

CITY COUNCIL.

What was Done at the Special Meeting.

"The Gleaner's" Statements Corroborated by the Alms House Keeper.

The City Council met last evening; there was a full Board present. The Committee on the City Hall alterations handed in their report.

The Committee on City Hall Alterations beg to report:—That they called for tenders for gallery alteration in accordance with plans approved at last meeting, and recommended that that of Alex. Mitchell at \$175 be accepted, the work to be done under the supervision of a competent person to be appointed by Committee. Six tenders were received and are on file with the City Clerk.

Ald. Gunter strongly opposing making any appropriation for change in the gallery. On division the report was received by the following vote:—

Yeas (7).	Nays (3).
Ald. Black.	Ald. Gunter.
" Willey.	" Parker.
" Farrell.	" Calder.
" Richey.	
" Davis.	
" Edgcombe.	
" Moore.	

On motion of Ald. Farrell, the tender of Mr. A. Mitchell, was accepted and it was ordered that the contract be immediately entered into.

The Report of Alms House Committee was then received.

The report was as follows:—That their attention having been called to an article in the GLEANER, a newspaper published in this city, on the 6th Dec. inst., headed "A Crying Shame," and which article reflects strongly on the management of the Alms House, and reported a conversation with Mr. R. Phillips, the keeper, in support of said article, your committee deemed it advisable to investigate the matter, and called before them last evening Mr. Phillips, the keeper, and Mr. Clark, the commissioner. Both these gentlemen made statements which were taken and read over to them and which are herewith submitted together with the copy of the GLEANER of 6th inst., for their reference.

Your committee are of the opinion that from the statement submitted no blame in any way attaches to the present Board, who have been faithful in the discharge of their duty, looked after the affairs of the Alms House, and attended to all reasonable requests made them. They are satisfied that no immediate further action is required or is advisable by present Council at this period of the year, and recommend that their report and statements herewith submitted be filed for reference at the proper time.

Resp. submitted.

Dec. 11, 1884.

The Enquiry.

Dec. 11, 1884.—Present, The Mayor, Ald. Black, Ald. Gunter, Ald. Farrell, Ald. Calder, Ald. Davis, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Clark, Commissioner.

Mr. Clark examined, said: During Mr. John Fleming's time, the city paid for no help in any shape. Mr. Fleming, for two years had connection with the Alms House at Commissioner or Chairman of Alms House Committee. In Mr. Adams' time, Mr. Fleming's time the average of inmates would be about the same as at present but there is much better accommodation now. Never heard of any complaints in Mr. Fleming's time. Mr. Fleming appeared to do everything either by himself or his wife.

During Mr. and Mrs. Fleming's time the city paid for no help. Mrs. Fleming took charge after her husband's death, and was the keeper. Mr. Fleming always kept a servant girl at her own expense. I paid \$52.50 during two years to Mrs. Donohue for washing and house cleaning for a period extending over two years. Mr. Fleming assisted in the management of the Alms House. This is all I paid in the way of help during Mr. Fleming's term of office. Mr. Fleming was a farmer, I was paying from \$20 to \$35 each season for ploughing. As far as I know the produce was turned in to keep the inmates and to feed cows, and has kept as much as four cows. I never paid for milk, and was told by Mr. Fleming, that he fed his own cows. I believe Mrs. Fleming paid her own household bills.

Never paid any bills for Mr. Fleming's special benefit nor for Mr. Phillips special benefit. I only paid for ploughing for Mr. Phillips one year.

Mr. Phillips said: When I was appointed in Aug. 1883, ex-Ald. Moore was the keeper. I did not pay for ploughing because I could buy more potatoes than was raised for the month. I found that in a number of years that the potatoes raised did not pay. Never paid any money for produce from garden. I have contracted for vegetables and feed cows, and has kept as much as four cows. I never paid for milk, and was told by Mr. Fleming, that he fed his own cows. I believe Mrs. Fleming paid her own household bills.

There are None Fit Now.

If there are a large number of inmates and among them some able ones, it is easier than when few inmates and they helpless.

After the end of the year, Mr. Phillips applied in writing to Mr. Macpherson, Chairman of Alms House Committee, to define my duties and that I was not receiving the salary I should have had, and also to whether I had to find milk. Not receiving any answer 3 months after I had applied for my salary. Since the present Council came in, milk, while I supplied milk at my cost, I had the privilege of pasturage as Mr. Fleming had. Now I have the privilege of pasturage and two cows on Alms House with-out charge. All cows over two are returned to the city. I only keep two cows. I only agreed to supply six quarts paid by the city for the Alms House. I really supply a considerable quantity over this which goes against the pasturage of the two cows. In the Miss Breen case, she came in June. I never had a cow, when she had a ft. She then began to be difficult to take care of. She was strong, unpleasant, refusing to get up. She got over the October attack and had a second attack of sickness in November. I believe the vermin came on Miss Breen from being bred on her while in the Alms House. The visitor washed her herself. I had employed a woman to wash her and she said she did so.

The paragraph that says "I had made efforts to have the wretched state of things in the Alms House remedied" is exaggerated. I have no person to go around and see that a person like Mr. Dowley employed to attend Miss Breen did so, except myself. I did not apply to the Commissioners or any one else for help in this case. [The Commissioner says: "If the keeper had assured him any special case that was necessary for him to have help I would have considered it my duty to supply it."]

I suggested to the keeper the propriety of getting some one to look after Miss Breen but he did not ask for it. Mr. Phillips states that he did not hear the Commissioner make the suggestion.

She was always a little more trouble than other inmates but.

Became Extra Troublesome.

about middle of October as stated. When she went in she had a trunk of clothing, and trapper bed, which became filthy from her habits that I removed it. The Dr. could do nothing with her. At last I was compelled to lift her out of bed, and put her on a chair. When I took the trapper bed, I did not take clothes, as I thought it was no use putting clean bed clothes, as she would soil them at once. Her sheets were changed regularly.

FOR THE LADIES.

What a Noble Girl has done with Her Money.

The Care of the Hair and the Latest Fashion Notes.

In the last house of the recent session of the Plenary Council in Baltimore a formal offer of a gift of \$300,000 for the founding of a national Catholic university was made by Miss Mary G. Caldwell of New York City.

Miss Caldwell's father, William Shakespeare Caldwell, was of an English family in Fredericksburg, Va., and Mrs. Caldwell, her mother, was a Miss Breckinridge, a sister of John C. Breckinridge of Kentucky.

Mr. Caldwell's fortune was amassed by his father, who introduced gas into the cities of Louisville, Cincinnati and New Orleans. Both Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell were converts in the Catholic faith.

The will of Mr. Caldwell gave the property to the daughters equally, the half of the estate to be turned over to the trustees of the University. Miss Mary G. Caldwell was 21 years old last October, and she then came into possession of her property.

To have Beautiful Hair

and keep it in health requires as much care as the teeth, nails or face. So many twist their hair up in some becoming fashion they neglect the hair, and it gets tangled, thin in spots, and seems harsh and dry.

The hair should be loosened every night before retiring, combed free from all tangles with a bone comb (rubber combs have done much to split and break the hair—nearly all have too much electricity to use rubber); then use a stiff brush for a long time, brushing from the top to the very ends.

It is well for the lady who has a maid, for it is impossible to properly comb one's hair if very long. Then brush and fasten the ends with a soft silk band for the night.

The scalp should be kept clean and healthy; wash occasionally, and have it thoroughly shampooed two or three times a year as well.

To wash, brush the hair loosely in several braids, take a raw egg and rub thoroughly into the scalp (if beaten first it rubs in better), then rinse in cold water with a little ammonia incorporated in it, wring the braids in a coarse towel, sit by a fire or in the sun until dry, then comb out the braids.

The building prevents much snarling. When one's hair is thin a quinine lotion will prevent its falling out and give life to the roots.

The Parisian fashions for dressing children's hair are as follows: Ringlets are most favored for babies. Little boys have curls in the back and bangs in front.

Little girls have their hair waved and falling down the back, with a colored ribbon to keep it in place. Some young girls have revived the fashion of wearing the hair in large meshes, in which the hair falls loose, and as low down as the middle of the back. This style shows the hair to great advantage, and will probably meet with general approval.

From sixteen to seventeen years of age the hair is worn high and twisted into a knot at the head. With this method of arranging the hair round hats have no class, so as not to conceal any part of the pretty waves which the hair forms when thus raised from the nape of the neck. The hat is fastened to the hair by a steel pin with a shell or jet head.

Fresh Fashion Notes.

Umbrellas now have natural wood handles, the quater and more eccentric the newer style.

Every lady must have a shawl. They are absolutely necessary, but select one with an Indian name—Dacos, Kasha or Dharwar.

For moderate girls to brides, single pearl solitary earrings and six pins to match, in a little case are fashionable.

Shoulder epaulettes are still fashionably employed for giving a dressy effect as well as shortening the length between the high collar and the top of the dress.

A new French material, very elegant in finish and modern in its design and draping qualities, is called "Sanspareil." It is a rich and beautiful fabric, and belongs to the popular class.

Black, white and tan are what the hostess would call the leading tones in gloves, but there are three shades of tan, be it remembered: viz. tan proper, drab and fawn.

A new cape-cloth has been brought out for winter wear, and is called "pelt." It is a soft, warm material, and is made of a single piece, which they are able to put up on the market this season at a low price.

One thing our country readers should not lose sight of, namely that they can purchase cottons now cheaper than they can ever probably buy them again and they ought not to let the occasion pass without laying in a large stock of this staple household article.

The present prices for cotton goods are so low as to be without precedent. In seasonable dress goods the Messrs. Dever show a very fine assortment; also in cloths suitable for men's wear. They have a fine new line of these goods and give good bargains in them. The old reliable establishment of

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Mr. Sharkey has a large circle of customers in all parts of the country, his long and honorable connection with the business of the city having made his name familiar to every one. In common with the other merchants, Mr. Sharkey is looking forward to the time when good snow roads will permit his customers to get into town as he feels that he will be able to give entire satisfaction to all who give him their Christmas trade.

Piano Tuning.

Mr. A. M. B. Garrison, piano tuner, is again here. His work is former times was excellent, and this, coupled with the fact that he was two years in the celebrated A. B. Garrison & Sons, should give him an increased list of patrons. Order left at Hall's book store as usual.

Accident.

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GLEANNING.

Extracts of Interest taken principally from our Provincial Exchanges.

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Several of the saw mills are still running, and as yet the river shows no signs of ice. The past season has been a remarkably good one for the mills on this river.—*Courier.*

The Scott Act was defeated in the city of Brandon, by 165 majority. Voting was also held in the county of Brant where the act was carried by 513 majority.

The arguments in the injunction case with reference to the Derby branch railway were not concluded before Judge Fraser at Bathurst on Tuesday, and the hearing has been adjourned until Tuesday at Fredericton.

Things of Beauty.

What a Tour Around the City Stores Discloses—An Unusually Fine and Cheap Stock of Christmas Goods.

Unanswerable evidence of progress in taste and workmanship is given by the Christmas goods displayed in the stores this winter. They are far in advance of anything which has ever been shown in the city before, and it is likely to become necessities for those in moderate circumstances.

Mr. Fowler has the finest line of goods of this description that he has ever displayed, and the new designs are very pleasing. He has a handsome lot of plush goods and jewelry, his stock of clocks is large and varied. For what you would have to pay for a very different time piece you can now get an ornamental clock which will be a thing of beauty as well as a great convenience.

Mr. Fowler has also a choice lot of fancy goods he makes those we have mentioned above, together with gentlemen's and ladies' watches, his strong points, and as he has an eye to business he can and will give good bargains.

S. F. Shute.

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Mr. Shute has a fine assortment of diamonds, and his Rhine stones, which are such imitations of the diamond that even experts are deceived by them, and of which he has a fine assortment, demand a passing notice.

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who carries a very choice assortment of writing and dressing cases, hand bags, and the like. He has also a choice lot of Persian purses, which look almost too good for the market, but when one comes to price them they do not seem at all out of the way. Of gold pencil cases, pens and the like he has a large stock, and he is anxious to show to excel his Christmas cards either in point of variety or beauty. He says he never had such an assortment, and this we admit. He says no one else in the city has as good a stock, but of this people must judge for themselves. He says they are cheap and that we know it to be true. In Christmas annuals and books suitable for Christmas presents he has as nice a stock as one need wish to examine. His editions of the poems are beautiful, and the price is very low.

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W. E. SEERY, Wilmots Alley, Fredericton, Dec. 9, 1884.

The War in the East.

(Special to Gleaner.)

PARIS, Dec. 13.—The *Telegraph* says it is not surprised at knowing that the English steamer "Glencoe" which lately sailed for China had large quantity of neutrality proposal which provides for the French Government is buying English steamers to convey French reinforcements to China.

The *Telegraph* is informed that three torpedo boats which were built in England were sent to Austria and thence forwarded to Shanghai for service in the Chinese Navy.

The Congo.

Special to Gleaner.

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—The Congo Committee provisionally accepted the French neutrality proposal which provides for free navigation of all rivers and canals and free passage over all railways and roads in both the Congo and Niger countries by all nations, peaceful and belligerent, for purposes of commerce in time of war.

Shadows.

Never give a boy twenty-five cents to hold your shadow while you climb a tree to look into the middle of next week, it is money thrown away; but save your money and buy a

"Charter Oak Cooking Stove."

the real substance, and throw a shadow upon your friends who may gather around to see how nicely it bakes and broils in the oven.

The Pulpit.

Rev. Dr. Macpherson, lately from Japan, will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist Church, to-morrow evening.

Rev. Dr. Smith, of St. Andrews Church, St. John, will occupy the pulpit of St. Paul's Church, to-morrow both morning and evening.

He ought to know.

Special to THE GLEANER.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Mr. Adams, denies the report that he has married Miss Gleaner.

Our thanks are due to His Honor the Chief Justice, for numerous copies of English papers.

Deaths.

At his residence on Friday morning, Edward Seery, in the 64th year of his age, deceased, a native of Ennis, Ireland, and came to this city in 1841.

Funeral to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon from his late residence, Brunswick St., at 2:30 o'clock.

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Ladies' Prepare For Christmas.

I most respectfully beg leave to inform you that I have prepared for the Holiday Trade a variety of articles in new designs suitable for Embroidered and Worsted Needle Work.

Tables, in Circular, Octagon and Clover Leaf Tops, Foot Rests, Slipper Boxes, Slipper Racks, Towel Racks, Ottoman and Fire Screens, &c.

Also, Pedestals, Cabinets, Music Stands, Children's Furniture, Rocking Chairs, Sleds.

J. ADAMS.

While thanking you for the very liberal patronage during the past year, I would here state that having no store expenses for this year, prices will be found to be very much lower, and I solicit an inspection of the above Goods, at the old Stand, County Court House.

J. ADAMS.

Fredericton, Dec. 4th 1884.

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Fredericton, November 1, 1884.