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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,**  
A great variety and best quality, WHOLE-  
SALE and RETAIL.  
**221 WATER STREET,**  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.  
One door East of P. HUGHES, Esq.  
**N.B.—FRAMES,** any size  
material, made to order.  
St. John's, May 10.

### FOR SALE.

### 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.  
Sept. 17.

### HARBOR GRACE

**BOOK & STATIONERY DEPOT,**

**E. W. LYON, Proprietor.**

Importer of British and American

### NEWSPAPERS

—AND—

### PERIODICALS.

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  
Concertinas, French Musical Boxes  
Albums, Initial Note Paper & Envelopes  
Tissue and Drawing Paper  
A large selection of Dime & Half Dime

### MUSIC, &c., &c.,

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  
May 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 DENTISTRY,  
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 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.

### 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,**

**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. Pimton  
& 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 patronage.

### JOBGING

Done at the Cheapest possible  
Terms.  
Dec. 13. tff

### BLANK FORMS

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

### House of Assembly.

#### OFFICIAL REPORTS.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 12, 1873.

#### Hon. Chairman Board Works—Continued.

The Government are proud to be in a po-  
sition this year also to give similar grants  
to the different districts. Look at the  
immense road grants voted by the pre-  
sent Government for the past three years;  
nor could he (C. B. Works) pass over the  
forcible remarks, made by the hon. Justice  
at his own, in his charge to the Jury at  
Harbor Grace last fall, relative to the im-  
proved condition of the road and agricul-  
tural progress, which he could not fail to  
observe, whilst making an overland jour-  
ney of 65 miles to Harbor Grace. He could  
not but be agreeably surprised at the  
great improvement in the road and  
branch roads between the metropolis and  
Harbor Grace, thus giving a great impetu-  
sity and encouragement to the advancement  
of agriculture. For the past quarter of a  
century numerous public meetings have  
been held, and attempts have been made  
for the purpose of procuring, if possible,  
direct steam with the metropolis, which  
at length terminated in the con-  
tract, entered into with the Galway Com-  
pany, which proved a failure. Last year  
the Government entered into a contract  
with the Allan Company for monthly trips  
for nine months of the year, between  
Great Britain, St. John's and the United  
States, and return trips. When the Gal-  
way Steam Company failed to carry out  
the terms of their contract, the Govern-  
ment entered into a new arrangement  
with the Allan Company for fortnightly  
trips, instead of monthly trips, between  
Great Britain, Halifax, Nova Scotia and  
the United States and vice versa, and  
monthly trips to Halifax during the win-  
ter season by a large and powerful boat,  
to be built expressly for the service. It is  
to be hoped that this arrangement will pro-  
vide a satisfactory mode of communication  
with this country, and promote largely the  
welfare of our people. He (hon. C. B. W.)  
would show to the House the advan-  
tage gained by the late contracts with the  
Allan Company for transatlantic and in-  
ter-colonial steam communication. The  
Government were under contract to pay  
the Gulf Ports Steam Company £6500 cur-  
rency for fortnightly trips between this  
Port and Pictou, in the summer season,  
and Halifax during the winter, to which  
must be added £1000 paid to the Com-  
pany last winter in aid to procure the  
steamer "Tiger," having no winter boat  
of their own, ready for the service; making  
£7500 currency, to which must also be  
added £6480 currency, amount of yearly  
subsidy to Allan's Company for transat-  
lantic monthly trips during the summer  
season, making in all £13,980 for both  
services. Whereas, now under the new  
contract, the subsidy to Allan's Company  
for fortnightly trips between Liverpool,  
this port and Halifax, and the United  
States, and return trips during the sum-  
mer months, and monthly trips during the  
winter, between this Port and Halifax, for  
the conveyance of mails, passengers and  
freight, amounts to £15,000 currency,  
showing an increase over the two former  
contracts for both services of £1020 cur-  
rency only; but as a set off against that  
small increase of subsidy, we get in return  
fortnightly direct steam instead of month-  
ly. In reference to Coastal Steam, it is  
admitted by all that the Northern portion  
of that service was well performed, while,  
as for the South western the Government  
did all they possibly could in the matter  
by advertisements through the local  
press, as also through that of the neigh-  
boring Provinces. When the time ar-  
rived for examination of tenders the Gov-  
ernment were obliged to accept the best  
that offered, that of Messrs. Bowring Bros.  
The "Hawk" was engaged for the service  
and performed her work well.

Hear, hear, from the Opposition.

Hon. Chairman Board of Works—If that  
vessel had broken down it was not to be  
wondered at, as we had but a very short  
time since seen some of the best and  
most efficient Ocean steamers compelled  
to enter our port for the purpose of re-  
pairing damages. The "Hawk" certainly  
broke down, and I had to go into dock to  
repair damage; but it was folly to say that  
the owners, Messrs. Bowring Bros. laugh-  
ed at the Government. On the contrary,  
they did all in their power towards the  
fulfillment of their contract.

Mr. Emerson.—Had the hon. gentle-  
man the effrontery to state that he (Mr.  
E.) had spoken as stated by him?

Hon. Chairman Board of Works had taken  
it down.

Mr. Emerson.—He had spoken interro-  
gatively, as he asked, had Messrs. Bowring  
Bros. laughed at the Government?

Hon. Chairman Board of Works—As he  
before had stated, Messrs. Bowring Bros.  
had done all in their power.

Mr. Emerson.—Where was the "Ariel"?

Hon. Chairman Board Works—The  
Government had been obliged to fall back

upon the Ariel for the remainder of the  
winter months but they would not have  
been justified in yielding to exorbitant  
charges. It could not be denied that the  
Hawk, under her intrepid commander,  
Capt. A. Jackson, had done her work  
well. The paragraph in His Excellency's  
speech states that the Government hope  
to be in a position in the spring to make  
a favorable arrangement for the South  
western steam service. Hon gentlemen  
opposite say it is only a hope; but the  
people knowing that they had already re-  
ceived so many good things at the hand  
of the present Government, were quite  
prepared to wait, having every confidence  
that the hope would be realized, making  
their past conduct as the best guarantee  
for the future. Besides steam to the  
North and West, there had also been  
steam to the Labrador, and for the con-  
veyance of the Judges on Circuit. It had  
been said that the Osprey broke down  
but had not the Mastiff engaged on the  
Northern Circuit, also broken down, and  
although not so juvenile a boat, the Os-  
prey did her work as well and better on  
the Labrador service than the Southern Cir-  
cuit service. The people could not but  
leave their eyes when they beheld the  
Osprey sailing triumphantly into Harbor  
Grace.

Mr. Emerson.—They no doubt thought  
it was the Great Eastern.

Hon. Chairman Board Works—The  
Government had therefore acted most  
liberally as regarded steam, with the ap-  
pliances at their disposal. The hon. and  
learned member for Burgeo and LaPoile  
had nothing to complain of so far as his  
own district was concerned, his only de-  
sire being, in his (hon. C. B. W.'s) opinion  
that less should have been done, that he  
might have some cause of complaint; but  
the people of that district had not to  
thank the hon. and learned gentleman,  
as they had looked to the hon. Prem-  
ier for many of those improvements. One of  
those improvements would be the Light  
House at Rose Blanche, to be built of na-  
tive granite; another was the Light at  
Bear Island, at the Eastward of Burgeo.  
Exclusive of the expenditure for Light  
Houses in the district of Burgeo and La-  
Poile, the government had yesterday paid  
an amount of £200 on account of the erec-  
tion of a School Room at Channel. He  
would ask the hon. and learned gentleman  
what benefits the people of Burgeo and  
LaPoile, had received even for years be-  
fore he had the honor of being its repre-  
sentative? Nothing compared with what  
they had received from the present gov-  
ernment. They had now besides the usual  
grants for roads and education the  
special grant of £500, which they used for  
the purpose of opening up canals, repairing  
school houses, extending roads and  
bridges, and for other public improve-  
ments.

Mr. Emerson.—Glad to hear it.

Hon. Chairman Board Works—The hon.  
and learned gentleman might be glad to  
hear of those improvements, but he (hon.  
C. B. W.) feared that they might be the  
means of unseating him, and he (hon. C. B.  
W.) should be sorry to see either the hon.  
and learned gentleman, or the hon. and  
learned leader of the opposition out of  
that House, as a vigilant and zealous op-  
position conducted on constitutional prin-  
ciples always exercised a salutary influ-  
ence upon the acts of the government of  
the day. There was one matter, the re-  
ference to which in the debate on the  
Speech of His Excellency and the address  
in reply, he (hon. C. B. W.) did not consider  
fair. That Speech and Address, being  
ministerial documents indicating the  
policy of the Government, were fair game  
for attack on the part of hon members op-  
posite; but that Tom and Dick and Dick  
and Tom should be again dragged into  
that debate, he considered as altogether  
irrelevant to the matters under discussion.  
What had that House to do with the quar-  
rels of officials connected with the Board  
of Works. It was however, not the Board  
but "the Major" that was the object of  
attack on the part of the hon members  
opposite, and the public understood it  
well, however, much disguised. They  
said to themselves let us kill out that rascally  
Major who spoiled our game in the  
last election, and we will have St. John's  
West and Placentia and St. Mary's at our  
mercy. They might however, spare their  
breath, as it was useless to attempt to in-  
jure his position in the estimation of the  
people. He had before referred to Mr.  
Dooley the official who had been so ruth-  
less assaulted and his life endangered from  
the consequences, he was moreover a man  
of large family; and the Board were per-  
fectly justified in not countenancing such  
attacks upon the part of their officials.  
Hon members opposite might simulate  
friendship for Mr. Geil; but he (hon. C. B.  
W.) would say that such friendship was  
more calculated to sacrifice him than  
benefit his interests, and Neil might well  
exclaim, save me from my friends. He  
(hon. C. B. W.) had always been the  
friend of Mr. Neil, whom he regretted  
should have placed himself in such a dis-  
agreeable position as to assault any man

to such a degree as to place his life in dan-  
ger, and so far as he (hon. C. B. W.) un-  
derstood, Mr. Neil was not pleased that the  
hon. and learned member, Mr. Carter,  
should bring his name before the Legisla-  
ture. It had been alleged by the hon. and  
learned gentleman, in excuse for the as-  
sault referred to, that it had occurred be-  
cause Mr. Neil's superior in that depart-  
ment, had on a previous occasion as-  
saulted an hon. member of that House.  
Now on the latter assault no person felt  
more regret than he (hon. C. B. W.) and  
he had given ample satisfaction for the in-  
jury inflicted and which had occurred un-  
der great provocation, the hon. Gentle-  
man having refused to make any apology  
for insults offered by him. The case  
had been brought before the Supreme  
Court, and he (hon. C. B. W.) had agreed  
not to challenge the jury, although en-  
titled to do so, which had he done there  
would have been no trial, as jurors pre-  
ferred to pay the fine than sit on such a  
case, which but for a vindictive feeling  
would be settled by a Magistrate. The  
damages he believed were laid at £100,  
but the Jury gave a verdict for £5. Hon.  
gentleman might feel sympathy for Mr.  
Neil, but they were contrary to his own  
wish, seeking to make a victim of him.  
The discussion of such matters, as he  
(hon. C. B. W.) had before observed, he  
considered, as most unseemly; and there  
would be ample time for their discussion  
should they in due course come before  
that House. The next thing to which he  
felt bound to make reference was the very  
unfair attack recently made by the hon.  
and learned member, Mr. Carter, upon  
the official reports of the House. The  
hon. and learned gentleman had made a  
very good speech of which he (hon. C. B. W.)  
had read the published official report.  
Now he considered that every justice had  
been done the hon. gentleman, and that  
he had been most fairly and fully report-  
ed in that speech, and consequently had  
no cause of complaint. It happened how-  
ever, that the hon. and learned gentleman  
had at the opening of last session, also  
made a similar speech, the report of which  
unfortunately happened to come out in  
juxtaposition, with one delivered on the  
same occasion by him (hon. C. B. W.) and  
the contrast being rather unfavorable,  
the hon. and learned gentleman also  
found fault with the report of his speech  
upon that occasion. Now he (hon. C. B. W.)  
considered such fault finding upon the  
part of the hon. and learned gentleman  
as most unfair towards the Reporters, who  
he felt assured were actuated by too  
high a sense of honor to do injustice to  
any hon. member and were most anxious  
to give general satisfaction. If, however,  
the hon. gentleman, or any hon. member  
of that House, could at any time bring  
forward good and substantial reasons to  
show that the reporters had failed in the  
honest and faithful performance of their  
duties, he would receive every satisfaction  
but in the absence of such proof, he con-  
sidered such conduct on the part of the  
hon. members of that House, as mani-  
festly unfair to the Reporters, who from  
the position which they occupied, were  
precluded to replying to such imputations.  
The hon. and learned gentleman had in  
the course of his observations stated, that  
since the abolition of the office of Finan-  
cial Secretary, that there was no check  
upon the public expenditure; but there  
was still in that department a most effi-  
cient public officer (Mr. Howley) who had  
been there during the tenure of the  
office of Financial Secretary by the hon.  
E. D. Shea, who had remained in that  
office with a seat in this House, could give  
no explanation of the public accounts  
which he audited, being ignorant of the  
items of expenditure. The hon. and learned  
gentleman had also referred to expendi-  
ture on account of fire and flood in 1870.  
It was a well known fact that during the  
summer of that year, a considerable amount  
of damage had been done through-  
out several districts of the Colony by a  
most disastrous fire, and subsequently in  
the month of September by a gale and  
floods, which principally destroyed the  
main roads and bridges, in different  
parts of the Colony, thereby interrupting  
communication. If the Government had  
not extended assistance to the injured  
districts, and had not done all in their  
power to repair damage and to re-establish  
communication, great indeed would  
have been the fault-finding upon the part  
of hon gentlemen opposite against the  
Government, more especially as they had  
means to meet the expenditure. When  
he (hon. C. B. W.) went back to the journals  
of '62, he found a similar expenditure for  
a similar purpose in Harbor Grace district.  
He was then a member of the opposition;  
but had he or any other member of the  
opposition found fault with the expendi-  
ture then incurred, because monies had  
not been expended in districts that had  
not suffered? Why, because they consid-  
ered that it had been necessary in dis-  
tricts referred to, where damage had been  
done to roads and bridges by storms. The  
hon. and learned leader of the opposition  
had tried to cause the public to believe  
that the sums charged in 1871 for flood