rev. Mr. Pope.
15. Quartette—"The Mover of Time,"—Baker.

God Save the Queen.

Hour 8 o'clock.

Guests will please come to the Ladies' entrance, Duke Street. If any friends of the Institution desiring to be present have not received Tickets they may be had on application at Mr. Hall's Book Store, or at the office of the Hotel.

First Trip of the Season.

The "City of St. John" which left here for St. Andrews and Stephen on Saturday got up the river easily, the ice having all run out. She arrived here yesterday afternoon, and will leave again to morrow morning at eight o'clock. The people of St. George who have been accustomed to visits from this steamer found themselves unable to take advantage to any extent last summer of the railways owing to the want of a tug to connect. They thought themselves ill treated because the Government made no appropriations. This year they will be allowed a subsidy of $800 for any small steamer they put on to connect from the town of St. George, to the mouth of the river, a distance of four miles. Such communication is badly wanted, as the only regular communication at present between St. George and the rest of the world is by stage. The large shipping and lumbering interests of the place require something better than that.

"New Brunswickers Abroad."

We notice by the Ottawa *Free Press* that the Y. M. C. Association of that city, a few evenings ago, held the first of a series of conversaziones. There were devotional exercises, music, conversation, and the reading of original papers. Among others who were called upon to take part, Mr. J. E. B. McCready read an original paper, calculated to interest and amuse, throughout which were many lines of thought worthy of more than a passing notice. Mr G. C. Haney, B. A., read a carefully prepared paper on "Donors and their Gifts," the leading points of which were that every living being is constantly giving to the world gifts which shall result for weal or woe. Example was stronger than material gifts.

Commercial College Examinations.

A large number of merchants and those interested in commercial education attended the public examination at Mr. Eaton's College in Ritchie's building yesterday afternoon. Difficult problems in Book keeping, Joint Stock Companies, Banking and Arithmetic were readily solved by the pupils. A practical knowledge of business is what Mr. Eaton seeks to inculcate, and large numbers of his graduates hold important positions in large establishments in various parts of the United States and Canada. A. McLeod, Sussex; J. Brecken, Charlottetown, and Walter Dobson, Rockland, received diplomas.

The "Scud."

Messrs. Small & Hatheway intend to place the "Scud" temporarily on the route between St. John, Digby and Annapolis, and the "Empress" will be docked and overhauled. The latter vessel has been running almost a year without intermission As soon as she is repainted, and otherwise prepared for a new season, the "Scud" will be taken out and thoroughly fitted up for the route. It is probable that the "Scud" will make her first trip over the Bay on Saturday next. A new wheel house is in course of erection on the "Scud."

☞ The last steamer for Portland this season, the *North American*, left Liverpool on the 11th instant; and the first steamer for Quebec, the *Scandinavian*, leaves on the 18th.

Common Council.

A meeting of the Board was held in the Council Chamber to-day at 11 a. m., the Mayor in the chair.

The returns for the election of Mayor were opened and read. The total number of votes for each being, T. M. Reed 1058, Aaron Alward 845, Edward Allison 370.

On motion of Ald. McCordock T. M Reed, Esq., was declared duly elected Mayor of St. John for the ensuing year.

Mr. Sandall gave bonds for ensuing year.

Report of Harbor Committee read, received and adopted.

Report of Finance Committee recommending that the salary of W. F. Bunting be increased to $1,500 was ordered to be received.

Pier Committee's report read and received.

Petition of Wm. Firth asking to be appointed to Board of Portwardens read, and referred to Board of Portwardens Committee, together with appointment of Portwardens.

Messrs. Corr and Cusick, contractors of Dorchester street extension, applied for payment of $2,000. On motion payment was ordered.

A petition of R. T. Clinch. Esq., asking that an asphalt sidewalk be laid down in front of the two stores at Barlow's corner. was read and referred to the Street Committee.

The list of election expenses and a number of other bills were read, a portion of them were filed and the remainder ordered to be paid.

On motion of Ald. McCordock it was ordered that the Chamberlain be empowered to collect side wharfage of South Rodney Wharf, in front of Lot K.

The usual appointments of civic officers for the different Wards for the ensuing year were made.

The petition of Oliver Emery asking to be appointed on Board of Portwardens was referred to Portwardens Committee.

On motion it was ordered that the sum of $100 each be paid the members of the East and West Side from their respective funds.

On motion the members of the new board were duly sworn in.

Alderman Duffell was appointed Chairman of board for ensuing year.

The usual Committees were appointed.

Alderman Kerr was added to Board of Portwardens Committe.

On motion the Board adjourned.

The Roads.

The Quaco Mail is carried on runners yet. The road all the way out is reported to be in very bad condition. Alternate snow, water and mud are in abundance. In some parts the snow is three or four feet deep, in other places the mud is just as deep. Small streams of varying depth, from six inches to three feet, complete the scene along the road. The inhabitants of the fair town of Quaco are thinking seriously of putting a small steamer on the route. The summer travel to Quaco, if such a boat were put on, would be of large magnitude, and excursion parties would find no pleasanter summer retreat in New Brunswick wherein to spend a few days.

Benefit for the "Home."

A Grand Concert will be given Friday evening for the benefit of the Home, at the Institute. Tickets 50 cents—to be had at the usual places.

At the International.

Bishop's Serenaders arrived in town today from Fredericton, and are stopping at the International Hotel.

In Judge Tapley's Court

The Crawford-Kinsman school whipping case is occupying the attention of Judge Tapley's Court, Portland, this afternoon.

— The first Charleston strawberries sold in New York on Saturday at $2.50 to $3 per quart.

City Police Court.

The crowd was large and varied at Judge Gilbert's Justice dealing abode this morning. Ethiopians, Austrians and English, Irish and Scotch contributed their quota of victims to the general fund.

Joseph Gardner, P. E. I. drunk and wandering about Brussels St., sent to Hospital.

Edward O'Connor, 30, N. B., drunk and disorderly on Ward St., charged by James O'Connor, with assaulting him fined $6.

Robert Smith, 17, N. B., drunk on Union St., fined $4

John Glone, 22, drunk on Ferry Boat, fined $4.

Ann Jenkins, drunk fighting and shouting, fined $8.

George Britney, 28, N. B., drunk and one of a disorderly crowd on Brussels St., fined $8.

Alexander Diggs, 18, striking an old man on Pitt St., fined $10.

Edward Scribner, 25, N. B., drunk on Germain St., let go Saturday.

George Stack, 22, drunk, and fighting, fined $10.

Charles Crawford, 22, drunk and disorderly on Water St, let go.

John Wilson, 26, N. B, lying drunk on Queen St., let go.

Daniel Hayes, 28, N. B., lying asleep in a hall off Water St., let go.

Alice Doherty, 35, Ireland, drunk on Mill St, let go.

Wm. Cashman, 30, N. B., drunk and incapable on Germain St., let go.

John Curran, 32, N. B., lying drunk in a hall off Sheffield St., let go.

Christopher and Quastia, two Austrian sailors, had a quantity of luggage in their possession, and not giving a satisfactory account of themselves, remanded for trial.

Portland Police Court.

Jas. McGrath drunk on the Public highway. Fined $4 or 5 days jail.

Original Poetry.

George Stewart, (Chemist) in advertising Cunningham's Cough Cure in the papers, expounds its merits in nursery rhymes. This remedy is worthy the Poet's notices, but still more of those who suffer from coughs, colds, weak lungs, &c.

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PRIEST vs. SENATOR.

The Church Triumphant.

Before Sheriff Harding and a Special Jury, a case came up at the Court House yesterday afternoon, in which the Morris property, in the Parish of Lancaster, was involved, and the Rev. Mr. McGuirk and the Hon. James Dever the contestants.

The facts of the case are these:—Some few years ago, during the life time of the late Hugh Morris, he gave a bill of sale to a man named Morrison, a spar manufacturer, for a thousand dollars worth of his personal property, on his farm in the Parish of Lancaster. Morris, at the time, was involved, and Morrison did not put the bill into effect at the time. The real estate of Morris, about the same time, was sold to the Rev. Mr. McGuirk, a brother-in-law of his. Morris has all the time remained in possession of the property. The trustees of B. Lingley's estate, to which Morris was indebted. in endeavoring to collect the debt, were estopped by the bill of sale held by Hamilton, and they were convinced that it was a *bona fide* one.

But the Hon. James Dever who is also a brother-in law of Morris, claims that Morris owed him something like $1200, and he did not think the claim of Hamilton was valid, but in the meantime while Dever had been instituting preliminary legal proceedings Father McGuirk heard of this bill of sale, and purchased it from Hamilton for $700. In order to test its validity, Dever indemnified E. McLeod, Esq., official assignee, and threw the Morris estate into the Bankrupt Court. C. W. Weldon, Esq. appeared for the assignee and A. L. Palmer, for Rev. Mr. McGuirk. The jury heard all the evidence with reference to Hamilton receiving the bill of sale, and its validity being acknowledged by Lingley's trustees, also of its purchase by Father McGuirk, and the various monies advanced by him for the benefit of his sister Mrs. Morris, on the real estate of Morris. Mr. Weldon made some disparaging allusions to Morrison in the course of his evidence which aroused that gentleman's angry passions and he made a rush at the learned Counsel, but the Sheriff stepped between them, and prevented him inflicting any damage. Mr. Weldon made a lengthy speech in which he endeavored to convey the impression that Morrison's bill of sale was not a valid one. Mr. McGuirk assured the Jury through Mr. Palmer that he was prepared to pay every honest claim against the estate of Morris. The Jury after giving the case every consideration decided in favor of Mr. McGuirk's claim.

Great was the fall Thereof.

A couple courting near a pile of wood at the Railway Station at Shediac the other day, were disturbed in their cooings and wooings by the precipitation of the pile on their devoted heads. They were buried alive, and cried lustily for help, which soon attracted attention. When rescued they were luxuriating in the fondest embraces,

Wi' mony a fond and locked embrace,
Their parting was fu' tender;
An' pledging (?) aft to meet again,
They tore themselves asunder,

Live Stock from Massachusetts.

The Bangor *Commercial* of Monday says:

"A car load of hogs came in Friday night, and, Saturday evening, about fifteen beef cattle arrived from Brighton. This is certainly turning the tables on Maine.

— The New York Bank statement for the week ending Saturday last, was as follows:—

Decrease of specie,	$ 381,000
Decrease of deposits,	7,778,400
Decrease of Legal Tenders,	1,186,000
Decrease of circulation,	27.700
Decrease of loans,	4,129,000

The Montreal *Gazette* says:—"The London *Times*, in an article on Mr. Howe's speech at Ottawa, protests strongly against the charge that England in withdrawing her troops from Canada is actuated by a selfish policy. 'We hane done nothing,' says the *Times*, 'to forfeit our right to be credited with a generous appreciation of our obligations.' The ground of England's colonial policy is stated to be the desire for the concentration of the Imperial forces and development of local resources to meet any future menace with more united energy, and with better means for doing justice to any and every portion of the empire."

MARRIED.

In this city, on the 15th inst., by the Rev. W. S. McKenzie, Mr. M. G. C. AYER, of Sackville, in the County of Westmoreland, to Miss ALBERTA L WELDEN, of this city.

At Sussex, on the 13th inst., by the Rev. James GRAY, A. M., Mr. NICHOLAS NEALY, to Miss MARY ANN CHAMBERS, both of Sussex.

At Canterbury Station, on the 21st ult., by the Rev. Thomas Hartin, Mr. CALVIN MCKEEN, to MATILDA JERIMA, youngest daughter of STEPHEN G. FOWLER, Esq., J. P., all of Canterbury, York

DIED.

On the 15th inst., after a long and painful illness, of consumption, JAMES HENRY, eldest son of the late HENRY M. KENNEY, aged 15 years and 8 months.

☞ Funeral on Wednesday, at 2½ o'clock, P. M., from his mother's residence, corner of Sydney and St. Andrews streets, when friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

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