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### NOTICES.

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Dealer and Importer of

**ENGLISH & AMERICAN  
HARDWARE,**

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In great variety and best quality, WHOLE-  
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Just Received and For Sale by  
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Fresh Cove OYSTERS  
Spiced do.

**PINE APPLES**

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Strawberries—preserved in  
Syrup  
Brambleberries do.

—ALWAYS ON HAND—

**A Choice Selection of  
GROCERIES.**

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Constantly on hand, a varied selection of  
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Lately appointed Agent for the OTTAWA  
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Also, Agent for J. LINDBERG, Manufac-  
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A large selection of  
CLOCKS, WATCHES  
MEERCHAUM PIPES,  
PLATED WARE, and  
JEWELRY of every description & style  
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**Parsons' Purgative Pills.**

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**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  
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 improved style,  
using none but the best such a  
number of the highest premi-  
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in London and Paris.

Teeth filled with great care and in the  
most lasting manner. Special attention  
given to regulating children's Teeth.  
St. John's, July 9.

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Repairer of Umbrellas and  
Parasols,

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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,**

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the inhabitants of Harbor Grace  
and outports that he has com-  
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172 Water Street, Harbor Grace,  
opposite the premises of Messrs. Puntton  
& 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 pa-  
tronage.

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Done at the Cheapest possible  
Terms.

Dec. 13.

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

### House of Assembly.

OFFICIAL REPORTS.

MONDAY, Feb. 10, 1873.

(CONTINUED.)

Mr. Warren, pursuant to notice, asked  
the hon. Chairman of the Board of Works,  
for a return of the number of Light Houses,  
distinguishing Sea Lights or Harbor  
Lights, erected the past year, number in  
course of erection, where situated, proba-  
ble time of completion, amount expended  
to date, details of expenditure, and to  
whom, also names of persons appointed as  
keepers to same.

The hon. Chairman of Board of Works  
in reply stated that he would be always  
happy to afford any information in his  
power in regard to any department of the  
public works that came under his super-  
vision. Perhaps it would not be incon-  
venient to the hon. member to call at the  
office of the Board, where he could obtain  
the desired details, and if he would take  
the trouble to look into the Journals of  
the House for the past session, he would  
find the certified expenditure in detail,  
with every circumstance of correctness.

Mr. Warren then asked the hon. Chair-  
man for a return of all expenditure on the  
Main Lines and Local Roads in this  
Colony, within the years 1870 and 1871,  
with list of expenditure for all works per-  
formed by those authorized to expend  
the same, with list of workmen and in-  
spectors, number of days employed, rate  
of wages, amount paid to each and the  
orders drawn on same; also the Reports  
of the various Chairmen of the Road  
Boards, or others employed in carrying  
out the work in accordance with the Road  
Service Regulation Act.

The hon. Chairman replied that the  
hon. member must be obvious of the  
fact of his absence from the House during  
the last session. The information he asked  
for was to be found in the Journals;  
and if he required further details could  
he not pursue the same course followed  
by him (the Chairman) when in opposi-  
tion, when requiring information in any  
governmental department. He request-  
ed permission from the leader of the gov-  
ernment to investigate all accounts and  
documents, of which he fully availed him-  
self.

Mr. Warren.—The statements in the  
Journals are consolidated, while he want-  
ed the details, which were very important,  
and he, therefore, requested that they be  
furnished. Again, notwithstanding the  
amount of money paid for the printing of  
the Journals, it was with the utmost dif-  
ficulty he got a copy. Every member  
ought to be furnished with a copy of the  
Journals, some short time before the  
House opened. He would also ask the  
hon. Chairman of the Board of Works, by  
what authority the safety fence had been  
removed from the public cove adjoining  
the premises of Messrs. J. & W. Stewart,  
and why no other steps for security to  
life had been taken by the Board of  
Works to prevent those sad accidents by  
drowning which has since occurred there?  
Two deaths have occurred in that locality,  
one of a shipwright, and the other of an  
out-port man. That was a serious matter,  
and concerned the public safety, and he  
wished to have an answer given to the  
notice given by him on that subject.

The hon. Chairman in reply said he was  
not in a position to show by whom the  
fence was removed, or whether there ever  
was one there. It was not removed with  
his orders or consent, at all events. Be-  
sides, the utility of erecting fences in pub-  
lic coves had been considered, and it was  
thought that it would inconvenience the  
public to put up such fences, inasmuch as  
they would interfere with the landing of  
the outharbors, for which the coves are  
much resorted to. Again if such fences  
are deemed necessary as safe-guards to  
life, every merchant in town ought to  
have one around his wharves. According  
to the reading of the hon. member's notice  
these unfortunate were drowned first  
and then the accidents followed. We  
hear of persons falling into the water from  
wharves very frequently.

Mr. Warren.—When these coves are  
found to be so dangerous especially to  
Outharbor men, it is the duty of the  
Board of Works to provide the necessary  
security.

Mr. Warren, pursuant to notice, asked  
the hon. Colonial Secretary for a return  
of all monies appropriated and expended  
for the Volunteer Service, since 1869, and  
by what authority, with date of warrants  
for amounts, in whose favour, together  
with dates and details of such expendi-  
ture, to whom paid and vouchers for all  
payments, and also by what authority.

Hon. Colonial Secretary replied that a  
detailed account of the expenditure would  
be found in the Journal of the Assembly  
for 1871. In 1871 warrants were issued  
for \$400 in favor of the hon. Major Re-  
nouf.

Mr. Warren.—He was not aware that  
any return of Volunteer expenditure had

been furnished last session. The return  
in the Journals of 1871 was for the ex-  
penditure of 1870.

Hon. Colonial Secretary would have  
much pleasure in laying the details of  
further expenditure referred to before the  
House, but the time of notice was so short  
that he could not attend to it for two or  
three days.

Mr. Warren, pursuant to notice, asked  
the hon. Colonial Secretary for a copy of  
instructions sent to the Random Sound  
Road Board, for the expenditure of two  
hundred dollars voted for Shoal Harbor  
there, in the session of 1871.

Hon. Colonial Secretary said that the  
required information was being prepared,  
and would be promptly furnished.

Mr. Warren, pursuant to notice, then  
moved that a Select Committee be ap-  
pointed to examine the accounts of the  
Board of Works with power to send for  
persons, books, and papers.

The hon. Premier observed that  
such a motion was most unusual and un-  
necessary, and for those reasons he ob-  
jected to it, but he would be happy to  
afford the hon. member Mr. Warren what  
would amount to the same thing in its  
practical results, viz—every facility for  
the inspection of all documents, ac-  
counts, and vouchers connected with the  
Board of Works or any other public of-  
fice. He (hon. Premier) would further  
observe that the course he (hon. Premier)  
was pursuing was in accordance with the  
practice of the hon. Mr. Carter, when at  
the head of the government, and of his  
predecessor Sir H. W. Hoyle, and he  
(hon. Premier) would instance a case in  
point where the hon. the Chairman of the  
Board of Works, when in opposition, made  
a similar application but was refused the  
Committee, though granted the privilege  
of access to the records of the office.

Hon. Mr. Carter had yet to learn that  
it was a proper course for any Premier to  
interfere with the working of any depart-  
ment of the government. It is a matter  
of fact that during the administration of  
the late Mr. Kent a Select Committee on  
the public accounts was asked for and  
accorded to. This is the first time of a  
refusal being made to institute the most  
searching inquiry in the proceedings of  
any department of the public service; and  
when it is borne in mind that the depart-  
ment in question has under its absolute  
control the annual expenditure of thirty  
thousand pounds of the public monies,  
the refusal to grant this Committee, and  
to permit the fullest investigation into  
the accounts of the Board, casts a serious  
reflection on the government.

Hon. the Premier—We will readily  
grant the hon. member, or any other hon.  
member of the House, unrestrained ac-  
cess to all the books, Documents and ac-  
counts of the Board of Works, and what  
more can he require?

Hon. Chairman Board of Works—Now  
the simulated rage of honest indignation  
bursts forth from the hon. Mr. Carter,  
and he sits down complacently, enjoying  
the happy hit he fancies he has made  
against the government, slyly laughing in  
his sleeves, the while, and wondering  
whether or not the people will give him  
credit for that sincerity which he does not  
feel. Let the hon. member, Mr. Warren,  
the ex Chairman of the Board of Works,  
adopt a similar course to that followed by  
him (hon. C. B. W.) when in opposition.  
During the Administration of the present  
hon. Chief Justice, and also under the  
hon. Mr. Carter's Government, he hon.  
(C. B. W.) always asked for and obtained  
permission to examine the books of any  
department that he wished. What more  
can the hon. member Mr. Warren wish?  
He can see the vouchers for expenditure,  
with all other necessary documents, and  
then, should he discover mistakes, he will  
be able to bring the matter before the  
House; and to denounce it as vehemently  
as he pleased. He could assure the  
hon. member Mr. Warren, that every  
facility would be given him to examine  
the accounts of the Board. He would be  
allowed to fit in and out of the office as  
long and as often as he liked. Was he  
more desirous than was the Acting Chair-  
man himself, when in Opposition, to inves-  
tigate the affairs of that house  
would understand that he got a grudge  
against the Chairman of the Board of  
Works. It was reported fully a fortnight  
before the House was opened, how Mr.  
Warren was going to give the Govern-  
ment much trouble during the session,  
and they were told how he was going to  
annihilate them by a multiplicity of dif-  
ficult questions, by investigating the ac-  
counts of Board of Works; how in fact he  
was going in search of a mare's nest. But  
is it really in the fulfilment of his duty  
that the hon. member asks for this Com-  
mittee? Ah! it is to be doubted. What,  
the hon. John H. Warren, God bless the  
mark! asking for investigations of ac-  
counts. He should not forget how, a few  
years ago, the duties of his office were  
performed; how much of the public mon-  
ey was squandered by him. He ought  
not to forget that.

Mr. Warren.—Will the hon. member or

any other person say that during his (Mr.  
W.) tenure of office one single penny of  
the public money was unjustly or dishon-  
estly spent. He dared him or any other  
man to do so.

Hon. Chairman Board of Works did not  
think the hon. member ought to ask for  
more than he himself (hon. C. B. W.) did  
when in Opposition. He did good work  
while in Opposition, such as was appreci-  
ated by the country, and which placed him  
in the position he now occupies. Such a  
Committee as is now asked for is a thing  
unknown under responsible Government.  
He thought the hon. member ought to be  
fully satisfied with the explanation which  
had been given.

Mr. Emerson—This is not a matter that  
this House could properly regard as of a  
personal character between the hon. the  
Acting Chairman of the Board of Works  
and the hon. member, Mr. Warren.  
It is nothing of the kind. It is of a more  
practical character. It is a matter be-  
tween the Acting Chairman of the Board  
of Works, Government, and this Assembly  
as a constitutional body. A committee,  
such as is now asked for, was never bet-  
fore refused in any British Parliament.  
If it were so, that moment it would pro-  
claim to the world that such Parliament  
was corrupt, and that where such uncon-  
stitutional a proceeding was tolerated no  
justice or freedom was to be expected.  
Take, for instance, any incorporated com-  
pany. The persons who constitute that  
body are not satisfied with the accounts  
furnished by its Presidents and Directors,  
notwithstanding they may have the most  
competent of secretaries and clerks.  
Their accounts are carefully scanned and  
audited by a committee of their share-  
holders, that they may feel pretty satis-  
fied as to their being correct. Why should  
not the same action be taken in this and  
in every other department of the Govern-  
ment as is taken by the Banks, Insurance  
and other Mercantile Companies? It was  
the usual practice to do these things, nor  
has the introduction of responsible gov-  
ernment in any way altered it, or obvi-  
ated its necessity. The difference which  
the introduction of responsible govern-  
ment made was to provide greater facili-  
ties for such action by the erection of the  
new office of Financial Secretary. That  
office the present Government abolished,  
thus removing a wholesome check on the  
Financial departments of the Govern-  
ment. If this reasonable request of the  
hon. member Mr. Warren is denied, we  
have no longer a free Parliament. He  
(Mr. E.) would tell the Government that  
they dare not do it. If they refuse it,  
they do so at their peril. The hon. Pre-  
mier had stated that the hon. Acting  
Chairman of the Board of Works had  
asked for such a committee when in op-  
position, and that such had been refused  
him. The hon. Acting Chairman contra-  
dicts that statement, by stating that he  
had never asked for such a committee.  
It is not to be found on record that a mo-  
tion of this kind was ever made and re-  
fused by this House. Why should it be  
refused if everything connected with the  
department is correct? Why oppose in-  
quiry? Why not rather court inquiry?  
Does not the refusal bear suspicion on  
the very face of it. Why tell the hon.  
member that he can go to the office of  
the Board, if he please, and examine the  
books and accounts? Something more  
than that is required. The motion for  
the Select Committee ask power, not only  
to investigate the accounts, but also the  
vouchers for payment, &c. The fact of  
the matter is, the hon. the Acting Chair-  
man, in compelling the Government to  
refuse this reasonable request, carries sus-  
picion with it. If everything is fair and  
correct, why not grant the Committee?  
If you do, however, dread detection—if  
matters are smothered up, then assuredly  
you have great reason to shirk enquiry.

Hon. Chairman Board of Works would  
inform the hon. member that he was not  
Chairman of the Board last year, and  
therefore could have no personal objection  
opposing the motion for the Select Com-  
mittee.

Hon. Attorney General fully concurred  
with the sentiments of the hon. members  
opposite in the propriety of having a  
Committee of inquiry into the acts of  
every department of the Government  
when there is any well founded suspicion  
of fraud. In the present instance there  
is none. The asking for the Committee  
would seem to insinuate suspicion of such  
on the part of the mover of this resolu-  
tion. In considering this matter they  
could not easily forget the bickerings  
between the hon. gentlemen, and this  
would guide hon. members in coming to  
a conclusion as to the cause of such action  
on the part of the hon. member, Mr.  
Warren. He would ask if there be any  
peculation? Ah! it is to be doubted. What,  
it would become the duty of every one to  
use every legitimate means to detect and  
bring to light such peculation. But the  
action now taken on the part of the hon.  
members opposite has been for many  
years an unprecedented one. Several  
Governments have now passed away  
without adopting or granting such inquisi-

tion.

Mr. Warren.—Will the hon. member or