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The Daily Tribune.

ST. JOHN, N. B., APRIL 26, 1872.

IN AND ABOUT FREDERICTON.

No. 1.

BREAKING UP OF THE ICE.

We propose, in a short series of articles, to give some account of the Capital, confining ourselves mainly to some of its salient features,—to its pursuits and industries. Fredericton is still the head quarters of the Province; seat of Government, of the Legislature, of the Supreme Court; of the chief institution of learning; and while it remains the Capital, it will command the respect of the Province. Fredericton is still also a great centre of lumbering and milling operations, and its merchants are the first in the country, while its manufacturers and mechanics are imbued with the spirit of progress, and are determined to keep ahead with the times. Fredericton has been in

A TRANSITION STATE

for two or three years, but has now got accustomed and reconciled to its altered circumstances. The Celestial City, "fenced in" from the vulgar "work-a-day world," is an exploded jest; it is now in direct communication with the boundless continent; and as these nerves of motion pulse ever more strongly, it will be agitated by stronger life and expand into more robust being. Its inhabitants, we are convinced, believe that their city has a future before it, and look forward to a not very distant day, when it will be the great railway centre of the Province,—the grand depot where lines converging from all points of the compass will meet.

As journalists having the well-being of the whole Province at heart, while we are proud to see so many evidences of prosperity in St. John, we rejoice to note and make public the proofs of enterprise and well doing in other parts, well knowing that that enterprise and well-doing give impetus to the prosperity of this, the Commercial Metropolis of the Province.

TO BREAK THE ICE

of our subject, we cannot do better than give an account of the breaking up of the ice before Fredericton, an event always look ed forward to these with interest if not impatience. It is a pleasant sight to see the black-blue spots appear in the white solid expanse, for there are the sure signs of the fast decaying strength of grim winter. The exhiliration of midwinter is not to be denied, but it is equally undeniable that, as the long winter drags to its close, a feeling of oppression and weariness comes over the spirit, and that the first gentle winds that blow across the region of snow and temper its gelid breath, awaken imaginations of boundless, balmy, breezy space, and expanses of green pasture, and stir up a feeling of fresh life and new hope. The groups that

ASSEMBLE ON THE BANK OF THE RIVER

and on the wharves when the word has gone forth that the ice has made its first start, may seem to be actuated by mere curiosity; but we have no doubt that they are stirred by a deeper feeling,—one of relief that winter has at last gone and springtime come.

From the immense quantity of snow that fell in the memorable winter of 1871–2—(happily we can now speak of it as passed)—storm prognosticators predicted an ice freshet on a grand scale—equaling the freshets of 1832 or 1857. Citizens who are fast advancing to the respectable and authoritative stage of "oldest inhabitants" are proud (as travellers who have seen strange sights and escaped great dangers delight in relating their adventures) of speaking of the great freshets that used to happen in their youth, and contrast them with the puny glacial floods of these modern days. They especially delight in speaking of

THE GREAT ICE FRESHMT AT FREDERICTON

that occurred on Friday the 12th April, 1831, and to describe the terrific rush of the river that groaned and labored with its grinding mass of icen hummocks that (like a herd of wild buffaloes leaping on each other as they stampede the prairie) rose and fell in hilly heaps; to speak of the debris of houses and barns carried down by the spate; of the vast mountains of ice heaped up on the river banks; of the huge blocks thrown up from the landings on the street; of the floods that deluged the town, dislodging inmates from the first stories of their houses and keeping the timorous close prisoners, and obliging citizens, who, though they could not tether the tide, would not be hindered by it from pursuing their usual avocations, to row about the streets in canoes, thus improvising gondolaed Venice on a small scale.

If any one expected similar unusual scenes this Spring, they were considerably disappointed. Nothing happens as predicted or anticipated, which shows that men generally are not prophets or of the generation of prophets. The ice, two or three days before, had shown

SYMPTOMS OF CAVING IN,

and open spaces of blue water were visible at times, but it was on Monday that it made its first serious start. Monday was one of these days in April that come so sweet, and as forerunners of summer are so warmly welcomed, and everybody seemed in spirits at the prospect of the departure of the ice and the coming of Spring. About noon the roadway, with its bushes that led to the St. Mary's landing, was seen at the mouth of the Nashwaak, and generally the ice showed a disposition to crowd on the left bank, and to leave more or less open water in front of the Dowling and Sherman wharves, in front of the newly built steamer, and along the flats. In the open space of blue water might have been seen

ICE SAILING DOWN

on which on heaps of refuse pecked the pensive crow. Everything promised a quiet disappearance of the ice, and it was determined to launch the steamboat that afternoon. But as the day wore on the water which had risen to a height began to fall, owing, it was said, to a great jam at the islands about Springhill, and it was determined to wait until a more favorable opportunity. Towards evening the sky begun to be overcast, and rain fell after dark. Between ten and eleven the city was aroused by a roar as of distant thunder, which warned the citizens that the jam at Springhill had given away and that the river with its dangerous burden was coming down with terrific speed. The darkness lent an imagination of destruction to the roar that the light did not disclose. In the course from the upper part of the Town—from Kirk's mill (late Scott's mills, the scene of destruction in 1857) past Westmoreland and Phœnix landings and the wharves behind the barracks, down to the Dowling and Sherman wharves, tho' there were several buildings and sheds

IN A DANGEROUS POSITION

the only thing destroyed was a slight shed on the the steamboat wharf at Regent St., Mr. Lunt's principal office and store room being left intact, the ice having piled to a height of 10 ft. within a handbreath of it, and there stopped.

The breaking of the jam at Springhill, and the occurrence of a jam at the Oromocto had the effect of raising the water to a great height, flooding the flats, and floating off about nine in the morning, the steamboat, when the "Anna Rideout" rode out beautifully. About noon the jam at the Oromocto broke, and the river fell as speedily as it had risen, and the muddy surface of the flats made its appearance above the waste of waters, but pools remained in the hollows. There is no doubt that the freshet has done a good deal of damage in ripping wharves and destroying sheds and barns, but the destruction was on quite a contemptible scale compared with 1831 or 1857. Towards dark on Tuesday the middle of the river, save for floating hummocks, was clear, and when the full moon, thrusting its ruddy disc through a bank of clouds rose into the cloudless serene, the golden band of light that it threw across the river glittered on sparkling waters. By that sign the river was opened.

The Pay of Policemen.

A correspondent puts to us the questions:—

"Do you think it will be possible to "maintain a creditable Police Force in this "town when all the Common Council "allow the men is $400 a year? Do you "know that a half dozen of the Force in-"tend to resign on the 1st May?"

We are sorry to hear of the intended resignations, especially as several of those who propose to retire are among the most active and intelligent members of the Force. And yet they are not to be blamed for declining to starve on $400 a year. They can do better in almost any other employment. Several of them, we hear, intend to go into trade and open shops, and we are certain that few shop-keepers undertake to support a family on $400 a year in these times.

If we wish to secure a respectable body of men to guard our property and aid in preserving the peace, we must pay them properly. The four hundred dollar days have gone for good. Rents are higher than formerly; people must live and dress better than formerly; and, generally speaking, the cost of maintaining a family is considerably greater than when the pay of the Policemen was fixed years ago. The Corporation of St. John must move with the times. The tax-payers certainly require faithful service at the hands of their employes, but they must expect to pay for such service at least as much as will keep the body and soul together. It is a penny wise and pound foolish system that drives efficient officers and men out of civic employment. We hope to hear that something better has been substituted.

The New Island Government.

Advices from Charlottetown state that the following gentlemen have been sworn in members of the Government: Messrs. Haythorne (Leader) Edward Palmer, Sinclair, Sullivan, H. Beer, McLean, Robertson and Muirhead; and it was said Mr John Yeo would probably be added. Few of the new Executive are known to fame Mr. David Laird does not appear to be included, probably because he prefers the Queen's Printership for himself or a near friend. The Legislature was to reassemble on the 23rd inst. On the 22d, Messrs. L. C. Owen and Thomas Dodd were nominated for the Legislative Councillor's seat for Charlottetown, vacated by Hon. T. H. Haviland. The Councillors are elected by the people on the Island.

LOCALS.

The River du Loup Railway Company will hold their Annual meeting in Fredericton on the first Tuesday in May.

Agricultural Exhibition.

The Directors of the St. John Agricultural Society will hold a County Exhibition of farm products in October next, on their grounds near the Marsh Bridge.

Real Estate Sale.

We understand that Mr. D. J. McLaughlin, Jr., has purchased the McDonald property, on Pitt street, from Captain Calhoun for $12,000.

Ice in Fish Market Slip.

Small boats had great difficulty in entering the Fish Market Slip to day. The ice had floated in and packed tightly.

Freights at Cardenas.

Late advices per cable, from Havana to S. J. Golding & Co, report freights firm; brig "Hannah G," chartered at Cardenas for port north of Hatteras $7 per hhd. for sugar.

Mud.

This crop that hardly ever fails is in full bloom on Prince Wm. street, over its whole extent.

Miss Rye's Servant Girls.

This lady left England on the 17th inst. with 100 servants. The parties who have applied for them should be ready, immediately on arrival, to receive them.

Mr. Torrens

left by train yesterday afternoon for Fredericton, where he will arrange to give a series of Concerts after the Convention closes in St. John.

Teachers' Meeting.

The City Superintendent requests the city Teachers to meet at the Grammar School at 3 p. m. to-morrow. See adv't. in this day's TRIBUNE.

Board of Trade.

A meeting of the Council will be held in the Board room on Monday at 3 p. m.

The Council of the Board of Trade.

yesterday, resolved to petition against the repeal of the Insolvent Law, and to approve of the amendments suggested by the Toronto Board. They also recommended the Dominion Parliament to grant a subsidy to the *Emperor*, to ply between St. John, Yarmouth and Halifax.

Steamships.

There are three iron steamships in port to day, the "Nyanza," "Olympia," and "Scud."

The steamer "Nyanza" will sail for Liverpool to-morrow Saturday, at 1 o'clk A mail will be made up for her, which will close at the Post Office at 12 o'clock.

The steamer "Niger" arrived at Halifax this morning and will sail for this port this evening and will probably reach here early Sunday morning. The manifest can be seen at the office of Wm. Thomson & Co., who are the agents. She made the voyage in *eleven days*.

The steamer "Ladyhead," one of the Dominion boats, arrived in the harbor this morning, from Halifax, about 11 o'clock. She comes here for repairs.

The "Cambrian" which sailed from Halifax yesterday, arrived here this morning at 11 o'clock.

The "M. A. Starr" is expected to arrive this afternoon at 4 o'clock. She will sail again to-morrow evening for Halifax.

The S. S. "Alexandria," which sailed from this port on the 11 h inst., is reported per cable to Messsrs. Scammell Bros. as having arrived at Glasgow.

Personal.

Mr. Barrister Pugsley lately applied to the Portland Police Magistrate for a Bench Warrant to arrest the Editor of the Saint John TRIBUNE, for criticising his case. Mr. P. is a modest young man.—[Chatham Gleaner.

Mr. Marcus Smith, C. E, District Engineer, in Restigouche, it is said, has accepted the appointment of Government Engineer in British Columbia and is to leave at once for that Province. His successor is not yet known.

Rev. George W. Hill, who left Halifax a few days ago for England on a pleasure trip, accompanied by Mrs. Hill and several other members of his family, was treated to a pleasant farewell meeting by the Y. M. C. Association on Sunday evening. The hall was densely packed and hundreds were unable to gain admission.

Of John McNeil, aged 107 years, who came from Moidart, Scotland, to America in 1802, and died in Antigonish County the other day, a cotemporary says:—"He retained all his faculties up to the very moment of dissolution. It certainly is something wonderful, fifty-one years after the first Napoleon's death, to witness the demise of a man that was four years of age before the great Bonaparte was born."

Hard on the Profession.

On the trial of the Slaughter house cases this morning Doctor Wetmore said that water carried in pipes was only fit for washing purposes, and not for drinking. Mr. Tuck asked him if eminent authorities did not differ with him on that point,

"Doctors differ and the patients die" remarked Doctor Wetmore, amid the laughter of the Court.

County Court.

The case of the Dominion of Canada against Damory and Cain occupied the Court this morning. The defendants have been indicted by the Grand Jury for corrupting the waters of the Penitentiary reservoir by blood and offal from their slaughter houses, which are on a slope about 300 yards from the source of a stream that supplies the reservoir. The stream is about a quarter of a mile from its source to the reservoir.

W. H. Tuck, Esq., appeared for the prosecution and S. R. Thomson, Esq., for the defence.

Doctor Wetmore, Capt. Allan McLean, Mr. Quinton and two keepers from the Penitentiary were examined this morning on behalf of the prosecution.

The Rival Route to the Bay Verte Canal.

The Moncton *Times*, in response to THE TRIBUNE's invitation, explains that the route it prefers for the Canal is the one which it advocated last year, and which was partially surveyed by Mr. George W. McCready, the principal writer for the paper. The route and its advantages are thus succinctly stated:—

We pointed out on each side of the isthmus two streams, the sources of which were not very far from each other:—on the Gulf side, the Shediac and Scadouc Rivers; and on the Petitcodiac side, the Memramcook and Hall's Creek. We described the large summit basin, (a little N. W. of Painsec,) having its outlet at Hall's Creek, and being separated by only a slight water shed from each of the other streams, so that this could be made a summit feeder for the canal, whatever stream on either side might be chosen for the outlet. We also gave our opinion that the quantity of water at the summit would be sufficient, especially as the soil was of such an impervious character that the supply would not be rapidly wasted by absorption. Further than this, we argued that if the object of the canal were to shorten distance, and to escape some hundreds of miles of dangerous coast; the saving of thirty or forty miles more, and that of a hazardous coast line, was still worthy of being secured, especially if a saving of one or two million dollars could at the same time, be effected.

The *Times* publishes some interesting statistics from Mr. McCready's report; but we judge from its tone that it does not think there is any hope of altering the Government's determination to construct the canal at Bay Verte. $500,000 has since been placed in the Estimates for this year's expenditure on the Bay Verte project.

Halifax, under Confederation,

is rapidly becoming an important commercial centre. From the *Citizen* (Anti paper) we learn that twenty two spring ships are now on their way across the Atlantic for that port, having sailed, between Feb. 9 and April 12, from the ports of London, Liverpool, Cardiff, Queenstown, Belfast Newcastle, Charente, Helvoet, Rotterdam, and Lisbon. The same paper, in the same issue, notes the arrival, either *al* Halifax or *from* Halifax, of nine steamers interested in the trade of the Port; and the *Reporter* of about the same date remarks, "There were ten steamships in port to-day." Special attention, we notice, is given by the Press to harbor matters,—a satisfactory "sign of the times." The *Reporter*, for instance, has the following:—

The telegrams from Halifax for the past ten days or more, with their frequent allusion to wrecks, must have impressed the outside world with a belief that the Nova Scotia coast was strewed with wrecks and stranded vessels Scarcely a day for a fortnight past but some vessel has been reported Either extra stupidity, changes in the currents occasioned by the earthquakes, or extra carelessness; possibly intentional criminality, have been the occasion of these wrecks.

No man in his senses will believe that a Pilot, brought up on Devil's Island, and knowing the harbor of Halifax as well as a school boy does "Breathes there a man with soul so dead," or "Scotland's burning"—no man will believe that a Pilot with such knowledge—on a fine moon-light night—could mistake his position.

We are sure that when the facts become known in England underwriters will refuse to run any risks upon goods or vessels for Halifax. The subject must be thoroughly discussed by the Chamber of Commerce, and a complete renovation of the system of granting licenses to Pilots brought about, if we would have our port cleared of the imputations sure to rest upon us in connection with this matter of the *Peruvian*.

The Common Council,

yesterday decided to order the sum of $30,000 to be assessed for School purposes and collected with the general assessment the actual School expenditure for the year will be as follows:—

Board of School Buildings,	$ 5,000
Teachers,	30,000
Fuel, light, and room keeping,	6,000
Books and stationary for indigent pupils,	250
Apparatus,	1,000
Arrangement with Grammar School,	3,000
Insurance,	300
Printing and Advertising,	750
Interest,	3,600
Office expenses, including salary of the Secretary, and permanent furnishing,	2,000
	$51,900

The Trustees will receive 9,250 of this amount from the County Fund; but as a part of the second year will have passed before the assessment can again be made, they asked and the Council decided that the round sum of $30,000 be assessed this year.

Election of Officers.

The St. John Rowing Club elected the following officers last evening:—P. P. Clarke, President; J. S. Kaye, T. A. Chapman, Vice Presidents; M. Chamberlain, Secretary and Treasurer; W. K. Mollison, P. R. Disbrow, Stewards. The name of James A. Harding, Esq., was placed on the honorary service list. It was ordered that gentlemen be admitted to the privileges of the Club for 1872 on payment of a fee of $5. The finances were reported in a healthy condition.

At a meeting of Alexandra Temple No. 6, T. of H. & T., held last evening, the following Brothers were duly elected officers for the ensuing term:—N. W. Brennan, W. C. T.; C. W. Roberts, W. V. T.; T. A. Roberts, W. R.; Jas. M. Spence, W. A. R.; S. J. Warwick, W. T. R.; H. M. Patterson, W. Treas.; W. Connors, W. Usher; John B. Thompson, W. D. Usher; Moses Belyea, W. G.; A. Rileigh, W. S.; John Coleman, W. Chap.; John B. Eagles, P. W. C. T.

The Moncton "Times"

is pursuing with a sharp stick a red-headed marplot connected with the Albert Railway. It says:—

Even now we opine that there is a guilty Achan in the camp, whose Babylonish garment and wedge of gold point him out as the inevitable and fatal blight to the enterprise, unless removed. Or if he is only a run-away Jonah, who has contrived to get on board the ship, the sooner he is put overboard the better, even if half the crew should be his sympathizers. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Utility of the Atlantic Cable.

As an instance of its use, Everitt & Butler received advices by mail that the goods duplicated by them on account of the loss of the S. S. "Dacian," had been already shipped from Liverpool, and will reach this port almost as soon as the "Dacian" would have been here had she not been wrecked.

Flora Myers Theatre.

The Flora Myers Troupe, who have been playing in Maine since they left here, opened again for a short season in the Institute last night with the drama of "Arrah-na-Pogue" The play was well placed on the stage and the acting of the principal characters highly effective and pleasing. The "Shaun" of A. W. Purcell was a natural and vigorous impersonation. Flora Myers as "Arrah Meelish" was an unaffected, simple, natural and correct representation of the pure hearted trusting Irish girl. Edwina Gray and Effie Keans also appeared to good advantage. Jennie Vache and H. P. Webber sang a couple of songs, and the entertainment concluded with the farce of the "Contraband" in which G. B Hill appeared as a negro, acting the character well. The Orchestra has been reinforced and gives excellent music, Mr. John Leitch, who has been away for some time, being one of the players. Mr. Purcell, manager of this Troupe, gives the legitimate drama prominence, and succeeds in pleasing his numerous patrons. A policeman in the vicinity of the swamp is highly necessary to keep the small boys in order. The audience last night was large. To-night the Troupe play "Under the Gas Light," the mechanical effects of which are the best that have been used here.

The Tale of "a Crazy Heifer."

Says the New Glasgow *Chronicle*: "A few evening's ago quite an uproar was created in Stellarton, by the antics of a (supposed) crazy heifer, owned by Mrs Hill. The fact of the matter was that the heifer, showing symptoms of sickness, had been drugged with liquor until she became actually drunk and in that state got out into the streets. After scaring and exciting people generally the poor brute fell down exhausted, frothing at the mouth. It was proposed to bleed her, and one awkward fellow procuring a knife, which happened to be sharp enough at the hilt but dull at the point, commenced to stab ferociously at the animal's neck. He failed to draw blood from her but managed to cut his own hand so badly that he was compelled to put himself in the care of a surgeon. Finally some person put the poor beast out of pain by knocking her on the head with an axe. Had the poor heifer been given the ordinary remedies and care at the outset, she would soon have recovered. Intoxicating liquors do not appear to act favorably on cattle. The fellow who bled himself while attempting to bleed the cow, should be careful not to attempt such a particular operation."

Recent Publications.

"The Boys' Trust," by Annie M. Mitchell, (Carters, New York) is a sketch of two children left orphans at a tender age, and of their struggles. They were good, affectionate children. The brother was given the position of cash boy in a business establishment, and a leading incident of the work is a false accusation of theft preferred against him, for which he was sent to prison. Eventually the lad's fair fame was vindicated. The illustration of his sister's and his own "trust" in God is graphically drawn. The book is calculated to interest and edify not only boys but adults. For sale by Mr. T. H. Hall.

Detained.

A large number of passengers were detained on the Carleton side this morning, between 8 and 9 o'clock, while the tug boat *St. George*, temporarily engaged in conveying passengers across the harbor, was employed in attempting to draw the stumps of the piles, some days ago, cut to low water mark at the entrance to the floats on this side. About three quarters of an hour was consumed on this operation, which was a failure, which many of the waiting passengers on the other side, detained from their business, were fretting and fuming at the unnecessary delay. Another tug should have been employed for this work, eight o'clock being the hour when a large number of young men and women are obliged to reach the city to attend to their various employments, and to whom time is of great importance.

Those Chairs.

A couple of chairs belonging to Benedict Arnold were recently sold at St. John, N. B., for $1,275 each.—*Lawrence Sentinel.*

Those two chairs, if they travel through many more American papers, will soon come up to those $400,000 chairs Judge Barnard has in the New York Court House. The ancient and valuable relics of the traitor Benedict, above referred to, were sold in this City about a year ago to an American gentleman, who has resided in St. John for some years. The two of them brought something like ten dollars.

The Market Slip.

Business on the market wharves now begins to assume quite a lively appearance. The Slip is well filled with schooners and woodboats, the former discharging and loading from and for the border ports; the latter bringing a plentiful supply of cordwood to our market. Notwithstanding that the supply is more than equal to the demand, the prices continue at $1.90 for White Birch and $2.00 for mixed. There are also a few small craft with clams.

More Asphalt Pavements.

The asphalt sidewalks on the east side of Prince Wm. St. and the north side of Duke St. are the most comfortable in the city to walk on. Alderman Kerr moved in the Council yesterday that asphalt pavements be laid down on the north side of Saint James St. from Reed's Point to Germain St., and the east side of Prince Wm. St. from Reed's Point to Queen St. A good idea.

New Drug Store.

W. Hawker at Reed's Point will be able to move into his new store by the first of May. It occupies one half of the lower flat of the new four story building being erected for Moses Lawrence, Esq., in front of the Wright property, on the east side of Prince Wm. street. The shop will be fitted up in the latest style with modern windows counters, and shelves.

Change of Hour.

The *News* says:—"The Executive Committee of the Early Closing Association, in deference to the expressed wish of several of the Dry Goods merchants of the city, have decided to request their employers to close their business houses at 9 o'clock on Saturday evening, instead of 8 as originally decided.

OYSTERS! OYSTERS! OYSTERS!—If you want oysters, call at Geo. Sparrow's, King Street. By measure or any other way. *

Dominion Parliament.

[The *Telegraph's* despatch gives a synopsis of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries' Report, which was laid on the table yesterday. He says the fisheries have been in a highly prosperous condition during the past year, especially in Nova Scotia. The actual value of the product of the fisheries for the purposes of trade is $7,573,200, being an excess over the previous year of $908,160. The estimated value of the home consumption is $609,000; amount of capital engaged in fisheries, $15,090,000; persons employed about 87,000; collections for the year, $12,408; expenditure, $42,592. The report states that in conformity with the expressed wishes of Her Majesty's Government, fishing vessels belonging to United States citizens were not subjected to molestation or seizure, solely for the flagrant offence of fishing within the three mile limit. The claims of Canada in respect of headlands and excluding foreign vessels from her ports were kept in abeyance. Mitchell adds: "It is extremely desirable that during the consideration of the pending Treaty proposals, there may exist no uncertainty as to the necessary measure of protection which, in the meantime, will be adopted and enforced by Canada." A good deal of time was spent yesterday p. m., in the House, discussing the propriety of making the Intercolonial Railway guage 4ft. 8½in. Most of the speakers favored this guage, but opposed a change at present.]

(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE EVENING PAPERS.)

OTTAWA, April 26.

Report of Marine and Fisheries was submitted to Parliament yesterday. It shows the number of light houses managed by the Department, including those managed by Trinity House, Montreal, to be 251, requiring 285 keepers. They have in addition assistants paid by themselves whose names in consequence do not appear in books of Department.

Four new Ottawa fog whistles are under contract for River St. Lawrence, making eight altogether for that River.

The total amount of petroleum consumed in light houses of Dominion during year was 70,000 gallons, costing Department $11,814.

General condition of fisheries throughout the Dominion has been prosperous especially in Nova Scotia.

Total expenditure by Department for last fiscal year $575,916, against $408,150 of previous year, increase partly owing to new fog whistles principally in Gulf.

Papers submitted to House yesterday show that the meeting of Parliament was deferred at request of Kimberly.

In House last night after recess, adjourned debate on Colby's bill to insolvency law with Hilliard Cameron's motion to refer whole matter to Committee on Banking and Commerce was resumed. Debate occupied entire evening.

Bellerose moved adjournment debate to 9th May. Motion lost. Cameron's amendment was then rejected and bill passed second reading, yeas 77, nays 61. All members of Government excepting Pope voted in negative.

House adjourned at 11

TORONTO, April 25.

Walsh of firm of Walsh & Savage lumber dealers of this city, laid information before Police Magistrate McNabb charging several hands employed in their mills at Mount Hillock near Aurora with conspiracy in having refused to work unless on their own terms. Warrants were prepared and Detective Sheehan with three policemen left by Northern Railroad yesterday. On approaching the mills the men armed themselves with hammers and crowbars, but none came to terms, when policemen drew revolvers, nine of the men were captured and brought to the city last night.

MONTREAL, April 25.

Private action having been instituted against Corporation by J. H. R. Molson to test legality of the million dollar bye-law the Council met last night to consider expediency of sending the bill to polls till issue was tried. The highest legal opinion advised that bye-law was perfectly legal, consequently Council decided in face of all law proceedings to take vote of electors, which will be done commencing on Monday.

Minor Locals.

The ice is still coming down the river in large quantities. This morning the harbor was quite full.—The "three lamps" were not lit last night at Reed's Point. One was to show that the others were not.—In addition to the stream of water running across the sidewalk at the Royal Hotel, there is another further up Prince Wm. street, just below Barnes' Hotel. Who controls all this waste water power?—Spring has arrived; Colonel Shives sports May flowers in his button hole.—A son of Mr. J. J. Christie had his hands frozen yesterday, climbing up an icy bank on the east side of Ritchie's building.—Superintendent of Schools, Rand, has been ill lately.—The Quaco Brass Band will give a performance early in May.—The St. James' Church Choir tested the acoustic qualities of the Academy of Music last night. They were satisfied.—The tug steamer *St. George* is so crowded that "standing room only" is generally the case, between St. John and Carleton, on her trips.—The Royal and Park Hotels will be re-opened the first of May.—The Musical Convention is the exciting topic throughout the Province at present.—The high toned City of Fe'ton, in particular, will send a goodly quota of her inhabitants to hear the melodious strains of the Convention.—The hotel arrivals are showing signs of a large summer travel.—The steamer *David Weston* is advertised to leave Indiantown to-morrow for Fredericton.

Merchants' Exchange.

The following despatches were received at the Exchange to-day:—

Montreal, April 25.—Flour at Liverpool, 27s. a 27s. 6d. Red Wheat, 11s. 2d. a 11s. 5d.

New York Flour Market quiet, firm, Common to good Extra State $6 95 a $7.65.

Pork steady, quiet $13.60 new.

Grain freights 4d

Montreal flour market active. Sales 5,000 Welland Canal—spot—$6.30. Ordinary Canada $6.00 a $6.15.

New York, April 26.—Gold opened at 112 1 8 a 112 1 2.

BY TELEGRAPH.

British and Foreign.

[*By Telegraph to Associated Press.*]

LONDON, April 25—Evening.

In the House of Lords to-night, Duke of Cleveland moved the second reading of Prisoners' Ministers Bill, the special object of which is to pay Roman Catholic Chaplains for services in prisons.

Cleveland said he had observed many sections of the country, notably, Liverpool and neighborhood, were in power intensely Catholic, and the passage of this Bill was as much a matter of policy as of justice.

Lord Oranmore spoke against the measure. The time had come when the pretensions of the Church of Rome should be curbed.

Lords Cameron and Morley supported the Bill, as in accordance with the spirit of the age.

Viscount Middleton confessed, when it was proposed to make a Romish Priest an official person, he felt bound to halt.

The Bill passed—58 to 52.

There was a long and acrimonious debate in the Commons on Dublin University Bill.

The funeral of Earl Mayo took place in Dublin yesterday. Demonstration imposing. Remains interred at Naas.

Atalanta Boat Club, of New York, has arrived at Putney, and will go into practice at once.

Don Carlos is reported to have crossed the frontier into Spain. Complete understanding is said to exist between Carlists and Republicaas,—the former to draw troops into the open country, leaving towns to the mercy of the latter, who are to rise simultaneously throughout the country.

Gold closed at New York yesterday at 112 13 16.

In London Consols closed 83¼, 5-20's of 1862 90, 10 40's 81.

In Paris, Rentes 55f.

The Supreme Court

delivered the following judgments this morning:—

Betts, assignee of Botsford, *vs* Burpee and others. Order to stay proceedings rescinded.

Ex parte Curtis; Rule absolute for certiorari.

Newbury *vs* Young; rule to amend declaration discharged and rule absolute for nonsuit.

Ryan *vs* James. Appeal allowed and cause sent to County Court for new trial.

McCausland *vs* Tower. Rule absolute to set aside award without costs.

Leeman *vs* Leeman. Appeal from Divorce Court; application for Dower. Dower refused.

Forbes *vs* Forbes—the same.

The Court will deliver some further judgments to-morrow.

City Police Court.

Andrew McMullin, 27, N. B., for assaulting Mary Jane Fox, fined $12.

James Brown, England, drunk, fined $4;

Peter Silk, 29, Ireland, drunk on Princess street, fined $4.

James McGirr, 45, Ireland, drunk on Duke street, fined $4.

MR. EDITOR: The disgusting animus which induced the cotton wool headed, whiskey inflated youth in last night's TRIBUNE who dubs himself "Yardstick," and very properly so, to make his atrociously slanderous attack upon the hard working, honest and thoroughly respectable young gentlemen in the grocery profession is obvious. Sir, I would have this pseudo hybrid yardstick to know, what is well known by all decent men whether living in the palace or the hovel, that the gentlemen who have the *honour* "to go weighing out three ounces of tea or selling a dozen apples and two cents worth of onions," as he elegantly expresses it, are the real back bone and sinew of the country, and are not to be made a target for pale faced *tape sellers*.

We stand a solid phalanx, to meet the myriad
Marshalled flowers of dry goods chivalry,
Who spend the day in revel, and shame the stars
With nightly scandal; their gay battalion brave with saffron silks.

King street, 26th April. FIGS.

"An Aspiring Tape."

MR. EDITOR:—The 36 inch "nimcompoop" or "low rag," aspiring to a higher sphere, who writes under the cognomen of "Yardstick" in to night's TRIBUNE, would endeavor to be satirically witty at the expense of some tow headed grocer's clerk, and offers 10 cents for his photograph; but what would the 3 feet nimcompoop's own photograph sell for if taken as he stands behind the counter, smiling a sickly smole (under the cheering auspices of an immature moustache, fixtured by frequent applications of a villainous compound labelled bear's grease; in fact, rancid lard highly perfumed) and selling a "bussle," a 10 cent hoop skirt, or one cent garter to Biddy Brallagan?

He says, if the dry goods clerks are not content to make slaves and tools of themselves after the manner of the Israelites of old, or grocers' boys, "why should the latter complain?" They do not.

But I fancy had Pharoah placed the Israelites of old in "the rag trade," instead of making bricks, they would have crossed the Red Sea long before they did.

"Yardstick" may stay in his congenial atmosphere and aspire to a highspherical sphere; but let him not attempt to interfere with tow-headed grocer clerks, who look upon "yardstick nincompoops" with supreme contempt, though in a spirit of charity.

And grocers clerk doth humbly propose that the employer of "Yardstick" do forthwith allow him to leave his place of business at 6 p. m. to enable the said "Yardstick" to recuperate his overtaxed brain and wasted energies, and give him time to cultivate his high ethereal ass-pirations.

"Alas poor Yorick,"

hard is thy fate. In concluding this Early Closing proposition on behalf of the satirically and right minded Yardstick, I will quote a few lines from the immortal ode by