

From page 15 to 19th the public are presented with a garbled statement of recent occurrences, which is remarkable for nothing, so much as for the consummate disingenuousness of the author of the "Pick-Pocket" pamphlet. Before, however, proceeding to the facts of the case, I shall notice one objection which has been made by others besides this cat's paw writer. It is complained that the Secretary Treasurer's salary is by far too large. I contend, on the contrary, that it is quite too small, and is hardly sufficient to remunerate him for his somewhat arduous services. He has to keep a minute of all the proceedings of the Council; draw up all their notices and other documents; and carry on all official correspondence between the Council and individuals or other corporate bodies. For this he receives but the sum of £25 Od. 0s. Contrast with this the salary of officers in other Municipalities, or even of Councils in Upper Canada where the offices of Clerk and Treasurer are filled by different persons. In a neighbouring District on the Ottawa no less than £60 0s. 0d. per annum are paid to the Council's Clerk. Verily, in starting this objection, Mr. De La Ronde must have got to the end of his "*chain*?!"

I shall now return to the late proceedings of the Council, No. 10, under the 28th section of the Municipal Act, already quoted, taken in connexion with the 25th section of the same was the authority upon which the Council relied in levying a tax to cover their necessary expenses, I subjoin the latter: "And be it enacted, That "each Council shall have the power, after a previous estimate of "the expenses necessary to be incurred for any purposes within "their jurisdiction, to raise and assess such sum as may be necessary to cover the amount of such estimate, and to cause the same "to be apportioned by rate, upon the owners of property liable to "assessment and being within the Parish, Township or Municipality, whether such owners be or be not resident therein, in proportion to the value of their respective rateable property in the "Parish, Township or Municipality; provided that such rates shall "not in any one year exceed in the whole three pence in the "pound on the value of such property." A "previous estimate" was accordingly made, amounting to £120, and, agreeably to the provisions of the Act, due notice was served upon all concerned.

That my readers may have a clear view of the whole affair, I annex the following Resolutions truly copied from the Minute Book of the Council. They may be compared with the *pseudo* copy of the Circular, page 15th, and the pretended Resolution, page 18th, of Mr. De La Ronde's pamphlet. (This seditious and libellous author had not the honesty to make a fair quotation.) They were passed at a Special Meeting of the Council held in the room of David Beattie, Esq. of St. Andrews, on 8th January, 1846, the usual *quorum* being present.