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THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., OCTOBER 5, 1901.

### PAYMENT OF COUNTY TAXES.

A Matter Which Troubled the Municipal Councillors Tuesday Afternoon-Court House Alterations-Jail Repairs Cause Discussion.

Coun. J. R. Armstrong in amendment wanted it referred to the buldings com-

nittee.

Coun. Baxter moved the council adjourn

or 10 minutes and examine the rooms re-

thorize the expenditure. This was done and on motion of Coun. Robinson the

There was very little business of other than a routine nature before the quarterly meeting of the municipal council Tuesday afternoon. Warden White presided and the councillors present were Macrae, McMulkin, McGoldrick, Seaton, Robinson, Colwell, Christie, Millidge, J. R. Armstrong, Daniel, Baxter, Maxwell and Tufts from the city; Dean and Thomson, Musquash; Cochrane, Ruddock and Mosher, St. Martins; R. H. Armstrong, Lowell and Long, Lancaster; McLeod and Horgan, Simonds. rooms in which improvements were Coun. Millidge moved that the correction be discussed section by se This was carried.

Lowell and Long, Lancaster; McLeod and Horgan, Simonds.

After the minutes of the last session had been read and approved the warden referred in terms of sympathy to the decease of Sheriff Sturdee. The deceased had always been prominent in municipal affairs, had held many offices of responsibility and in every case his efforts had been most satisfactory to the municipality and citizens. He thought the council should put on record its deep sense of loss in the decease of such a painstaking, able and conscientious officer.

Councillor McGoldrick agreed with the warden. He referred to the late sheriff's long connection with public affairs and particularly with the municipality. As sheriff he had a good grasp of his duties and his zealous efforts had been appreciated by all.

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Coun. J. R. Armstrong then moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Coun. McGoldrick and unanimously

Resolved, That the members of the municipality of the city and county of Saint John hereby record their regret at the death of H. Lawrence Sturdee, Esq., high sheriff of this county.

Appointed in April, 1893—during all his term of office he performed the duties of

and on motion of Coun. Robinson the warden was authorized to appoint a committee of four, with himself, to present the address. It was decided that the flying of the British flag over the court the warden, and as returning officer in electron; and as returning to the less with equal fairness and impartiality, us commanding and retaining to the manufacture of the warden said the finance and buildings committee had considered the decoration of the court house on the occasion of the visit of the duke and had appointed a sub-committee of the warden and Couns.

ommended the payment of the usual bills and that they be authorized to prepare a bill to amend the law relating to rates and taxes in the parishes, for the purpose of enforcing more prompt payments.

Coun. Maxwell said great difficulty had been experienced in collecting the assessments in the county. He could name several residents of Lancaster who were four or five years in arrears.

Coun. Macrae moved that the committee deleave of absence from this meeting, it being the second regular meeting at which the councillor was absent. Carried.

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by-laws committee.

Coun. Lowell said he would second the motion if the committee would so amend the act as to provide that a constable could collect the taxes in the county and enforce payment. Such action would greatly increase the collections.

Coun. Christic said between \$26,000 and \$27,000 of assessments remained uncollected in the county. In Lancaster affairs were in such a state that even county of

Cour. Christie said between 359,000 and deeper down as so; a so; a

### OBLIVION

Armed With God's Strength

How the Domain of Forgetfulness,

washington, Sept. 29.—In this discourse Dr. Talmage shows how any ne can be widely and forever recoltian workers; texts, Job xxiv, 20, 'He shall be no more remembered,' and Psalms cxii, 6, "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance." Of oblivion and its defeats I speak to-day. There is an old monster that swallows down everything. It crunches individuals, families, comfor 10 infinites and council adjourned.

On reassembling, on motion of Coun.

J. R. Armstrong, the section in reference to the jury rooms was referred to the buildings committee with power to act and make necessary repairs.

The same exting was taken in reference hemispheres, worlds. Its diet is made up of years, of centuries, of ages, of cycles, of millermians, of eens, That monster is called by Noah Web-

ster and all the other dictionaries "Oblivion." It is a steep down which in which everything is consumed. It

The section in reference to the changes in the dead house was referred to the buildings committee with power to act.

The warden reported he had appointed himself and Councillors Lee, J. R. Armstrong and Millidge, as a committee to prepare an address for presentation to the Duke and Duchess of York. He asked the council to ratify his action and authorize the expanditure. This was done Why, just look at the way the fam-

whom he was brought in contact.

It was decided to enter the resolution apon the minutes and forward a copy to the deceased's family.

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with his chisel to recut the radical plants in the sub-committee reported they had accepted a tender from the Maritime Art Glass Company for depute the usual bills are to be \$300.

an advantage to keep the old sign up because the name of the ancestor was more commendatory than the name of the descendant. The city of name of the descendant. The city of Rome stands to-day, but dig down deep enough, and you come to another Rome, buried, and go down still farther, and you will find a third Rome. Jerusalem stands to day, but dig down deep enough, and you will find a Jerusalem undergraph and some and descendent. jail.

Com. McMulkin in reply, read an estimate from the architect of cost for doors to the jail as follows: Six bath room doors at \$7 each; 24 cell doors at \$42 each; 6 corridor doors at \$90 each. No tenders had yet been secured and figures quoted were only the architect's estimate. Meanwhite the other work on the jail was proceeding. neath and go on and deeper down a third Jerusalem. Alexandria, Egypt, on the top of an Alexandria, and the

them in line and call the roll of the 1,000,000 men in the army of Thebes. Not one answer. Stand them the 1,000,000 infantry, and the 1,700,000 infantry, and the 1,700,00

## TRURO'S OPERA BLOCK BURNED.

Truro, N. S., Oct. 1—(Special)—Fire occurred on one of the principal streets this morning, completely destroying the large Opera block, Inglis street. The block contains five stores on the ground flat, an opera hall and Oddfellows' hall upstairs. Last night the Liberals held a most enthusiastic political meeting in the Opera hall, addressed by A. Copp, M. P. P., Westmorland, N. B.; Dr. Russell, M. P., Sydney; Hon. D. B. Fraser, Guysboro.

Oddfellows, Phoenix of London, \$750.
Orangemen, Norwich Union, \$125.

Rev. Dr. Talmage Routs It.

FAMILIES RISE AND DISAPHEAR.

the Cemetry of the Human Race, May Be Swallowed Up in Victory by the Christian.

is a dirge which all orchestras and a period at which everything stops. It is the cemetery of the hu-man race. It is the domain of forget-fulness. Oblivion! At times it throws a shadow over all of us, and I would not pronounce it to-day if I did not come armed in the strength of the eternal God on your behalf to attack

awhile they are together, inseparable and to each other indispensable, and then they part, some by marriage going to establish their homes, and some leave this life, and a century is long enough to plant a family, devel-

being the second regular meeting at which the councillor was absent. Carried. Coun. Lowell asked for a report from the committee in charge of repairs to the

gonia. Tell me something about your great-grandfather. What were his features? What did he do? What year was he born? What year did he die? And your great-grandmother? Will you describe the style of the hat she wore, and how did she and your great-grandfather get on in each other's companionship? Was it March weather or June? Oblivion! That mountain surge rolls over everything. Even the pyramids are dying. Not a day passes but there is chiseled off a piece of that granite.

Why, there is only a crust between us and the furnaces inside raging to get out. Oblivion! The world itself will roll into it as easily as a schoolboy's india rubber ball rolls down a hill, and when our world goes it is Hants; Kendall, M. P., Sydney; Hon. D.

It is believed the fire started from a discarded match or cigar stub thrown behind the stage. The fire had been burning some time when discovered; the interior of the Opera hall was then a mass of flames and the roof was about falling in. The buildings touching the Opera block on each side were saved without being scorched, so efficient is Truro's fire department.

An immense crowd quickly removed the goods from the stores to adjacent buildings without any fire damage, though the goods were partially damaged by smoke and water.

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Building, North British, \$2,000; Quebe boo, \$1,000; Quebe bec, \$1,000; Connecticut, \$500; total \$7,500.

Fraser, Fraser & Co., Western, \$2,500; Phoenix of Hartford, \$2,000; Canadian, \$1,000; Norwich Union, \$1,000; Phoenix of Brooklyn, \$1,000; Norwich Union, \$1,000; Acadia, \$1,000; Norwich Union, \$1,000; Acadia, \$1,000; Norwich Union, \$1,000; Phoenix of Brooklyn, \$1,000; Sun, \$2,000; Liverpool, Canadian, \$1,000; Norwich Union, \$1,000; Phoenix of Brooklyn, \$1,000; Sun, \$2,000; Liverpool, Canadian, \$1,000; Norwich Union, \$1,000; Phoenix of Brooklyn, \$1,000; Sun, \$2,000; Liverpool, Canadian, \$1,000; Norwich Union, \$1,000; Phoenix of Brooklyn, \$1,000; Sun, \$2,000; Liverpool, London & Globe, \$1,000; Phoenix of Brooklyn, \$1,000; Sun, \$2,000; Liverpool, London & Globe, \$1,000; Phoenix of Brooklyn, \$1,000; Sun, \$2,000; Liverpool, London & Globe, \$1,000; Phoenix of Brooklyn, \$1,000; Sun, \$2,000; Liverpool, London & Globe, \$1,000; Phoenix of Brooklyn, \$1,000; Sun, \$2,000; Liverpool, London & Globe, \$1,000; Phoenix of Brooklyn, \$1,000; Sun, \$2,000; Liverpool, London & Globe, \$1,000; Phoenix of London, \$1,000; Phoenix of Londo tality. Oblivion! It can swallow and will swallow whole galaxies of

Yet oblivion does not remove or swallow everything that had better not be removed or swallowed. The old monster is welcome to his meal. This world would long ago have been overcrowded if not for the merciful removal of nations and generations. What if all the books had lived that

were ever written and printed and published? The libraries would by their immensity have obstructed in-telligence and made all research impossible. The fatal epidemic of books was a merciful epidemic. Many of the state and national libraries to day are only morgues, in which dead books are waiting for some one to come and recognize them. What if all the people that had been born were still alive? We would have been elbowed by our ancestors of ten centuries ago, and people who ought to have said their last word 3,000

years ago would snarl at us, saying, "What are you doing here?" There would have been no room to turn around. Some of the past genera-tions of mankind were not worth remembering. The first useful thing that many people did was to die, their cradie a misfortune and their grave a boon. This world was hardly a comfortable place to live in be-fore the middle of the eighteenth century. So many things have come into the world that were not fit to stay in we ought to be glad they were put out. The waters of Lethe, the fountain of forgetfulness, are a healthful draft. The history we have of the world in ages past is always one sided and cannot be depended on.

History is fiction illustrated by a few straggling facts.

Now, I have told you that this oblivion of which I have spoken has its defeats and that there is no more reason why we should not be distinctly and viviely and gloriously remembered five hundred million billion trillion quadrillion quintillion years from now than that we should be remembered six weeks. I am go-ing to tell you how the thing can be

We may build this "everlasting remembrance," as my text styles it, into the supernal existence of those to whom we do kindnesses in this world. You must remember that this infirm and treacherous faculty which we now call memory is in the world. with the face of a loved one before of a widow pay her rent? Did you help a widow pay her rent? Did you find for that man released from prison a place to get honest work? Did you shill be no can cut out a thousand epitaphs while Old Mortality is cutting one epitaph. Whole libraries of blographies devoured of bookworms or unread of the rising generations. All the signs of the stores and warehouses of great firms have changed, unless the grandsons think that it is an advantage to keep the old sign up because the name of the stores and warehouse the name of the name street into a midnight mission, where the Lord said to her: "Neither do I condemn thee. Go and sin no more?" Did you tell a man clear discouraged in his waywardness and hopeless and plotting suicide that for him was near by a laver in which he might wash and a coronet of eter-nal blessedness he might wear? What are epitaphs in graveyards, what are eulogiums in presence of those whose unread biographies in the alcoves of imperishable records you have made in the iliumined memories of those to whom you did such kindnesses? Forget them? They cannot forget them. Notwithstanding all their might and splendor there are some things the glorified of heaven cannot do, and this is one of them. They cannot forget an earthly kindness done. The kindnesses you do to others will stand as long in the appreciation of others as the gates of heaven will stand, as the "house of many man-sions" will stand, as long as the

throne of God will stand. Another defeat of oblivion will be found in the character of those whom we rescue, uplift or save. Character is eternal. Suppose by a right influence we aid in transforming a bad man into a good man, a dolorous man into a happy man, a disheart so much as one line in a newspaper regarding it of no mortal tongue may ever whisper it into human ear, but wherever that soul shall go your work upon it shall go, wherever that soul rises your work on it will rise, and so long as that soul will last your work on it will last. Do you suppose there will ever come such an idiotic lapse in the history of that soul in heaven that it shall forget that you invited him to Christ; that you, by prayer or gospel word, turned him round from the wrong way to the right way? No such insanity will ever smite a heavenly citizen. It is Christopher Wren planned and built heaven that you were the instrumentality of building a temple for the sky. We teach a Sabbath class or put a Christian tract in the hand of a passerby or testify for Christ in a prayer meeting or preach a sermon and go home discouraged, as though nothing had been accomplished, when we had been character building with a material that no frost or earth-quake or rolling of the centuries can damage or bring down.

There is no sublimer art on earth than architecture. With pencil and rule and compass the architect sits he goes out and unrolls his plans and calls carpenters and masons and walks around the vast structure and sees the completion of the work with some corner of the building the architect's name may be chiseled. But the storms do their work, and time, that takes down everything, will yet take down that structure until there shall not be one stone left upon another, But there is a soul in heaven, Bone Grinders, Portable Forges,

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Through your instrumentality it was put there. Under God's grace you are put there. Under God's grace you are the architect of its eternal happiness. Your name is written, not on one corner of its nature, but inwrought into its every fiber and energy. Will the storms of winter wash out the story of what you have wrought upon that spiritual structure? No. There are no storms in that land, and there is no water. Will time wear out the inscription which shows your fidelity? No. Time is past, and your fidelity? No. Time is past, ar it is an everlasting now. Built into the foundation of that imperishable structure, built into its pillars, built into its capstone is your name, either the name you have on earth or the name by which celestials shall call you. I know the Bible says in one place that God is a jealous God, but that refers to the work of those who

that refers to the work of those who worship some other god.

A true father is not jealous of his child. With what glee you show the picture your child penciled or a toy ship your child hewed out or recite the noble deed your child accomplished, and God never was jealous of a Joshua, never was jealous of a Frances. Paul, never was jealous of a France Havergal, never was jealous of a man or woman who tried to heal wounds and wipe away tears and lift burdens and save souls, and while all is of grace and your self abnegating utterance will be, "Not unto us, not unto us, but unto thy name, O Lord, give glory!" you shall name, O Lord, give glory!" you shall always feel a heavenly satisfaction in every good thing you did on earth, and if iconoclasm, borne from beneath, should break through the gates of heaven and efface one record of your earthly fidelity methinks Christ would take one of the nails of his every gross, and write somewhere his own cross and write somewhere on the crystal or the amethyst or on the crystal or the amethyst or the jacinth or the chrysoprasus your name and just under it the inscription of my text, "The righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance."

There is another and a more complete defeat for oblivion, and that is in the heart of God himself. You have seen a sailor roll up his sleeve and show you his arm tattooed with the

seen a sailor roll up his sleeve and show you his arm tattooed with the figure of a favorite ship, perhaps the first one in which he ever sailed, You have seen a soldier roll up his sleeve and show you his arm tattoo sleeve and show you his arm tattooed with the figure of a fortress where he was garrisoned or the face of a dead general under whom he fought. You have seen many a hand tattooed with the face of a loved one before or after marriage. This custom of tattooing is almost as old as the world. It is some colored liquid and the state of the structure of the law.

The afternoon session closed the inquiry and upon its conclusion Commissioner Tweedie announced he would make his report in a few days. Two witnesses were examined, Sergt. Kilpatrick and Officer from the chief of police were invariably for the strict enforcement of the law.

Mr. Skinner for the Chief. cannot lose them. As long as my hands last the memory of you will last. Not on the back of my hands, as though to announce you to others, but on the palms of my hands for myself to look at and study and love. Though I hold the winds in my fist, no cyclone shall and your face, and though I hold the ocean in the hollow of my hand its billows shall not wash out the record of my remembrance. 'Behold, I have graven thee on the palms of

my hands!' What joy, what honor, can there be mightiest and most affectionate being in the universe? being in the universe?
Think of it, to hold an everlasting place in the heart of God! The heart of God! The most beautiful palace in the universe. Let the archangel build a palace as grand as he can and then you enter this palace of archangelic construction and see how poor a palace it is compared with the greater palace that some of you have already found in the heart of a loving and pardoning God and into which all the music and all the prayers and all the sermonic considerations of this day are trying to introduce you through the blood of

Oh, where is oblivion now? From the dark and overshadowing word that it seemed when I began it has become something which no man or woman or child who loves the Lord need ever fear. Oblivion defeated. Oblivion dead. Oblivion sepulchered. But I must not be so hard on that devouring monster, for into its grave go all our sins when the Lord for Christ's sake has forgiven them. Just blow a resurrection trumpet over them when once oblivion has them rises. Blow again. Not a stir amid all the pardoned iniquities of a lifetime. Blow again. Not one of them moves in the deep grave trenches. But to this powerless res urrection trumpet a voice responds, half human, half divine, and it must be part man and part God, saying, "Their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more." Thank God for this blessed oblivion. So you see I did not invite you down into a cellar, but up on a throne; not into the graveyard to which all material-ism is destined, but into a garden all down alone and in silence and evolves brance. The frown of my first text from his own brain a cathedral or a national capitol or a massive home before he leaves that table, and then he goes out and unrolls his plans great agony have become the clapartisans of all sorts to execute his design, and when it is finished he walks around the year through the second that the second the great agony have become the clapping hands of a great joy. The requiem with which we began has become the grand regard. we close. The tear of sadness that rolled down our cheek has struck the high satisfaction, and on a stone at lip on which sits the laughter of eternal triumph.

> Lobsters dread the sound of thunder, and during electric storms they seek deep water

The Earl of Crewe, Lord Rosebery's son in law, is not only an art connoisseur, but a bibliophile as well. His collection of rare books is one of the best in Engliand and is largely the result of his per-

## COUNSEL FOR CHIEF AND ALLIANCE ADDRESS COMMISSIONER TWEEDIE,

Messrs. Skinner and Alward Made Tuesday's Proceedings in Sunday Law Inquiry Interesting-Decision of Court Reserved—Tuesday's Evidence.

The Morning Session.

officer reported the Grand Union. One of the witnesses was a North End professional gentleman and he talked with the witness, who told him he had no knowledge of liquor selling but had been at the house professionally. He again interviewed Officer Finley, and concluded that there was not sufficient evidence to secure conviction. He did not know that liquor was being served in private hotel rooms and did not consider it any part of his duty to pry into private rooms. When he took the office he was told plainly that the government wanted the bars closed on Sunday.

Deputy Chief of Police Jenkins, Sergts-Kilpatrick and Hastings also gave evidence, principally to the effect that in their opinion the law was well enforced.

of stimulant he characterized as the grandest thing in the human race and contended that the true line of reform should be to control instead of eradicating the desire for it.

In concluding his address Mr. Skinner said he was not making an appeal for his client for such was not necessary for him, because from the evidence a reasonable suspicion could no longer exist. What he expected was for the persons who signed the memorial to honestly admit that the characterized as the grandest thing in the human race and contended that the true line of reform should be to control instead of eradicating the desire for it.

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Isaiah, where God says, "Behold, I have graven thee on the palms of my hands!" It was as much as to say: "I cannot open my hand to help, but I think of you. I cannot spread abroad my hands to bless, but I think of you. Wherever I go up and down the heavens I take these two pictures of you with me. They are down the heavens I take these the pictures of you with me. They are such a disregard was shown for law so inwrought into my being that I the members of the alliance would have it understood. He doubted if there was

the law. What impressed the prosecutors thus he failed to comprehend. To attempt to analyze the evidence would be futile ord of my remembrance. Behold, ave graven thee on the palms of hands!"

hat joy, what honor, can be comparable to that being remembered by the tiest and most affectionate.

To attempt to analyze the evidence would be futile for there was no evidence against his client submitted. The counsel for the chief later dealt with the relations of the object was not for inciting people to do will the desired to remind the memorialists that Sunday was not what it was for good? Rev. Dr. was perfectly within his morialists that Sunday was not what it was for good? The was perfectly within his morialists that Sunday was not what it was for good? The was perfectly within his morialists that Sunday was not what it was for good? morialists that Sunday was not what it was in earlier periods when the Sabbath was a day when man was day was day when man was day when man was day when man was day when man was day was day was day was day was day when man was day was in earlier periods when the Sabbath was a day when man was demanded to abstain from worldly thought. The era of progress was for freedom of the people. Mr. Skinner said he believed in Sunday and duming his life cheaned it. ple. Mr. Skinner said he believed in Sunday and during his life observed it, but he believed its principles would be observed by the free will of the people instead of by the statutes. Following this declaration the coursel called attention to some absurdities of Sunday laws still on the statutes. Smoking on the streets was probabilited were in this generation; it was a force the law. He said he c interests of temperature. Was apostle of the cause, who law of moral suasion to Commissioner Smith must be tion reformer, who sought to servance by breaking laws. prohibited, yet in this generation it was an uncommon thing to find a man who did not smoke. Again, it was illegal for three persons to talk together on the three persons to talk together on the streets. Sentiment did not want such laws carried out and for this reason there was no attempt at enforcement. was no attempt at enforcement. Other examples cited were that Sunday excursions on steamers were not permitted, yet the law allowed livery stables to hire buckboards for Sunday outings. Another inconsistency was that a vessel could not, under the law, discharge or load on the

The investigation into the complaints of the Lord's Day Alliance was resumed Tuesday.

did-not want all the laws enforced to the strict letter. The law which prevented sale of soda water, and all other irrational measures in the statutes were and Liquor License Inspector John B. Jones was on the stand at the morning session. Asked if he had any knowledge of two cases reported by Officer Finley not prosecuted, Mr. Jones said one case was the Dufferin hotel in June, 1900. The reason the case was not prosecuted was because the hotel had been heavily fined only a short time before and the occasion was one on which the whole town was jubilant. Mafeking night. He did not consider would be resented by the people. Naturally it must be expected that people ought to move about as they pleased in ant, Mafeking night. He did not consider the case a very glaring one. The same officer reported the Grand Union. One of the witnesses was a North End profes-

Dr. Alward, counsel for the Lord's Day Alliance, said he was startled by the argu-ments his learned friend had advanced What a loss the church had sust a man who would abolish the We ter confession and revise f mandments. Beginning his Alward announced he was discuss the wisdom or un

throwing it away in pla night after Saturday nig after Sunday in June, J

force the law. He said he cointerests of temperance. Wa memorial had been proven. chief of police had been re ernment was present to he commissioners were breaking After Dr. Alward had tha missioner Tweedie for his co said he regretted intensely that pelled him to say many things regretted. If he wounded feelin Sabbath unless in the employ of the gov- ing the function demanded. ernment. There were also many other things which indicated that the people make his report in a few days-

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