

Haston Slowly

The City Engineer's report, in remaining civic tax-payers of the public works on which the Corporation has been engaged, reminds them, also, of the fact that the City debt is being rapidly increased.

With the Reed's Point Wharves, the Breakwater, the Dorchester street job, a large sum of money has been wasted through the inability of the Corporation to manage public works. It is also conceded, and by none more readily than members of the Council themselves, that the full value is not received for the expenditures on streets, cutters and sidewalks, or the expense of lighting the City. But, in addition to the ordinary waste and the ordinary drain on the City Funds, the City Engineer, we have reason to believe, with the approval of leading spirits in the Council, proposes for the present year extraordinary expenditures. His list is a tolerably lengthy one. There is first the Dorchester street job,—that is to be forward, and before we see the end of it, ten per cent, hence, the expense already incurred will seem but a trifle compared with the "grand total" that will then be reached.

The work on the wharves at present under way must, of course, be finished. Then we are to have the erection of a Petroleum Magazine by the Corporation, involving another large sum, which private enterprise ought to supply. The Engineer also hints at a new Fish Market, or extraordinary repairs on the present elegant structure. And we know the Council is pledged to a new Country Market, on a grand scale,—probably a twenty thousand dollar affair before it will be finished.

Then there is the project of building the "America" dock,—a pretty serious undertaking,—and rocks off Hilyard's Slip. Then the purchase, or construction, and maintenance of a dredge for harbor uses is recommended,—involving a large annual expenditure than either of the other improvements suggested; and then follow new Harbor Soundings which, if actually taken, will cost a very large sum indeed.

And next we have an intimation that Street Paving on an extensive scale will be begun this year, and that a considerable extent of asphalt sidewalk will be laid. When necessary and prospective expenditures are combined, the total cost will run up to a figure that will scarcely fail to startle steady going rate-payers, many of whom consider themselves overtaxed already.

Without objecting absolutely to these contemplated expenditures, or again pointing out the utter unfitness and impropriety of a Common Council Committee in St. John attempting to carry out great harbor improvements, we would urge upon the electors and tax-payers that they insist upon the early publication of the City Accounts for last year. Before further extraordinary expenditures are sanctioned, the citizens and bond-holders should have an opportunity of informing themselves as to the cost of works already undertaken, and the condition of the City finances with special reference to the City Debt and maturing liabilities. There must have been heavy special expenditures last year, of which no detailed statements as regards cost, profit, income, etc., have been vouchsafed to the public. We are often told the "expected" cost, but the actual expenditure is generally found largely in excess of the estimate. To satisfy the public mind on this point, the Council should hasten the publication of the Accounts, which should be in the hands of tax-payers at least a month in advance of the annual City Elections.

Crown Land Management. Last spring Messrs. Shaw of Vancouver, offered the government \$250 for four square miles of land units for settlement which was some hemlock, although to great quantity of it. Government refused to sell, and the land is now Melagans of Blackville offered this fall to buy a large tract of land, units for settlement, on Bartlett's river; the government decline to sell and prefer leasing at \$5 per mile. In a few years this will be cut over, and probably burned, and it will be worthless.—[Com. to Federation Reporter.]

The Government, of course, have a power to sell lands that rank as timber lands, or that are classed as such, although, strange to say, many thousands of acres of timber land, disguised as settlement lands, were sold a single day last year to lumbermen.

The object of the publication of such paragraphs as the above, several of which are found their way into the Press of late, and are not yet transpired. If a movement is to be made at the coming session to empower the Government of the day to sell member lands to whomsoever they please, a Engine of corruption will be forged on injurious to the public good than anything that has preceded it in our history. Between Railway and Crown Land truges, we are doubtless nearing an awful session.

Our contemporaries are having a free bit round. The Telegraph and Federation are discussing Roger Bacon and other ancient worthies, apropos of the Westminster election; the News and Telegraph are doing the question of Mr. Willis's contumacy on the School question; the Federation Reporter sails into action and denounces a broadside at the News; the Mon-

ton Times is at war with all the world; the Visitor and Intelligence have not yet closed. Alina "Open Door" of discord; and the St. Croix Courier and an influential correspondent are having it hot and heavy. The St. John evening papers are the only ones that are not mixed up with the general turmoil. With cheerful countenances, the pursue the even tenor of their way.

Talk about Town.

The talk this week has generally had some connection with the Mayoralty. The talk is largely about the crop of candidates that has sprung from our soil, in spite of wintry blasts, and thaws, and storms of snow,—in spite of the School question, the Westmorland election and the Alabama claims. The talk is that there are a good many "runnings"; and that these fugitive candidates resemble the babbling brook in more ways than one,—for "men may come and men may go, but they run on for ever."

So it is that the many who are called by their friends, only one can be chosen, and that the Coming Man is very hard to find, or at least to identify,—and it is suggested that a Board of Examiners should be created, before whom should be sent all the would-be navigators of the city, and that peace will not be restored to this afflicted city until the candidates are assigned to the tender mercies of another Captain Scott, with special instructions to suppress all but one. As regards the talk in which that one be? Shall it be Mr. Smith, the determined,—or Mr. Watson of Democratic fame,—or Mr. Forbes, the pushing, the champion canvasser,—or Mr. Pughley, the energetic,—or Mr. Gidding, fresh from the North West merchant,—or Mr. Allison, of Insurance fame,—or Justice Keats, "a boss" of the Flour Society,—or Mr. Zebulon Ring, whose name has been but recently mentioned,—or Judge Skinner, who has many friends,—or Alderman Ferguson, regarded by his supporters as the noblest Roman of them all,—or any other of fifty persons, not one in ten of whom has authorized his name to be used in such connection? Again, it is talked that it will be exceedingly difficult to secure the right man for the right place; that unless there is concert of action among the more intelligent of the citizens, some low fellow who is popular in the bar-rooms will be foisted on the City; that, at the same time, the presentation of a purely Temperance candidate is not desirable, since the attention of the Mayor of St. John should not be exclusively given to the refusing or granting of Tavern Licenses; that a man combining fairness of character, a knowledge of civic affairs, and who does not get the petty alarm of the City, should be selected by the friends of all the leading candidates; and that when selected he should receive a zealous and unanimous support. The talk is that another method of securing a capable officer would be to fix on some one qualified person and then call him out by requisition; that a week's circulation of the requisition would determine the chances of his election; and that in the event of a call from the majority of the electors, even a first class man might be secured. The talk is, on the other hand, that what is everybody's business is nobody's business, and that the prospect, as far as the Mayoralty is concerned, is that Saint John will go lower before she cuts on an upward march,—although if either Judge Skinner, or Justice Keats could be carried into the Mayor's office by a large popular vote, the City would undoubtedly witness a change for the better. And the talk again is that view and receive the constant attention of all intelligent electors.

Stagnant Condition of Employers.—Capital The London Times says that the largest and most influential meeting of the employers of labor ever held in the metropolis assembled at the Palace Hotel recently. It comprised deputations from every sort of industry throughout England and Scotland. The demands of the operatives having gone on from 10 hours to 9, and from that to 8 1/2, with an intimation from Mr. Scott that he was only a step to 48 hours per week, in competition with 48 on the Continent, masters find it indispensable to form a defensive coalition, and the conference yesterday formed itself on an arrangement or resist the demands of trade unions and other combinations of workmen. A statement was given in by each firm of the number of hands in their employ, and the aggregate proved to exceed 100,000 men. The conference which was very unanimous and enthusiastic, and proceeded at once to settle their rules, in view of immediate action.

Copper Colored Navigators Want to be Annexed.—[Gleaner Cry for it.] From the Spectator Reminiscences.] The latest request for "annexation" to the United States comes from the people of the Samoan group known as Navigators, which have reached the Secretary of State at Washington, being signed officially by all the chiefs and many foreign residents of the islands. These are the only valuable islands in the Pacific Ocean not absorbed by France, England, Germany or Russia, and the natives say they are more favorable to the United States than any other country, because they believe the American religion is the same as theirs. The request would thus seem to be based on high moral grounds, but there may be a "job" in the scheme, for all that, as in the case of San Domingo, where the islands contain three thousand six hundred square miles, and the population of copper colored, and the productions are cotton, coffee, sugar cane, pine-woods and every species of tropical fruits and plants. The Australian mail steamers have selected the islands as a port call for coaling purposes, and men have gone there to erect buildings and construct wharves. The natives are friendly and Christianized, American missionaries having been there twenty years.

Barrage of Railroad Rings.—Scientist Howling in the States. The favorite method of plundering adopted by the carpet-baggers who prey upon the South is through railroad grants

and bonds. A notable instance, in which a single ring has robbed two States of \$12,000,000, has just come to notice through its connection with the proposed election of Mr. Yates to the U. S. Senate. The story runs back as far as 1868, in which year one Swetson joined with Gov. Bullock in projecting a railroad in North Carolina, for whose construction the Legislature, under pressure by Liddell Sherman, authorized the issue of \$7,000,000 in bonds. Swetson carried the bonds North, raised \$500,000 on them, let the railroad go and himself ran off with his plunder to Florida. There, in attempting to capture another railroad, he fell into the hands of men sharper than himself, and was stripped of most of his plunder. Hence another scheme with Swetson, through whose influence the Florida Legislature authorized the issue of \$5,000,000 for a new railroad. These bonds went to the same hands, the State receiving no railroad in exchange further than what the swindler had in his hands. The "new business" of \$12,000,000 could not be constructed. It is stated that the Federal Rules is desired for the furtherance of this scheme, which has in the hands of a few Yale and Princeton graduates and officials, plundered two States of \$12,000,000, leaving as a balance a sum of \$1,000,000.—[Boston Post.]

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2. Ryan v. Lockart et alii, Com. of Water, &c.—Mr. Thomson.

3. Paitman et al. v. The Cassco Bay Copper Mining Co. et alii.—Mr. Kaye.

4. V. Higgins v. Hendricks.—Mr. Jack.

5. Smith v. Morrow.—Mr. C. H. B. Fraser.

6. Hodge et al. v. Reid et alii.—Mr. Fraser.

7. In re Roch, Petitioner in Bankruptcy, v. Stockton's Estate, v. Stockton et alii.—Mr. Kerr to support appeal.

8. Simpson et al. v. Glass Impounded.—Mr. Thomson.

9. Boultonhouse v. Black.—Westmorland County Court, Mr. Milne to support appeal.

10. Morrison v. Kyle et alii.—St. John County Court, Mr. Crawford.

11. Ryan v. James.—Feni County Court, Mr. James.

12. Dibble v. Wood.—Kent County Court, Mr. James.

13. The President of the Commercial Bank, v. St. John County Court, Mr. Weldon.

14. Doe dem. Johnston v. Jardine.—Mr. Kerr, to show cause.

15. Newberry v. King.—Mr. Thomson to show cause against amendment in declaration.

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17. The Minas Marine Insurance Company v. Rivers.—Mr. Tuck.

18. McNeill v. King.—Mr. Tuck.

19. Smith v. Morrow.—Mr. Fraser.

20. Adam v. Berthelette et alii.—Mr. Neeldham.

21. Doe dem. Dempsey v. Dempsey.—Mr. Neeldham.

22. Allen v. Weldon et alii.—Mr. Neeldham to show cause.

23. Miller v. DeMill.—Mr. Palmer to show cause.

24. Doe dem. Hallpike.—Mr. Palmer to show cause.

25. Doe dem. Donohue v. McFarlane.—Mr. Duff.

26. Dickie v. Lawson.—Mr. Skinner to argue special case.

27. Davidson et al. v. E. & N. A. Railway Co. v. extension Westward.—Mr. Hainsford to show cause.

28. McCallan v. McCallan.—Mr. Neeldham to show cause.

LOCALS.

Notice. THE TRINITY Counting Room is the Phillips, Broker, Prince William street, City Hall, the Banks, News Room, Press Office, Clubs' Corner and the Ferry landing. Advertisements for the Tribune should be left at the Counting Room before 11 a. m.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

British and Foreign.

(To the St. John Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Ersg. In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Gladstone moved a vote of thanks to Right Honorable John Evelyn Denison retiring SPEAKER.

Mr. Gladstone also moved a resolution recommending his elevation to the Peerage. Disraeli seconded both motions, which were carried by acclamation.

Mr. Millbank proposed to call on CHARLES DILKE to justify before the House his recent speeches against the Crown, but he was ruled out of order.

Mr. Foster introduced a SECRET BALLOT bill. Mr. Newdegate opposed it, arguing that it would lead to a universal suffrage. The bill passed its first reading.

The Times, in reviewing the debate in the House of Commons, says that it is evident the House is unanimous in repudiating the admissibility of the American CLAIMS for indirect losses Mr. Gladstone's language is not likely to induce the Americans to withdraw their demands. The Times strongly deprecates a verbal discussion over Treaty.

Gold closed in New York yesterday at 110 1/2 in London. Consols closed at 91 1/2; 5 1/2 at 92, 91 1/2, 10 40/8 8/4.

THE SNOV BLOCKADE of the Union Pacific Railroad continues, with no prospect of travel being resumed for several days.

Merchants' Exchange. The following despatches were received at the Exchange to-day: Montreal, Feb. 8.—Flour at Liverpool 3s. 3/4. Red Wheat 11s. 11s. 8d. New York flour market quiet. Common Choice Extra State, \$6.50 a \$7.35. Pork firm, \$14.12 a \$14.25; new, \$13.50 old. Grain freights, 5d.

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Freights. There is a sudden rise in cotton freights, 5-8d. being offered yesterday against 7-10d. The day previous the freights received last evening indicate that a still further advance may be expected.

Freights for the West Indies are low; from 20 to 30 cents for shooks are offering, according to size of vessels.

Auction Sales. Messrs. Cottell & Snider offered at Auction at their Warehouses this morning, at 11 o'clock, a quantity of Molasses, Tobacco, Tea, Liquors and other articles. The bidding being slow, small quantities only were put up; the sales were limited, as the market is pretty well stocked.

Brevities. The Military Cadets met this evening at Lt. Colonel Hay's office.—Mr. Burbridge lectured this evening at Fairville.—No 8 Fire Engine Company, Carlisle, have given the Industrial School \$30, and Messrs. Hagan have sent the scholars shirts.—A boy of 18, from St. Andrew, bound for Fredericton, claimed protection in the Police Station on Wednesday night.—The Foliam water wheel, which was at work in a current in Campbell's lake, was in a current in Spruce Lake.—Rev. Mr. Pope read an interesting paper on Temperance before the Evangelical Alliance last evening. The election of the "Alliance" officers was postponed for a fuller attendance.—Mr. Fred. E. Scammell has been admitted a partner in the popular and successful firm of Scammell, Brothers, which now comprises Walter, Joseph and Fred.—Mr. George Stewart, Jr., has imported a Portable Mill for grinding roots, bark and spices.—The St. Andrew's Standard states that gold has been discovered in Charlotte, N. C.—The Points Medal is to be played for on Monday.

Explanation Requested. The Federation Reporter has been the recipient of the following note:—We, the undersigned, request the Reporter to explain the following, which has been widely circulated and variously commented upon by the New Brunswick Press:—In Fredericton, to be seen twice a week, Church you are not in the habit of attending the 'Lycerium' on the following Monday morning."

John M. Doocys, Minister of Saint Paul's Church, Joseph McLeod, Pastor of Baptist Church, W. Stewart, Pastor of Baptist Church, The Editor declines to "rise to explain."

Portland Police Court to-day. Edward Hayes, charged with coasting down hill on the 7th inst., was fined \$4. On the 8th inst., was fined \$4. On the 9th inst., was fined \$4. On the 10th inst., was fined \$4. On the 11th inst., was fined \$4. On the 12th inst., was fined \$4. On the 13th inst., was fined \$4. On the 14th inst., was fined \$4. On the 15th inst., was fined \$4. On the 16th inst., was fined \$4. On the 17th inst., was fined \$4. On the 18th inst., was fined \$4. On the 19th inst., was fined \$4. On the 20th inst., was fined \$4. On the 21st inst., was fined \$4. On the 22nd inst., was fined \$4. On the 23rd inst., was fined \$4. On the 24th inst., was fined \$4. On the 25th inst., was fined \$4. On the 26th inst., was fined \$4. On the 27th inst., was fined \$4. On the 28th inst., was fined \$4. On the 29th inst., was fined \$4. On the 30th inst., was fined \$4. On the 31st inst., was fined \$4. On the 1st inst., was fined \$4. On the 2nd inst., was fined \$4. On the 3rd inst., was fined \$4. On the 4th inst., was fined \$4. On the 5th inst., was fined \$4. On the 6th inst., was fined \$4. On the 7th inst., was fined \$4. On the 8th inst., was fined \$4. On the 9th inst., was fined \$4. On the 10th inst., was fined \$4. On the 11th inst., was fined \$4. On the 12th inst., was fined \$4. On the 13th inst., was fined \$4. On the 14th inst., was fined \$4. On the 15th inst., was fined \$4. On the 16th inst., was fined \$4. On the 17th inst., was fined \$4. On the 18th inst., was fined \$4. On the 19th inst., was fined \$4. On the 20th inst., was fined \$4. On the 21st inst., was fined \$4. On the 22nd inst., was fined \$4. On the 23rd inst., was fined \$4. On the 24th inst., was fined \$4. On the 25th inst., was fined \$4. On the 26th inst., was fined \$4. On the 27th inst., was fined \$4. On the 28th inst., was fined \$4. On the 29th inst., was fined \$4. On the 30th inst., was fined \$4. On the 31st inst., was fined \$4. On the 1st inst., was fined \$4. On the 2nd inst., was fined \$4. On the 3rd inst., was fined \$4. On the