

DALHOUSIE COUNCIL.

Friday, 19th May, 1864.
Pursuant to notice the Court of Revision for the United Townships of Dalhousie, North Sherbrooke and Levis, was held in the Town Hall at ten o'clock, a. m. Present—The Hon. Messrs. Deane, McDougall, Thomas Scott, and Archibald Brown.

On motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Scott, the Court took the chair.
Mr. Thomas Deane appealed against being assessed \$400 for personal property, on the ground that said personal property was covered by debt so far as to reduce his assessment to \$200. Mr. Deane having made the declaration prescribed by law, the appeal was sustained, and the Clerk ordered to amend the Roll.

Mr. William Chalmers also appealed against being assessed \$400 for personal property, and having made the declaration to the effect that his debt would reduce his assessment to \$200, the appeal was sustained, and the Clerk instructed to amend the Roll.

Mr. George Blair appealed against being assessed \$630 for 57 acres of land. Mr. Blair and the Assessor were heard at the bar on oath in regard to the value of the land in question. The Court decided to amend the roll by a reduction of \$100 in Mr. Blair's assessment.

The Roll, as amended, was then finally passed and the Court rose.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, p. m. Present—The Hon. Messrs. Deane, McDougall, Thomas Scott, and Archibald Brown.

The minutes of last session of the Council were read and signed by the Mayor.

Communications received and read—The petition of Thomas Cameron, praying to be attached to school section No. 6.

The Report of the Township Auditor.

The petition of John McDougall and others, praying that a road may be opened from boundary line of Palmerston to the 4th concession of North Sherbrooke.

The Collector's receipt in full from the Township Treasurer for the rates of 1863, amounting to \$1,730 64, and a copy of account of non-resident taxes received from County Treasurer amounting to \$447 02.

Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Scott, That a By-law be passed obstructing and encumbering on the highways, be introduced and read a first time.

The By-law referred to was introduced and read a first time, and was ordered to be read a second time next session.

In reference to the petition of John McDougall and others, Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Scott, That Messrs. Scott and McDougall be, and they are hereby appointed to examine the route of road from McDougall's road, and report thereon next session.

Carried.

In reference to Thomas Cameron's petition, the Clerk was ordered to give notice to the Trustees of School Section No. 6 and 7, of the Council's intention to add the east halves of lots No. 3 and 4 in 6th concession of Dalhousie to School Section No. 6.

Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. McDougall—That the Treasurer be instructed to deposit the sum of \$600 in the Commercial Bank.

Carried.

Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Brown—That the sum of \$600 be expended in repairing the highways and bridges of the Municipality.

Carried.

Ordered—That the Assessor be paid \$45 50 for his services for the current year.

Ordered—That the Clerk be paid \$2 50 for writing petitions to be signed by the Municipal Electors at the Ward meetings.

The Council then adjourned to meet at the Town Hall on Friday, 23rd June next, at ten o'clock, a. m.

German Crisis.

The Post says the Aurora has sailed from the Downs, taking with her the Black Eagle. Her mission is to watch the Austrian fleet, and in the event of its shipping a course for the Baltic the Channel Fleet will at once sail, with the avowed object of raising the Austrians from being overpowered at sea.

England cannot see a German armada coasting along her shores on its mission of destruction, and allow the fleet fleet in the world to remain at anchor, as the aggressive force passes them in the Downs.

Our diplomacy has been ejected and defeated, we have been played with and laughed at; but we have yet to see that such an insult to our national honor can be tolerated.

The German Powers never mean to make peace on the basis of the Treaty of 1852, and hence all the delay as to the preliminary armistice.

They believe themselves to be the masters of the situation, and they use and abuse their position. Here we have the key to their conduct at the Conference.

Count Bismarck has pushed forward, step by step, on the principle that England never interferes with accomplished facts; so, he gradually brings about one after another, till at last shall announce the dismemberment and annihilation of Denmark, this calculation being that even in that supreme hour England will say the thing is done, and we cannot undo it. Let us chronicle the fact in our new maps of Europe.

We have been very unwilling to move even now. Our action is very cautious, but only the least provocation is needed to make it decided and rapid; but, at length, after a long and steady flow of triumphant aggression, the idea is on a sure.

The arm of England bars the passage in the Baltic, and her iron-clad fleet is ready to move to Copenhagen and the Islands. It is a great error to suppose that England will not move without France. Naval action on the Baltic necessarily implies her military action on the Rhine with us. It is different if we were involved in a war with Germany, but the services of our Channel and Mediterranean fleets. The Germans could not touch us, while we could blockade their ports, and a blockade in the Adriatic would probably throw Venice and Hungary into immediate revolution.

During the debate on Tuesday evening, J. H. Cameron, an honest man, and a firm supporter of conservative government, fully admitted, what many of his friends have denied, that although Tache is nominally at the head, the present Government is the Cartier-McDonald Government brought back to power.

You would observe that the fate of the Ministry hung on the vote of Mr. Rankin, who took his seat an hour or two before the division. Had he voted the other way, and as he ought to have done in accordance with his election pledges, there would have been a tie, and, of course, the speaker would have given the casting vote in favor of the opposition.

M. Sylva, a L. C. member, who has hitherto been with the opposition, also voted with the government, no doubt, for good and sufficient reasons.

Last night, Mr. Brown's motion to appoint a Committee to inquire into the expediency of Representation by Population was carried by a majority of eleven.

Yours,

Mr. Rankin has been the subject of a rumor, that he had been elected to the House of Commons, and that he had accepted the nomination.

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An aversive man "out West" is reported to make a practice of always riding in the last seat of a railway train, to save the interest on his fare until the conductor gets round to him.

Those people who send money to the newspaper offices with the request "send the paper as long as the money lasts," are respectfully informed that, generally speaking, the money doesn't last long.

An Englishman proposes a railway locomotion or in other words, balloons fitted up for passengers which are to be drawn through the air from station to station by ropes worked and drawn in by stationary steam engines. No grading, no rails, no earthy expense to be incurred but for the stations and the balloons!

A MOTHER'S LOVE.—At the time of the Sunnyside disaster on the Mississippi a mother and daughter were in the river together. A gentleman was asked by the mother to save her child. He replied—"I will try to save one of you, which?" The mother answered, "Save my daughter." At the risk of his own life, he plunged into the river and rescued the child. The mother was lost.

"Ah, Jenny," said a sympathetic friend to a man who was just too late for the train you did not run fast enough? "Yes, I did," said Jenny, "I ran fast enough, but I did not start soon enough."

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The numerous reports of Federal victories which have lately been published by the Northern press, and circulated by government officials, who have charge of the telegraph lines, turn out to have been very much exaggerated, and, in many cases, entirely groundless. Since the President appointed a day of thanksgiving for the "great victories" which the Federal armies had won, the cause of rejoicing has greatly diminished, and most of the "victories" have turned out to be actual defeats. Lee, who was reported to have been driven with his famishing army "like chaff before the wind," and to have retreated in a most disorderly manner, has not been driven from his position; and feeling his inability, after an immense loss of men and material, Grant has seen fit to change his base of operations.

The attack of Butler upon Beauregard was equally futile, although Butler claims that he accomplished all that he intended. We publish, to-day, pretty full reports, which our readers will find contradictory as usual.

The recent vote of confidence in Cartier, Macdonald and Galt, shows Mr. Morris, the member for South Lanark, in his true colors, and will convince many of those who were duped into voting for him, that they have been most egregiously deceived. He will probably come round again, with his oily tongue, and tell the people that there are some new men in the present government and that he wanted to give them "a fair trial," and forget to say a word of the old ones whose antecedents were well known and whose extravagant and wasteful administration of public affairs had well nigh ruined the country. He was not willing to give the late government "a fair trial" but voted against them on every possible occasion; although, in the short time they held office, they had done much towards retrenchment, and raised the credit of the Province.

Our exchange papers report that the Spanish Americans in New York are plunged into a state of the greatest excitement, in consequence of the arbitrary arrest of a Cuban gentleman in that city, by the order of the Federal Government. It appears from the statements made that the gentleman arrested, Colonel Jose Justin Arguilles, has been lately the Governor of Cuba, and while in that capacity has refused to follow the example of his brother officers, and wink at the importation of slaves. This and some exposures of high official complicity brought in the nefarious traffic down upon him the wrath of the Captain General, and the Colonel, after vainly trying to defend himself in Cuba, was glad to get away to New York. When in New York, he gave fresh publicity to the criminal complicity of the ruling parties in Cuba with the African slave trade. The United States government, however, as the liberal Spanish Americans, in New York have some reason to suppose, have listened to the application of the emissaries of the Cuban Captain General, and have aided in placing Colonel Arguilles once more within the power of that angry official. The Colonel was mysteriously arrested on Wednesday, in spite of every means undertaken by wealthy and determined Spanish Americans to discover the whereabouts of the victim of official hatred, no clue can be discovered as to his place of confinement or what has been done with him. The belief most generally entertained is that the unfortunate gentleman has been placed on board a steamship for Cuba, and the belief is equally held that the United States government has lent its concurrence to this piece of "international courtesy," as Mr. Seward would probably term it. If this should actually prove to be the case, it will be a glaring instance of the violation of the right of asylum, which every free country holds out to the oppressed subjects of another.

Other arrests have also taken place, equally significant of the illiberal feeling of the present rulers. Last week the editors of the "World," and of the "Journal of Commerce," newspapers were arrested and their papers broken up.

We suppose the ministerial crisis in Quebec is over for the present, a trial of the strength of parties having taken place on Tuesday last, and resulted in favor of Cartier and Co. by a majority of two. As will be seen, the question discussed was on the canal policy of the government, and was brought up as a want of confidence motion against the present government.

Had the member for South Lanark voted against the corruptionists, as his constituents expected he would, when they elected him, the result would have been different. One vote taken from Cartier & Co. and added to the opposition side would have caused a tie, and the government would have been defeated.

It will be seen by our Parliamentary reports that Mr. Rankin has, at length, obtained his seat in the House. It appeared, but a few days before, that the election committee was not favorable to his chances of success. But a motion of want of confidence was pending and the government was in a strait for a vote, and Mr. Rankin just obtained his seat in time to give them his support.

We would be much obliged if our subscribers, in making remittances, would state the name of the post office at which they receive their papers. This will save as much trouble and prevent many mistakes, as there are, often, several persons of the same name residing in the same place, and receiving their papers either at the same or at different offices.

The Kingston News states that the Hon. George Brown has announced in his place in parliament, an intention to retire from public life. We do not think the report is well founded.

Persons who subscribed to get up prizes for a Rifle match, to be competed for by the volunteers, and who have not yet paid, will please send their subscriptions, without being called on.

To the Editor of the C. P. Herald.
Mr. Editor—Having observed, in your issue of the 11th instant, a communication signed "An Observer," in relation to a Ploughing Match, which he says was nominally in connection with the Adm. Branch Agricultural Society.

Editor, whether any person writes for the public papers, he ought to be a little better informed than the writer in question, although he styles himself "An Observer," the greater portion of his communication being erroneous. Without detracting anything from the praise he gives Messrs. Cartier and Tait for their energy and liberality, there were others who gave as much according to their ability, both of their means and time to further the same object. And if "An Observer" had given the five cents with which he prepaid his communication, to those of his kind he would have done more good. He informs the public of the amount of the prize, which statement is utterly false. Again he states that the competitors became very desirous that the ploughing be judged, which is another falsehood.

The attitudes and grimaces he ascribes to Mr. Cartier are no doubt as truthful as the statements, and as "An Observer" writes from the field of action, he must have practised a few attitudes before a large mirror to serve as a model for his description. Perhaps the writer and concocter of that veritable statement were in some of the most disgraceful manner, so that the townsfolk might be employed in some of the Township offices. But the public will know how to appreciate such untruthful statements and mean, unmanly attacks.

Such a spirit as an Observer's communication displays does more harm in a neighborhood than the good all the Ploughing Matches will do. Hoping the next time "An Observer" takes notice of a Ploughing Match he will do something towards helping instead of hurting it.

A REAL OBSERVER.
Admston, 13th May, 1864.

Latest War News.
20,000 Men Killed.

New York 21st.—The Times has the following special:—Headquarters army Potomac, 20th, 8 a. m. My despatch of 10 p. m. yesterday, if received, will inform you of the attack made last evening upon the right wing of our line and the handsome manner in which the rebels were driven back. The purpose of the enemy's movements were undoubtedly to discover what we had on our right. It was made by the whole of Ewell's corps. The enemy left the vicinity of Spotsylvania Court House about 1 p. m. yesterday, and made a detour by the west, crossed the New York and about five o'clock struck the Fredericksburg road on the rear of our right flank, breaking out within three quarters of a mile of the Headquarters of Gen. Meade and Grant.

The only troops we had on the ground at the time were a couple of regiments of Tyler's division of heavy artillery which has lately been brought from Washington and is composed of troops that were never before used in battle. Tyler soon brought up the remainder of his force and met the rebels, driving them back into the woods. There the rebels had formed their line of battle in single line, with skirmishers in front. Gen. Tyler felt rather apprehensive at the work before him, considering the rawness of his troops, and had some difficulty in getting them into formation. When the rebels drove forward, they showed the utmost bravery and audacity, surpassing even that of old troops. In these murderous wood fights our boys have learned all the devices that are calculated to shelter them from fire, and will lie down and take advantage of every bush and tree, and the heavy artillery being unable to do this kind of work, the moment they saw the enemy, blazed away and pushed on. In consequence of this their loss was quite heavy, much more severe than reported by me in my despatch of last night, and will probably reach 1,000 killed and wounded.

Perhaps it was also our courage and bravery that the rebels understood this style of attack, and not exactly understanding it gave way in confusion, scattering through the woods. The confusion of the rebels appears to have been very great, a major portion of Ewell's Division being killed or wounded. 350 of them were picked up in the woods during the night, and have just been brought into headquarters. The division of raw troops felt immensely tickled at their success, and although their loss has been heavy it felt that the discipline of numbers is fully made up by the increase of morale.