

Fortunate Wheel.
Yesterday afternoon a handsome woman of middle age entered the office of John McLennan, the Overseer of the Poor of Newark, and asked for bread tickets. Her appearance was in such a striking contrast with the habits and dependents upon the city that inquiry was made concerning her condition. It was found that the woman's husband had been a commission merchant in this city, and just before the great fire in Chicago had invested all of his capital in business in that city. All of his property was swept away by the fire, and the family have since passed through every stage of poverty until now they are reduced to extreme destitution. The eldest daughter, a handsome and accomplished girl, has vainly sought employment in teaching music in Brooklyn, and the father is sick and helpless. Soon after this applicant left the almshouse another woman of refined manners appeared, and also asked for bread tickets. It was learned that she is the mother of five children, the eldest of whom is only eleven years of age. A little more than three years ago the family resided in a fashionable neighborhood in this city, and the mother was a leader in her circle of society. The husband went down with the wreck of an insurance company, and is now unemployed. Not long ago the lady pawned a camel's hair shawl, valued at \$500, for \$75, and a few days ago sold the pawn ticket to a Newark woman for \$50.—N. Y. World.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of the Standard.

Knowing that you ever stand as a Sentinel to guard well the interest of the people, I beg to submit for the inspection and consideration of the public, a few matters relative to our local welfare. Now Mr. Editor, it occurred to me yesterday when in attendance, with a few other ratepayers at the Annual School meeting, that the murmurs and complaint made during the past year by some of the afflicted ratepayers were unfounded and must be without foundation. If not so, why were these abused ones present to explain their grievances, lay bare their wounds, and have a cure prescribed for the same? This indifference on the part of those whose bounden duty it is to attend these meetings is I should say, at the least inexcusable, and deserves censure. This sort of carelessness has brought about many of the troubles in the shape of "Rings," and consequent increased taxation without a corresponding benefit in many of the large Towns through the neighboring Republic. Witness on a grand scale the operation of Mr. Tweed and his associates in New York, a few years ago. Without a doubt if the ratepayers of that City had kept their eyes open and attended the election of City officers, instead of indifferently leaving matters to be arranged by a few the oppressed ratepayers would not be suffering as they now are. Of course Mr. Editor, I do not apprehend that any such unfortunate calamity will visit our Town finances, as was the case in New York, nor do I wish in the most remote way to charge the gentlemen who have charge of the money bags with unfair dealings, but I do say, that it reflects but little credit on the ratepayers who have hitherto shown such indifference, and who should minutely enquire as to the proper disposition of the funds. I would suggest too, Mr. Editor, that the Trustees instead of only handing their accounts to the Auditor, should publish them in some form, and distribute a sufficient number of copies among the ratepayers for general information, say a fortnight before the Annual Meeting; the cost of which would be but trifling compared with the satisfactory result. It is to be hoped too, that the Municipal Council have made this arrangement already for their past year's accounts, and that they will be prepared to submit them for public inspection at their coming meeting. In conclusion let me warn the "grumblers," if they have let slip the opportunity of attending the Annual School Meeting of the Council, and see for themselves how parish affairs and finances are managed, and let them be more careful in future for ever, after hold their peace.
Yours
K. A.

St. Andrews Jan 11th 1878.

DEATH OF THE KING OF ITALY.—Victor Emmanuel, King of Italy, breathed his last on the 9th inst. The event cannot be considered one of general importance. The dead King was not a great man. He had brilliant courage as a soldier, but he was not a distinguished military leader. He sat in Council with men who made history, but he was not an eminent statesman. He was for years the centre of a splendid Court, but he was not a man of much culture or refinement. He occupied an extremely important position, but he will not be widely missed. Nevertheless, his name will forever remain associated with some of the most important events of modern times. For it must be conceded that the Unification of Italy and the Consolidation of Germany rank among the most influential occurrences of the middle period of the Nineteenth Century, and seem destined to draw after them far-reaching consequences. He stood in the centre of the movement

which, in the issue, made Italy one from the Alps to the sea, though it cannot be said that he either gave impulse or guidance to that movement.

The entrance to the STANDARD office is from the side door on the wharf.

The St. Andrews Standard.

Saint Andrews, January 23, 1878.

Accounts to the end of the year will be presented, and we trust subscribers will show their appreciation of our efforts to improve the STANDARD, by paying promptly.

The Parliament of Great Britain was opened on Thursday, 17th inst., and the Queen's Speech states that Parliament was summoned before the usual time that it might become acquainted with the efforts she has made to terminate the war, and that she might have its advice and assistance. The relations with all foreign powers continue friendly.

Mr. BENBROUGH will, as announced in our last issue, lecture in Stevenson's Hall, on next Wednesday evening; we hope our readers will avail themselves of his visit, and go to his lecture, all who do so will feel well satisfied.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Proceedings of the Council continued from last week.

Ordered—That Parish Clerk of Grand Manan be paid \$10 out of parish fund for services last year: to be paid by overseers of the poor.

Ordered—That Dufferin cattle regulations, filed, be passed.

Ordered—That town clerk of West Isles be allowed \$4 for present year, to be paid by overseers of poor.

Poor Assessments for 1878.

St. Andrews	\$1000	Campobello	\$250
St. George	900	Lepreux	150
St. Stephen	400	Pennfield	200
St. David	230	Clarendon, none reqd	
St. Patrick	120	Dumbarton	250
St. James	300	St. Croix	25
G. Manan	600	Dufferin	150
West Isles	450		

Ordered—That the Parish Clerk of St. George be allowed \$40 out of parish funds for services.

Ordered—That the regulations relating to Grand Manan be passed.

Ordered—That \$5 be paid to Clerk of the Parish of St. David for contingencies for 1878.

Ordered—That the boomage fees on the Maguadavie river, and on the Windsor stream, on railway ties, cedar rails, and shingle stuff, be as follows: on railway ties, per 100, ten cents; cedar rails, per 100, ten cents; shingle stuff, per 100 pieces, 20cts, and that all regulations contrary hereto be hereby rescinded.

Ordered—That Assessors and Collectors for 1878 be paid as follows:

Assessors.	Collectors.
St. George, 21	6 3. 6
St. David, 21	4
St. James, 21	4
St. Stephen, 21	4
St. Croix, 3	7
Dumbarton, 2	5
Clarendon, 3	7
Lepreux, 2	7
West Isles, 2	5
Campobello, 2	7
Grand Manan, 2	6
Pennfield, 2	5
St. Andrews, 2	5
Dufferin, 3	5
St. Patrick, 21	7

Ordered—That R. Purton and T. Trusdale be allowed to purchase the land now leased by them, on the usual terms.

Ordered—That the following persons be Revisors in addition to County Councillors:

Clarendon—Nixon; St. Andrews—Hatheway;

St. George—Jas O'Brien; Campobello—Brown;

Pennfield—Justison; St. James—Morrison;

St. Patrick—McKay; Dufferin—Donald; Grand Manan—O'Brien; St. Croix—Mears; St. David—Smith; Lepreux—Reynolds; Dumbarton—McGinn; St. Stephen—C. Grant; West Isles—J. B. Tewksbury.

The following is the apportionment of the County Taxes:

Town of St. Stephen,	0 255 on \$1000
Milltown,	0 086
Upper Mills,	0 013
Parish of St. James,	0 072
Dufferin,	0 013
St. David,	0 063
Dumbarton,	0 043
St. Patrick,	0 037
St. Croix,	0 024
St. Andrews,	0 079
St. George,	0 127
Pennfield,	0 032
Lepreux,	0 013
Clarendon,	0 003
West Isles,	0 033
Campobello,	0 030
Grand Manan,	0 055

Ordered—That the Warden and Secretary of the Municipality are hereby requested to sign and seal two petitions in the form prepared to the Council—one to the local and one to the general legislature in favor of Prohibition, and to be for-

warded to Professor Foster, on or before the 25th inst.

Moved—That a committee be appointed to make an estimate of the County contingencies and report to the Council as soon as possible—Carried. Coun. Rideout, Magee, and P. McLaughlin were appointed said committee.

Estimate for County Contingencies for 1878.

Salaries,	\$1,450 00
Administration of Justice	600 00
And transporting prisoners and repairs of buildings,	100 00
Fuel for Court House and Jail,	100 00
Jail expenses, bread, etc.	200 00

\$5,550 00

Moved—That \$100 be voted towards the purchase of a town bell—lost.

Moved—That Mr. Stickney be heard with reference to abatement of assessment—lost.

Moved—That the Auditor's salary be \$30, to which an amendment was moved that the salary of the Auditor be \$50—lost, and original motion carried.

The report of the committee on County Accounts was received and laid on the table.

Moved—That County Treasurer be paid \$90 for the coming year's services commencing from Jan'y 1878 to 1879, carried.

Moved—That 200 rules of order be printed for the use of the council. Referred to Coun. Lindsay, Rideout and Graham—committee on printing.

Moved—That bills duly certified be paid.

Moved—That several bills, not certified, be referred to a committee to report upon at once. Councillors Stevenson, Lynott and Mealy were appointed a committee.

Moved—That Coun. Moore, Peaks and Doug. be allowed leave of absence.

Retail Licenses granted.

P. B. Donahue,	Henry Murphy,
Wm. Morrison,	James McCready,
David Green,	John Frawley,
Mrs. McLeod,	Daniel Rideout,
Angus Kennedy,	John Stuchland,
James Nesb,	James Gallagher,
Robert Boyne,	Charles Rainer,

Wholesale Licenses granted.

W. J. Best,	Parker & Watson,
G. W. Johnson,	J. W. Stroet & Co.

Ordered—That the fees for License this year be as follows: Wholesale \$60. Retail \$10.

The undersigned Committee on allowance to Revisors report that they recommend the payment to each parish for expenses of Revisors the sums set opposite their respective names.

St. George	\$40 00	West Isles	\$27 50
St. David	30 60	Campobello	30 60
St. James	36 20	Grand Manan	60 80
St. Stephen	28 50	Pennfield	32 00
St. Patrick	29 40	St. Andrews	30 00
St. Croix	21 00	Dufferin	26 20
Dumbarton	30 20	T. of St. Stephen	25 00
Clarendon	37 40	Milltown	25 00
Lepreux	29 10	Upper Mills	15 00

Total \$574. 70

Ordered—That the Report of the Committee on compensation to Revisors be adopted.

The years and days being called for, are as follows.

Yeas.	Lloyds.
Coun.—Douglas,	Flagg,
Peak,	Russell,
Spicer,	Barter,
Shaw,	Lannah—19.
Magee,	Nays.
McMonagle,	R. Stevenson,
Upton,	Mealy,
Lindsay,	Hanson,
O'Brien,	Cotterell,
J. W. Stevenson,	Gettoll,
son,	Taylor,
P. McLaughlin,	Emerson,
lin,	Lindsay,
Graham,	T. T. Odell,
W. B. McLaughlin,	Hill,
No-ton,	Moore—11

Ordered—That the School Trustees of District No 1 St. Andrews, be authorized and empowered to take necessary steps to defend the boundaries of the School land in the said Parish, and leave the same settled and established.

Ordered—That all Assessors make out their lists in future alphabetically Report of St. Andrews Parish accounts adopted.

Ordered—That in all cases in which any Parish is in arrears for taxes to the County Contingent fund or School fund for any year previous to 1877, that the amount of such default be added to the assessment of such Parish for County purposes this year, such default be ascertained by the Treasurers account except the Parish of Lepreux, which is not to be taxed for this year.

Moved—That a committee of three Commissioners be appointed to draw up a petition to the Legislature praying that a Bill may be enacted to indemnify County Councillors while in attendance upon their public duties—Carried. Councillors Lynott, R. Stevenson and Lindsay were appointed said committee.

The petition was drawn up and adopted.

E. Lorimer was elected Auditor.

A committee consisting of the Warden, Messrs. R. Stevenson, Russell, P. McLaughlin and Magee, was appointed to ascertain whether arrangements can be made in the Court House to provide desk accommodation for each of the councillors &c.

Ordered—That all towns and parishes which have not paid the amount due from them to the County, and all such amounts not paid on or before the 1st of March, will be placed in the hands of an Attorney for collection.

Ordered—That T. A. McCurdy, be paid \$5 from Town fund for services as night watch.

Report of special committee on County accounts received. Ordered that account be recommended by Special committee be paid.

Ordered—That so soon as Mr. Robinson, auditor last year shall put the accounts in shape for publication he be paid the salary voted.

That the bills for jail prisoners be paid quarterly.

Mr. E. Lorimer's resignation was accepted.

Ordered—That all Municipality accounts be audited at the County Secretary's office.

Messrs. Cotterell, McMonagle and Lindsay were appointed a Committee to prepare by Laws and report at July meeting.

Ordered—That the thanks of this Council be given to the Warden, for his able and impartial conduct in the chair during the present session of Council.

The Warden briefly acknowledged the compliment, and thanked the Council for their attention and support in the discharge of his duties.

The next regular meeting in Council will be held the last Tuesday in June next.

Three cheers were then given for the Queen, and thus closed a pleasant session of the county council.

CIVIC ENTERTAINMENT.

On Friday evening last, his Worship T. T. Odell, Warden of the Municipality, entertained the Council, employees of the court, and a few private guests at an elegant supper in his mansion. About 7 p. m., the rooms were brilliantly lighted, when the large company began to assemble and in a short time the parlors were filled by upwards of forty persons. After a few minutes of agreeable conversation, the supper room was thrown open, and the tables soon filled, as they were a second and third time. On each occasion they were abundantly supplied with substantial, and also with a variety of choice fruits, tea, coffee, cake &c., to all of which ample justice was done. The attention of the young ladies and gentlemen of the family to the guests was unremitting; there was no waiting or hurry, but all was conducted with an ease and precision, which was much admired.

After the removal of the cloth, a feast of reason and flow of soul ensued; the usual loyal, patriotic, and volunteer toasts were given and responded to, in appropriate terms, interspersed with songs by some of the company, which made the evening pass off most agreeably. Miss Odell also contributed to the harmony, by playing some choice selections on the piano, and singing a few favorite songs; then followed a round of speeches, which, however, being delivered in a private mansion, we do not deem it courteous to say more than that the eloquent addresses, were listened with attention, and elicited applause.

The toast of the Warden and family was received with cheers, and was modestly and appropriately acknowledged by Mr. Odell. We may here mention that a large majority of the guests drank the toasts in that which cheers but does not intoxicate, pure cold water. The hour of meeting of Council having been fixed at 9 a. m., next morning, the company broke up at 12 o'clock, after taking leave of the Warden and family, and expressing themselves much pleased with the entertainment.

We have devoted considerable space to the proceedings of the County Council, as many of the readers of the Standard, who are interested in the County and Parish business, had not an opportunity of being present during the session.

The Digby election resulted in the return of Mr. Wade over Mr. Vail, by 400 votes.

Important Railway Decision.

We copy the following extract from a United States Supreme Court decision with reference to the charges for fares and freight made by Railway corporations:

"The people of Iowa, through the Legislature passed laws regulating the charges for freights made by the Railroad companies operating in that State. The Railroads refused as they always do, to submit and the matter was carried to the courts for determination. There for a wonder in these days, the cause of the people prevailed, right overcame might for once, and it was decided judicially, that the grantees of a Railroad Charter were not from the moment of receiving their franchise an independent and sovereign power, which could levy what contribution it pleased upon the people, make its own rules and regulations without check or limit, with nothing in the world to control it but its own desires and views. The courts deciding that persons seeking and

obtaining the vast powers, and important special privileges which have been accorded to them as Railroad Corporations, could be controlled by the authority which bestowed those functions. This wholesome and necessary safeguard, is very essential as the last few years has given abundant proof. The public has seen to its disgust, amazement and indignation, to what lengths a railroad corporation will go, if it has, or its managers believes it has, the power. It is first a beggar, next bullying extortionist, and then a tyrannical despot, with neither pity, conscience or soul; such Corporations warrant the assertion that fraudulent rapacity, shameless duplicity, case-hardened dishonesty, arrogance and impertinence, were merely synonyms for a Railroad Company. A number of railroads traverse that State, and the railroad men acted as if they owned the State, and its citizens were merely tenants at will, who could go or stay, but if they remained, they must bow their neck to their railroad taskmasters."

The just closed Murphy movement has cost Troy, N. Y. \$3,100, and over two miles of blue ribbon were used in decorating the 17,000 Trojans who signed the pledge, while the number of criminal cases in the city is said to have been reduced sixty-six per cent.

A deputy sheriff recently set out to arrest two brothers, who had farms a few miles from Waco, Texas. He found them at work in their fields picking cotton. He told them what his errand was. They stared at him, winked at each other gently but firmly disarmed him, and ordered him to go to work in the field; and there he remained, picking cotton for dear life, until the officials in his own frontier county heard of the incident and rescued him.

The fire continues in the coal shaft near Pittston, Pa., and large veins of coal have ignited. Every effort is making to subdue the fire, but it is feared that the roof of the mine will cave in.

The bankers of Buffalo have unanimously resolved to co-operate with the bankers of New York in opposing the Bland silver bill.

The German and Italian Ambassadors at Constantinople have informed the Porte that if the British fleet is allowed to come to Constantinople, Germany will also demand permission for her vessels to pass through the Dardanelles.

Frederickton News.

The principal supporters of ex-Mayor Fenety are getting up a complimentary address, which is now receiving signatures, and will be presented to him this week. Although defeated in the late election he has the respect and good will of the majority of the representatives of wealth and intelligence in this city, a fact which is manifested in the above way.

A skating carnival and fancy dress party will be held at the rink on Friday evening.

Four rinks of the Curling Club are going to St. John on the 28th inst. to play with the St. Andrews and Thistle Clubs, and two will go from there to Pictou to take part in an inter-Provincial tournament in which about thirty rinks will compete.

A parlor concert will be given by the members of the Ladies Branch of the Reform Club on Wednesday night. The programme will consist of vocal and instrumental music, &c.

Bengough, "the man who always draws," will be here on Friday night.

CALAIS ITEMS.—The revival is progressing; the churches are crowded nightly. A fire took place in F. Thompson's house Friday night, but was extinguished by a few pails of water.

The Reform Club intend forming a company for the purpose of drill. Counting on Foster's hill is enjoyed by the youths.

Skating is all the go, at Milltown. Teams travel on the ice to Baring.

DEED.

At Boston, on the 14th inst, after a short illness of typhoid pneumonia, Mary Ann youngest daughter of Henry and Anna Johnson, of Chamcook, aged 29.

Miss Johnson formerly taught School in this Parish, and was universally beloved by her many friends in St. Andrews, her native place. The remains were brought here by rail, and interred in the family vault at Chamcook cemetery, on Thursday last; the choir of All Saints Church, with many others from the town, followed the remains to the grave.

Stevenson Hall, Wednesday Jan. 30.

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