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### NOTICES.

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Spiced do.

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Strawberries—preserved in  
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**A Choice Selection of  
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Constantly on hand, a varied selection of  
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A large selection of  
**CLOCKS, WATCHES**  
**MEERCHAUM PIPES,**  
**PLATED WARE,** and  
**JEWELRY** of every description & style  
May 14.

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

### 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-  
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Dr. L. & Son would state that they  
were among the first to introduce the  
Anæsthetic (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 a  
received the highest Prem-  
iums 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.

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ST. JOHN'S, N.F.

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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,**

**B**EGS 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  
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in the above lines, with neatness and  
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tronage.

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Done at the Cheapest possible  
Terms.  
Dec. 13.

**W. H. THOMPSON,**

AGENT FOR

**Fellows' Compound Syrup**

OF

**HYPOPHOSPHITES**

### House of Assembly.

OFFICIAL REPORTS.

FRIDAY, Feb. 14, 1873.

(CONTINUED.)

The fourth section was then adopted,  
and fifth and sixth sections were severally  
read and adopted.

On the seventh section being read—  
Mr. Rorke proposed in amendment the  
insertion of the words "which is mainly to  
be attributed to the ability and energy of  
the Post Master General," as a suitable  
recognition of the effective and useful ser-  
vices of the Post Master General, and to  
which the success in obtaining the reduc-  
tion in the rates of postage had been so  
largely owing.

Mr. Munn seconded the amendment.  
The services of the famous Rowland Hill,  
in obtaining for the people of England the  
penny postage, had been recognized by a  
public monument, and our Post Master  
General deserved at our hands a recogni-  
tion of his efforts in the same direction.  
While on this subject he (Mr. M.) would  
ask if any provision had been made for  
the continuance of the Labrador Mail  
Service, as there was no reference to it in  
the speech?

Hon. Receiver General—It has been  
provided for.

Mr. Munn thanked the hon. Receiver  
General for the assurance, and trusted that  
the Light House on Cape St. Francis  
would be erected during the ensuing sea-  
son. With reference to the matter that  
has arisen here concerning the Post Mas-  
ter General, he could personally bear tes-  
timony to the efficiency with which that  
officer discharged his duties, and he there-  
fore seconded the amendment of Mr.  
Rorke. As to the Labrador Steam service,  
he would be happy to receive a promise  
from the Government that it would be  
attended to, and that the best possible  
vessel would be engaged to ply on that  
important route.

Hon. the Premier—There was no man  
for whom he had a greater respect, or  
whom he would be more willing to serve,  
than the Post Master General, whose ex-  
cellent services no man can fail to appre-  
ciate. But this was not the proper time  
to deal with the subject to which the hon.  
member Mr. Rorke's amendment refer-  
red. He begged to assure the hon. mem-  
ber Mr. Munn, that the Labrador steam  
service would receive the very best atten-  
tion of the Government.

Mr. Munn thanked the hon. Premier for  
the assurance that the Cape St. Francis  
Light and Whistle will be erected during  
the coming season, and also that an effi-  
cient steamer will be employed on the La-  
brador service. The Premier misappre-  
hended him when he alleges that he (Mr.  
M.) wished more of the people to leave  
this country, as there were too many fish-  
ermen here already. Some three years  
ago we had the best Road Board it could  
be possible to have in Harbor Grace. Our  
roads were in excellent condition, in fact  
they are good up to this day. To them it  
was that the hon. Judge Robinson referred  
in such eulogistic terms during the fall  
circuit in Harbor Grace. As to the agri-  
cultural aspect of the country, it was a sad  
thing to find that the unfortunately fre-  
quent visitation of the blight, blasted the  
potato crop, upon which so much labour  
and expense had been incurred. That  
sweeping destruction, together with the  
failure of the fisheries, left the people of  
the Northern outports in a very appalling  
condition indeed, leading him to dread  
the consequences of such a deplorable  
state of things. He (Mr. M.) far from  
wishing to see the people fly the country,  
was just as eager that its agricultural re-  
sources should be opened up and availed  
of, as the hon. Premier himself. He (Mr.  
M.) did not complain of the road grant,  
but rather of the manner in which it had  
been squandered. With reference to the  
amendment touching the Post Master  
General, which had been suggested by  
Mr. Rorke, and seconded by him, he be-  
gged to state that he had no desire to press  
it, if it was unparliamentary.

Mr. Rorke—The Premier has acknow-  
ledged the right of the Post Master Gen-  
eral in the matter.  
The hon. Speaker objected to Mr.  
Rorke's amendment, on the ground that  
as Mr. Delaney's name had not appeared  
in the Governor's Speech, and as the Ad-  
dress was usually looked upon as the echo  
of the speech it would, therefore be ir-  
regular to insert it now. A recognition  
of the Post Master General's service may  
be given in proper time.

Hon. Receiver General—Besides, it  
would be very invidious to point out one  
officer, while many may have participated  
in the preparation of the matters for which  
acknowledgment is sought.

Hon. Mr. Carter was of opinion that the  
proper way to recognize the efficient per-  
formance of an officer's duties would be  
to increase his salary.

Mr. Emerson contended that it was not  
because a man discharged the duties of his  
office well and satisfactorily, that he

should be entitled to an increase of salary.  
Every officer undertakes to do so for a  
certain sum, and should expect no more  
unless, indeed, new duties and new re-  
sponsibilities are imposed upon him, in  
which case he would most assuredly be  
deserving of an advance.

Hon. Mr. Carter did not consider that  
£1200 was a fair salary for the Post Master  
General. In former years, £150 would be  
equivalent to £300 now. The salaries of  
offices of the Customs department, too, are  
very unequal in level.

Hon. Premier would assure the hon. and  
learned gentleman that the civil list had  
for some time past and would still contin-  
ue to receive the earnest consideration of  
the Government, but this was not the  
time for dealing with it. The claims of  
the Post Master General are duly appre-  
ciated by the Government, and he (hon.  
Premier) would take this occasion to ex-  
press his own sentiments in regard to that  
officer, by saying that he knew of no one  
person more efficient, and who had given  
more general satisfaction to the public  
and the Government, than had the pre-  
sent Post Master General, and in these  
sentiments he had reason to believe that  
every member of the Government con-  
curred, and he begged further to say that  
at the proper time these services would be  
substantially recognized.

The 8th Section of the Address, having  
reference to the reduction of Postal charges  
was then adopted without amend-  
ment.

The Committee then rose, reported pro-  
gress, and asked leave to sit again.

The House then adjourned until Mon-  
day at 4 o'clock.

MONDAY, Feb. 17

The House met shortly after 4 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Tessier, pursuant to  
order of the day, the House resolved it-  
self into Committee of the Whole on the  
further consideration of the Address in  
reply to his Excellency's speech.

Mr. Parsons in the Chair.  
After a lengthy discussion, by the Hon.  
Mr. Carter, Hon. Chairman Board Works  
and Mr. Fenelon, the question, that the  
11th paragraph of the address be adopted,  
was then put and carried, the amendment  
was therefore lost.

The 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th  
paragraphs were then read and adopted.

On the 19th section being read,  
The Hon. Receiver General said he wish-  
ed to make a few remarks, in reply to the  
hon. members, Mr. Munn and Mr. Rorke,  
who spoke on Friday evening last. These  
hon. members asked to have the duty taken  
off tea and molasses. There are others  
who wish to have the duty taken off live  
stock imported, others off raisins, others  
off shingles, and others again off feathers  
and feather beds. He would, however,  
confine himself to the subject of tea and  
molasses, and in doing so he was merely  
giving his individual opinion, not having  
yet consulted the Government with re-  
gard to the matter. The import of tea,  
last year, was 607,670 pounds. The duty  
on that article is sixpence per lb. If that  
duty had been reduced to threepence per  
pound, the loss to the revenue would have  
been £7,500. The importation of molasses  
was 922,742 gallons, the duty being 3d  
per gallon. If that duty had been reim-  
posed the loss to the revenue would have  
been £16,840. These two items would  
amount to £24,340. The credit balance  
for the year, according to the Financial  
Secretary's statement, was £7,912, show-  
ing that in place of a surplus, there would  
have been a deficiency on the year, of  
£13,428, had the proposal of these hon.  
members been adopted. The Estimates  
and Financial statement for the present  
year are made out, and have been sub-  
mitted to the Governor in Council and to the  
party. Out of our estimated revenue of  
£170,000 it is proposed to make an addi-  
tion to the road grant, of £7,000, to give  
£7,500 for public improvements in the  
several districts of the Colony, and also to  
give £3,000 in aid of the grants for Harbor  
Lights. These three items will amount  
to £17,500, and the balance now assumed  
to the credit of the Colony at the end of  
the year is only £8,000. If half the duty  
is taken off tea and the whole duty off  
molasses, the loss to the revenue, as he  
had before stated, would be £21,410, which  
would cause a deficiency of £13,410 at the  
end of the year.

Mr. Rorke would ask the hon. the Re-  
ceiver General, at what amount he esti-  
mated the current year's revenue under  
the present tariff?

Hon. Receiver General—At £170,000.

Mr. Rorke—The revenue the past year  
was £195,000 notwithstanding you pro-  
gnosticated only £165,000, which is £40,000  
over and above your estimate. You tell  
the country that you are going to make  
increased grants for roads and bridge, and  
other public improvements. He (Mr. R.)  
would inform the hon. gentleman that  
most of what had been granted was being  
squandered away by the supporters of the  
Government for their own purposes. The  
tax upon tea and molasses was exorbitant,  
the people were taxed 75 per cent on the  
prime cost of those articles. There were

other duties which bore heavily upon the  
poor fishermen, but these were the heav-  
iest burdens. You lay great stress on the  
duties collected upon these two articles,  
but he would inform the Government that  
one-half of the duty is not collected.

Hon. Receiver General—Do you smug-  
gle over the Bay?

Mr. Rorke—Go to the Westward, and  
you will there find how much smuggling is  
carried on.

Mr. Tessier merely rose for the purpose  
of correcting a statement made by the  
hon. member for Carbonear, Mr. Rorke.  
The tax on the tea used for the general  
purpose of the country is not 75 per cent,  
as stated by the hon. member, but very  
little more than 50 per cent.

Mr. Rorke could not agree with the hon.  
member. He believed that what he stated  
was correct, and that the tax upon that  
article was 75 per cent. Mr. Tessier spoke  
unadvisedly when he stated it was about  
fifty per cent only.

The motion that the paragraph be  
adopted was then put and carried.

The 17th paragraph of the address was  
then read and adopted.

Upon the 18th paragraph of the address  
being read,

Mr. Munn would acknowledge that it  
had been an omission on his part not to  
have accorded to the Government credit  
for the prompt and successful measures  
they had adopted to prevent the spread  
of small pox last summer.

Mr. Rorke would express a similar tri-  
bute of thanks to the government for the  
action they had taken in this matter, to  
the vigilant and effective nature of which  
as shewn by what had been done in his  
own district, he (Mr. R.) could bear tes-  
timony. He would, however, take this  
opportunity of urging the necessity for  
the erection of a suitable building in  
Carbonear for the reception of persons  
arriving in vessels who had contracted in-  
fectious diseases. Great difficulty had  
been experienced last summer in procur-  
ing a suitable place for the reception  
of patients; they were kept on board a  
vessel for several days, and a place was  
provided ultimately, only at heavy ex-  
pense. A small outlay made now in sea-  
son would save heavy expenditure at a  
future time.

Mr. Carter could not admit that the  
credit for the effectual means used to pre-  
vent the spread of small-pox last summer  
was due to the present government.  
The credit was due in a greater measure  
to him (Hon. Mr. C.) but the government  
had not done him the justice to admit it.  
When he (Hon. Mr. C.) was in opposi-  
tion, he was continually blamed for not  
having a new hospital erected. The  
present Government, since they came  
into office, although they were invested  
with full authority to have a new build-  
ing erected, and had incurred great ex-  
pense in procuring plans, had done nothing  
whatever, and children were now being  
sent to the old hospital in St. John's  
West, which was only a pesthouse. With  
the large means at the disposal of the  
Government, the present want of hospital  
accommodation was unparadonable. The  
old Military hospital, now used, would not  
be sufficient if an epidemic broke out.  
And the lazarette further up the hill was  
most difficult of access, particularly in  
winter. The want of a suitable and suf-  
ficient building for an hospital was most  
urgent in a town like St. John's, having  
such extensive commerce, and it was be-  
yond doubt that our present provision in  
this particular was wholly inadequate to  
meet the emergency of an epidemic. He  
(hon. Mr. C.) was glad to find that the  
results of the measure which was passed  
in 1863, and which had been introduced  
by him (hon. Mr. C.) had been so satisfac-  
tory. The rules and regulations for the  
preservation of the public health which  
he (hon. Mr. C.) had then prepared were  
adopted without amendment, and had  
since been acted upon, and the present  
Government had no right to arrogate to  
themselves the whole credit for the suc-  
cessful working of those regulations.

Hon. the Premier was willing to ac-  
knowledge that credit was due to the  
hon. Mr. Carter for the part that he had  
taken in the matter of sanitary laws, some  
few years ago.

Hon. Chairman Board Works was glad  
to find that Messrs Rorke and Munn had  
borne testimony to the efficient measures  
which the Government had taken for the  
prevention of the spread of small-pox.  
He was sorry to find that hon. Mr. Carter  
disagreed with the two hon. members,  
and was not willing to allow the Govern-  
ment their just need of praise in the mat-  
ter. Of the large number of patients  
sent to what hon. Mr. Carter has been  
pleased to term the Pest House, but one  
old man had died.

Hon. Mr. Carter had heard that an  
old woman went in there with a wooden  
leg, and came out with a bone one.

Hon. Chairman Board Works—During  
the year the government had expended  
from seven to eight hundred pounds in  
repairing and enlarging St. George's Bar-  
racks on Signal Hill, which they had turn-  
ed into a very commodious hospital. As