

Weekly Colonist
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1888
EXPLANATORY.
On the 3rd of October last a letter appeared in the columns of this Colonist signed "Taxpayer" wherein reference was made to the conduct of Mr. John Grant in connection with the fight of Mr. Russell, the late city treasurer. Since the publication of this letter we understand that Mayor Grant and the friends who have constructed certain passages in the letter to reflect upon his integrity and honesty. The writer had no intention of in any way reflecting upon Mr. Grant's integrity or implying corruption to him or insinuating that he was a party to the late treasurer's default. We deeply regret that the letter has caused any such impression to prevail and in justice to Mr. Grant, we, both on behalf of "Taxpayer" and ourselves, unqualifiedly withdraw the expressions and give this article as much publicity as the editors allow.

A FURTHER EXPLANATION.

The intention by Mr. Grant's counsel Friday last in the Supreme court that Messrs. Ellis & Sargison had paid Mr. Grant's costs of the prosecution, was an astounding piece of news to the proprietors of this Colonist and their counsel. Messrs. Ellis & Sargison neither paid nor requested anyone to pay these costs. Nor had they the least intention of paying any.

The explanation of the matter is this: Two or three days before the day appointed for trial Mr. W. J. Taylor called personally upon Messrs. Ellis & Sargison and volunteered his office as mutual friend of Mr. Grant and the defendants to arrange a understanding satisfactory to both parties. Mr. Taylor was then entrusted, confidentially, with a written authority to negotiate a settlement upon the basis of an explanation to the public of the facts published by us yesterday morning. On Thursday Mr. Taylor informed Mr. Ellis that \$800 was demanded for costs which demand was during the day reduced to \$400, then to \$300, and finally on Thursday to \$200. The latter figure being accepted by Mr. Ellis for the first time acquainted his legal adviser of the negotiations which had been going on. By this time the defence had fully prepared for trial, and at least a dozen witnesses had been informed that no costs would be paid at all.

At six o'clock, p.m., Mr. Taylor came to a Tax Collector's office and announced to Mr. Ellis that Mr. Grant would consent to the explanation without costs. The matter was thus ended.

We yesterday morning's proceedings Mr. Taylor being proceeded by Messrs. Ellis & Sargison, informed them that although he had concealed the fact from them, he, on his own responsibility, had paid the \$200 to Mr. Grant, upon the promise of Mr. Grant that when the matter came before the court, nothing was to be said about costs.

Mr. Taylor, in this overstepping his authority, no doubt acted, as he thought, the part of a friend. We exceedingly regret he should have thought it proper to pay the money, especially as we were informed that the costs would be paid by us, and that we were quite ready for trial.

Who Paid the \$200?
Mayor Grant, through the Times, and personally to individuals, is endeavoring to make capital by asserting that he recovered \$200 from the defendants at the time of the settlement of his suit with "Taxpayer's" letter. We have stated before, and do so again, that if Mr. Grant received any sum as a contribution towards his costs, it was not paid by Ellis & Sargison, nor by their authority or with their knowledge; in fact, if he received the amount as portion of his costs, it was paid by the defendants, or the contrary. Up to noon on Thursday they were willing so to contribute, but after that time the offer was withdrawn and a stipulation made that only by each party paying their costs would the explanation be published, and it was with this understanding that the explanation was published. If Mr. Grant still claims that costs were paid by the defendants, or with their sanction by another party, he is asserting what he knows to be untrue and the printing of such confidential letters will not make it otherwise. If Mayor Grant did receive \$200 he ought to consider himself fortunate indeed. Not a dollar was paid towards his costs by the defendants, and what is never more will be.

The OATHS OF UNBELIEVERS.
The people of Great Britain are long in coming to a decision, but when they do make up their minds, they seldom do things by halves. It was only the other day that Mr. Bradlaugh was turned out of the House of Commons because he declared that although he was willing to take the oath required of a member of Parliament, he regarded it as a meaningless formality. Every one remembers the agitation caused and how determined a majority of the members were that he should not be allowed to take the oath so very long ago that the man who admitted that he did not believe in future rewards and punishments, would not be allowed to testify in any court of justice in the Queen's Dominion. A few days ago an Oath Bill passed through that most conservative and most orthodox of legislative bodies, the House of Lords, making it not only optional with members of Parliament whether they should take the oath when taking their seats but allowing anyone in a court of justice who does not believe in the religious sanction of an oath to testify. Under this bill oaths are not required in any court of justice.

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LONDON, Dec. 9.—John Bright has another attack of chills to-day, which left him in a very weak condition. Other symptoms are not so alarming as they might be expected at any time. When his son read to him the address of the Birmingham Liberal Society on Friday last, he was not in the least affected.

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LONDON, Dec. 9.—The officers attached to the War Office have objected to the plan which will lead to a practicable route for the proposed railway to be built, and far less to maintain when built, than the present line to Vancouver. But after all, that is a question for the engineers of the Grand Trunk Railway to consider.

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AMERICAN NEWS.

The Maryland State Navy Put the Oyster Pirates on Chesapeake Bay to Flight.
U. S. War Vessels Ready to Sail for Hayti to Enforce the Demands of the Government.

Explosion of Coal Gas in a Denver Mine—Two Men Killed and Several Injured.

Senate Proceedings.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The house of representatives will meet to-day on the direct tax bill. No action was taken.

A Train Bells Down a Mountain.
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Dec. 10.—The train on the Santa Fe railway derailed on Saturday evening, and the engine and cars were thrown down a steep embankment.

A New England Gale.
CORAL HARBOR, N.S.W., Dec. 11.—Heavy rain prevailed, and a gale of three days' duration, blowing from the west.

The Haytian Rebellion.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—United States Consul Lottier, at Cap-Haitien, in a despatch to the secretary of state, dated Oct. 18th, says there has been no effective blockade at that port.

FOR BEHRING'S SEA.
The San Francisco Sealers Preparing for a Summer Cruise.
Belief that all the Vessels Will Enter Behring's Sea.

Special to the Colonist.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—The San Francisco sealers will shortly begin to get out for a summer cruise.

THE SCOTCH ESTIMATES.
LONDON, Dec. 11.—In consideration of the Scotch estimates in the commons to-night, Mr. St. John, M.P., has moved for a vote of censure on the government.

Working Half-Time.
LONDON, Dec. 11.—The cotton spinners in the London district will work half-time for a week owing to a dispute among the operatives.

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