

would be more prompt and satisfactory, and much less expensive than the tedious and costly process of the courts of law.

A NEW POST OFFICE.

The Council have not neglected to press upon the Government the right of our city to a new Post Office. The Postmaster General, the Hon. Alex. Campbell, has assured us that he will give the matter his attention. The building is in a very bad condition, and ought to be condemned. We believe we are correct in saying that Quebec is about the only city in the Dominion not possessed of a good Post Office.

OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE.

The office of Official Assignee in the following places is vacant:—Kamouraska, Beauce, Saguenay and Gaspé. An application was received from certain merchants and others of Arthabaska, to name Mr. Wilfred Laurier as Assignee for that District. The security fixed by the Board is \$4,000, by a policy of the European Guarantee Association, which must be given before any appointment can be confirmed.

NEW ZEALAND.

The Government of New Zealand awarded this Board a very handsome bronze medal, for the interest it took in the great industrial exhibition, held there in 1865, by forwarding them samples of Canadian woods and corresponding with them. The President received the medal from the London agents of the New Zealand Government, when in England last winter, and brought it out with him.

DEATH.

The Council have to record with sincere regret the death of the Hon. Geo. Pemberton, an old and respected citizen, and one of the original members of the Board.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The thanks of the Council are due to the Collector of Customs, J. W. Dunscomb, Esq., for several statistical returns of the trade of the port, neatly and concisely compiled by the several gentlemen connected with that department, Messrs. Balzarette, Hawkins and Casault. During the past year, for the first time, the Collector had returns procured of the arrivals of flour, meal, provisions, and other goods, by steamer and sailing vessel between Quebec and Montreal, and the former city and the country parishes, east and west of Quebec. This latter work was entrusted to Mr. E. P. Lee, who, we believe, satisfactorily performed his duty.

The Council are also indebted to Geo. H. Holt, Esq., U. S. Vice-Consul, for four volumes of the Diplomatic Correspondence of the United States, for 1865; to the Hon. Thos. McGreevy and G. H. Simard, Esq., M.P.P., for

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