

The Colonist

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16, 1892. OUR POLITICAL MAYOR.

Politics here, there is too much reason to fear, become a mania with Mayor Beaven. Everything he does or refrains from doing, it is evident, is done or left undone with a view to its influence on what he regards as the politics of the province.

This, in matters of small importance, is something to laugh at, but when the health of the city and the lives and the happiness of the citizens are at stake, it ceases to be amusing. We cannot afford to smile at the narrow-mindedness which drags political considerations into serious subjects that have no connection with politics, or at the smallness of soul which permits political jealousy to interfere with the proper performance of public duty.

Mayor Beaven, on Friday evening, showed clearly that the fear of giving the Government to which he is opposed, an opportunity of raising some credit by doing what would be beneficial to this city and to the whole province, prevented his acting as president officer fairly and wisely, and also prompted him to do what was foolish and altogether unbecomingly.

Every unprejudiced person must see that Alderman Hunter's motion was a sensible one, and one which it was altogether within the competence of the Council to pass. Here it is:

"That a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Provincial Government with a view of providing ways and means in case of an invasion of cholera or any other epidemic, and to provide for the payment of smaller bills."

It is not by any means an unusual thing for the Council to confer with the Government on matters in which both are interested, and there is nothing unreasonable in the Council appealing for assistance to the Provincial Government in a crisis like the present. This reasonable and proper motion was proposed in due form, and was regularly placed in the hands of the chairman. It was plainly the duty of the Mayor to put it to the Council, but by an arbitrary use of his authority as chairman he refused to do so.

The fertility of such a proposal must strike any person possessed of a grain of common sense. The Dominion Government would, in all probability, not pay the slightest regard to such a resolution. Every one knows how difficult it is to get the authorities in Ottawa to recognize claims which are regular and even urgent and preferred by the proper persons in the proper way.

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Our contemporary, by substituting in what purported to be a quotation of the section the word "day" for "Monday," altered its meaning very materially, for every one can see that "the third Monday in each month" is very different, indeed, from "the third day in each month." It so happens that this change was necessary to give its false and foolish alarm the appearance of reasonableness. The statements and quotations of a newspaper that changes the wording of a statute in order to make a point in its own favor are not to be depended upon. Careful people, after this, will, if they are wise, verify any quotation that the Times may make.

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Mr. Beaven's political profligacy has become, of late, so conspicuous, and his inability to consider any subject apart from

its real or supposed bearing on what he considers politics is so apparent that sensible citizens of both parties have come to the conclusion that "Victoria has had enough of political Mayors."

TRAVELLING EAST.

We intimated some time ago that it was not likely that the cholera would travel from India in only a westerly direction, but that it would also work its way east. The world has been able to trace its western course because it is through civilized and semi-civilized countries which have direct and frequent communication with Western Europe and America; but nothing has been heard of its ravages on its eastern route because the greater part of it is through countries which have little or no intercourse with the civilized peoples.

It is there cholera in Japan, or when it gets to Japan, the danger to this province will be doubled. The disease may come into it from the west as well as from the east. This makes the duty of taking the precautions necessary to prevent its introduction all the more imperative.

They were instructed to represent themselves desirous of working on farms, in order to allay the apprehensions of the ports and the cities, yet not one in 10,000 had any idea of remaining on a farm, even if a pretence should be made of entering upon agriculture. If they want to do any farming, the statistician said, they had better get out of the city, and go to the country, where a number had been sent to work, but had attacked the people appointed to take care of them.

THE EPIDEMIC ABATING. The plague is said to be abating in Hamburg, although the deaths are still well above two hundred daily. The utter destruction among the poor supplies a new danger to replace the old ones. Forty thousand workmen are reported to be idle to-day in consequence of the suspension of trade and commerce.

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CABLE LETTER.

Excluding European Emigrants from Great Britain—As Dangerous as Attila's Hordes.

Russian Jews Brought the Plague to Hamburg as Well as Starvation.

Mr. Blake Demands Ministerial Explanations—Kossuth's Ninetieth Birthday.

EXCLUSION OF IMMIGRANTS. LONDON, Sept. 10.—The action of the Local Government Board, this week, in authorizing the exclusion of immigrants not able to give an address in the United Kingdom, was approved by the action of the American President in sending his order for a 20 days' detention of all immigrant ships. It was feared that the influx of Russian Jews, regarding which the people of Great Britain are sufficiently impatient, would be diverted altogether to Great Britain, and that the larger cities to which these people invariably flock would be overcrowded with them.

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GLADSTONE'S ENERGY. LONDON, Sept. 9.—Mr. Gladstone's address, which was read before the Oriental Congress in this city, has been hailed as a wondrous proof of the new premier's energy and industry. The manuscript covers 8,000 words, all in his own writing. Every extract and reference contained in the address was chiefly compiled during the progress of the late general election.

SENATIONAL MURDER. LONDON, Sept. 10.—The Medwif-Brody trial, the most sensational in the recent annals of this city's courts, was tried yesterday, before a crowded courtroom. Medwif, the prisoner, seduced the wife of a sailing-liner landowner named Brody, and eloped with her. The couple were overtaken by Brody and a duel followed in which Brody was killed. His body was concealed in a building, and the wife's body was discovered and Medwif was arrested and tried on a charge of murder.

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