

COMMUNICATIONS.

For the Standard.

To the Tax Payers.—No. 2

When I addressed you last week, it did not occur to me that my letter would raise such a "tempest in a teapot," nor that the paternity of such an unpretentious production would be attributed to men of talent and experience, to which I make no claim, but so it is. It is however a satisfaction to hear, that "No. 1," has met your approval, and that you intend to support the writer by exerting your influence in support of Municipal Corporation. Your "local rulers" will learn that you have not been much moved by their "venues" and "family compact" style of managing public business, and their self-righted efforts to obtain every position, office, or place of power and emolument, be it ever so small, with the aid of their willing ally "ready-writer." You all know how insignificant their influence is, at the ballot box; here let me have them wrap up in their little "self-righted" efforts.

In my former letter I pointed out to advert to some matters not then noticed, but I confess that I have not sufficient time to devote to a proper investigation of them, after my day's labor nor have I the ability to do so in a readable dress; but having promised, I will endeavor to fulfill my engagement.

The community is alarmed at the yearly increase of taxation, and not without reason. Look at the large amount paid to Magistrates for criminal cases; how abjectly they manage to increase their fees, and swell the amount of costs, by unnecessary commitments, examinations, &c. The Grand Jury should sift their accounts, and apply themselves with a will to put a stop to such exorbitant bills being paid, and let the would-be dictators feel that they shall not do as they please with the hard earned money extracted from the pockets of the tax payers. You will remember that we were taxed 2 years ago, at the desire of the Fireward, for the purchase of a Steam Fire Engine, and that the yearly tax of \$300 for that purpose was to be paid in interest until a sufficient amount was realized for that object. The tax was collected, but I am informed, that contrary to all precedent, a "soterie" of Justice appropriated \$200 of the amount, notwithstanding the protest of the minority. They also purchased a second hand "Horse and Fire Engine" in St. John which with its cost, the price of new horse, and the building of a new engine house to keep the cost off "tub" in; will, 60 men to work the machine, whose statute labor will be lost to the town—would fully equal the first cost of a "steamer," which only requires fifteen men to attend it. In addition to this, they managed to have an Act passed, that Magistrates might hold the office of Firewards, and some of them were so anxious, that they got themselves appointed. Is not this a reflection on the intelligence of the community? Are there not men of skill in brains in the town to act in that capacity without the aid of Magistrates who sit in judgment on their own accounts. If I am not mistaken I will add, that to their credit be it said, that a few of the Magistrates, formerly fireward, refused to serve in that capacity after their appointment to the Bench. Should I find time, I may enter more fully into the Fire Department, management and expenditure, and some other matters in which the public are concerned, in another letter.

A TAX PAPER.

To the Editor of the Standard.

Sir:—I and several others think the time has arrived when we must either leave the Province, or that it should be annexed to some country where we can find a market for our exports, without being subjected to heavy duties. We require an impetus to be given to business that our people and vessels may be employed, so that we can earn a living. Who are we, and what are we now? Give us employment and we will be in a position to pay impost, even if they are large. I am just as loyal as any one need be, but a truce to the sentimentality, which suggests living under any particular form of government, at the expense of one's existence, with starvation staring you in the face. These sentiments are shared by many good men and true.

ONE OF THE INTERESTED.

To the Editor of the Standard.

Sir:—The ignorance displayed by the "Courier man of all work"—in his notice of our Philharmonic Concert is really pitiable. The ex-cit of him speaking of his "critical whiff" is in keeping with the "editorial anathemas" and "tender sensibilities," of the Courier, and are suggestive of the idea that the editor and reporter of that paper, if not upon their last legs, are upon their *butts*. His fling at the pianist is in keeping with his impertinence; and may have the good effect of making the Society feel that it would, perhaps, be more satisfactory to all to have its printing done at home in future. At any forthcoming concert, the people of St. Stephen will be all the more welcome, if they leave the "Black Crook" man behind.

Yours truly,

PHILHARMONIC.

Feb. 13th 1869.

[NOTE.—The writer of the above, is a gentleman whose knowledge of the science of music, qualifies him to write a musical critique, which, perhaps, would have been more in keeping with the occasion referred to than his philippic at the "Reporter," and his rebuke of our contemporary. Whether the notice will have the "effect" alluded to, is a matter of indifference to us.]

It was recently stated in open court that Commodore Vanderbilt once made ten million dollars one day's operations—the largest sum probably ever made in the same time by a single individual.

For the Standard.

Mr. Editor.—The communication that appeared in your last issue signed "An Artilleryman" is calculated, to mislead persons not acquainted with the manner of raising the company which was as follows: Notices (without signatures) were posted, by persons interested in the Volunteer movement, requesting all persons desirous of forming a Battery of Artillery; to assemble in Russell's Hall. About a dozen members of the two former corps, and as many more Militia and Volunteer Officers, met at the appointed place. It appeared to be the general impression, that a company could not be raised in St. Andrews at present, but a proposition was made, that a committee of the Officers present (representing both of the former Companies) be formed, and personally ascertain the opinions of the members of the militia, and call another meeting when a sufficient number had been obtained from the service they would choose, as it was evident that two companies could not be raised; also, that the members of the new company should have the privilege of choosing the Officers, subject of course to the approval of the Adjutant General. At both meetings, previous to the election of Officers, Mr. Osborn (Capt. of the old Battery) expressed himself in favor of the above, and signified his intention of serving as a gunner rather than that of forming a company. A meeting being called for the election of Officers, Mr. Osborn was unanimously chosen Captain, Mr. E. Pollys and Mr. Greenhead were nominated for the 1st Lieutenant, the former having the majority was chosen. Mr. Greenhead, Dr. H. Gove and the young man, alluded to in your last issue were nominated for the 2nd Lieutenant, Mr. Greenhead probably fearing another defeat withdrew, and the young being taken resulted in favour of the "young man."

As to the company "displaced" Mr. Greenhead they did no such thing, he, signing the roll (as all the others did) as a private, was bound to abide by the result.

Of an artillery drill, I presume, the "young man" does not pretend to claim any knowledge, but, judging from some exhibitions, in artillery now made of the former company, I have no doubt, he will not be long in attaining (at least) as much knowledge as Mr. Greenhead possesses, hoping this explanation will be satisfactory to the public. I am,

ONE OF THE NEW CORPS.

Feb. 15th 1869.

TELEGRAPH NEWS.

LONDON, Feb. 12.

The Mayor of Dublin will take advantage of the first public Lecture to present to Queen Victoria's memorial petition for an amnesty of the Fenian prisoners, which has been so extensively signed by the incorporated associations of the cities and towns throughout Ireland.

A meeting of the chamber of Commerce of Liverpool, was held to day to hear an address from Mr. Graves, the Conservative member of Parliament from this city.

Mr. Graves expressed the belief that the treaty negotiated with the American Minister for the settlement of the Alabama claims, was sure to be ratified by the United States Senate. He said the American claims were made with dignity, and maintained with forcefulness; they had in consequence met the advance of the United States more than half way and secured from the principles which had been regarded as fundamental to the British constitution. The result of such conduct, said Mr. Graves, forbids that party politics shall in any degree interfere with the honorable arrangements which have been made between the two countries.

New York, Feb. 13.

A despatch from Ottawa, Canada, last evening says it was seriously expected during the day that an organization had been formed for the purpose of rescuing Whalen's body, which is still in possession of the authorities.

Active preparations were made to meet any outbreak.

It is rumored that several seizures of arms have been made to day.

The steamer "Nedie Stevens" was burned on Thursday night on the Red River, and sixty three, one of the hundred and six persons on board, were lost.

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THE VICTORIA ELECTION.

[Special to Globe.]

Woodstock, Feb. 13.

Hammond was elected in Victoria by thirteen majority over Hart, only the two ran.

Kingston, Feb. 13.

Hutchinson, 881. Johnson, 1111. Cutler, 120. All Parishes heard from.

Wellington ballot box was stolen last night.

Inter-Colonial Railway Contracts.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.

The Contracts for the Inter-Colonial were settled yesterday by Commissioners, but not approved by the Privy Council.

One hundred and thirty Contractors sent in offers amounting to 250 tenders, some having offered for all four sections.

The Tenders varied from \$8,000 to \$30,000 per mile; average \$22,000—or less than half the Engineers' estimate.

The Commissioners have fixed upon George and James Worthington, of Toronto, for \$8,000,000 per mile, and four, at \$9,455, \$14,300 and \$11,000 per mile, respectively, and No. 3 to Grant and Elliott for \$12,000, of Bradford, Ontario.

The Engineering Staff is appointed, viz:—for St. Lawrence District, Samuel Hazlewood, District Engineer contract No. 1; the assistants are Leonard G. Bell, Mr. McDonnell, and Colin Carman.

No. 2, W. H. D. Napier, Thomas Reynolds, Jr., and W. Maudick.

For St. George's District—Marcus Smith,

District Engineer No. 3; Assistant's H. F. McLeod, R. C. Harris, and H. Duncan.

Nova Scotia District—W. H. Tremaine, District Engineer; Assistants No. 4, Robt. Stanley, J. Roger Smith, and E. H. Keating.

LATEST.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.

The Privy Council have decided upon accepting the Tenders of the parties who were the lowest, namely, Hersey for No. 1, Worthingtons for No. 2 and 4, and Elliott and Co. for No. 3.

Execution took place exactly at 11 o'clock. There were about 5,000 spectators present, a very large proportion being women.

Weglan was much unmoved. He looked pale and more solemn than at any time during the trial. His muscles convulsively twitched as he stood on the dais, but he repeated audibly and earnestly the responses of his priest's prayers.

Weglan spoke firmly enough these few words: "Friends and fellow Countrymen—For any offence which I may have ever committed against any of you, I hope you will forgive me as I heartily forgive everybody who has ever injured me, from the bottom of my heart, asking forgiveness for the same for my self."

Then after 20 seconds pause, he said: "God save Ireland and God save my soul."

Montreal, Feb. 12.

Whalen's body was buried in the presence of the Gaid at Ottawa this afternoon. His Ottawa friends wished to hold a wake at St. Mary's.

Work in has been re-elected Mayor of this City by a show of hands.

HALIFAX, Feb. 13.

The Reporter of this evening contradicts on authority the report of the withdrawal of the troops from Nova Scotia.

It states that although there is a question of the removal of troops from some portions of the Dominion, the garrison at Halifax will remain intact.

Windsor, N. S., Feb. 13.

A large number of Repealers from Halifax came up to this town by this morning's train. They belong principally to the Repeal League, and came to attend the public meeting held here to-day.

The public meeting was very large, and Ho-e spoke first.

He took up his Address to the men of Halifax fully, going into explanations and coming in at length upon the statements, showing the plain fact to be that a new party must be formed. He boldly took the position that the question at issue was whether Nova Scotia should accept £14,000 from the Dominion a year for Roads and Bridges, or raise that amount by direct taxation.

The deep impression made by Ho-e's manly speech was very evident.

The feeling here is very strong in his favor, and the Unionists will support him to a man.

New York, Feb. 13.

President Johnson has pardoned Dr. Mudd, sentenced to the Dry Tortugas for life for being implicated in the assassination of President Lincoln.

London, Feb. 14.

The Spanish Constituent Cortes organized yesterday by electing Rivera President.

The Provisional Government continues its efforts to battle the schemes of the reactionists.

New York, Feb. 15.

Big Heart, of this port, reports, January 29th, Lat. 24 45. Lon. 79 40. W. fell in with brig Goldfish, from New York for Cardenas, in ballast, dismasted on her beam ends, and in sinking condition; took off her captain and crew and brought them to this port. The Goldfish was owned by McLaughlin & Co., of St. John, N. B.

Gold opened at 135 1/2.

THE STANDARD.

SAINT ANDREWS, FEB. 17, 1869.

In our columns to-day are several communications, and others have been received for publication. The people, or some of them, have become suddenly afflicted with "eccentric scribbles." It has been frequently stated in our columns, that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of correspondents unless we endorse them. "One of the interested," ventilates his opinion on "annexation." We do not agree with him; what he desires might be obtained by a free interchange of commodities between the Dominion and the United States, or in other words reciprocal trade.

LECTURE.—This Evening, Mr. Thomas McVay is to deliver a Lecture before the Lyceum, in Russell's Hall, on—"The Irish in America." From the Lecturer's reported ability, no doubt there will be a full house.

The subject is one which affords scope for a general review of the indomitable courage, perseverance and energy of the sons of Erin in their adopted country, and the positions of honor and importance they have attained.

EXECUTION OF WHALEN.—The telegrams and reports in Canadian journals give particulars of the execution of Whalen, who in his dying confession denied firing the shot which killed Mr. McGee, but knew who did, his complicity with the murderer led to his execution as "particeps criminis."

We heartily extend our congratulations to our friend of the TELEGRAPH on the happy event which has given him a son and heir—such pledges are bonds of sweet union.—The sacred poet says—"happy is the man who bath his quiver full of them."

The Intercolonial Tenders have been awarded to upper Province Contractors, as it was prophesied they would be. The tenders from the lower Provinces, were it appears too high—but we imagine they were at the lowest figure that honest men could build the road according to specifications, in the L. Provinces. The decision of the Commissioners, has only added another link to the chain of dissatisfaction, which we regret to acknowledge, exists in several quarters. The decision on the route and tenders would lead to serious complications in any other province than New Brunswick.

We are requested to announce that the Rev. Mr. Back of St. Stephens, will preach (D V) in the Methodist Church, next Sabbath at 11 a.m. and 6 1/2 p.m.

The storm of hail, rain and wind during Monday night and Tuesday, destroyed several shade trees, and rendered traveling dangerous. The telegraph wires in Maine, were down.

We learn that the Woodstock Railway meeting was a cut and dried affair, and that no strangers were either invited on the platform, or to speak; but such outrageous statements were made by some of the "favored few," that one of the Representatives for this County, B. R. Stevenson felt it his duty to contradict them.

On our outside page is published the correspondence between Sir John A. McDonald and the Hon. Joseph Howe.

Telegrams from Ottawa, state that the Railway Commissioners will offer three additional Sections of the Intercolonial for Contract on 5th March, tenders to be received up to 29th. The sections to be let are continuations of those contracted for, and contain 71 miles.—Will New Brunswickers offer?

New York, Feb. 15.

Money plenty at 6 1/2 per cent.

Gold steady with little variation in price.

The heaviest North East rain storm and gale of the season prevailed last night and continued to day.

Captain General Dulce of Cuba on Saturday morning issued a proclamation rescinding his previous amnesty, and re-establishing the former Censorship of the press. Persons violating the press law and all political prisoners will be tried by Court Martial.

Despatches from Fredericton announce that the new Surveyor General, Mr. Fowellling, has entered upon the duties of his office.

DEATH OF ROBERT BROOKFIELD.—The Halifax Express of Friday evening said:—"We are informed that a telegram was received yesterday from Edinburgh, announcing the death of Mr. Robert Brookfield, son of Mr. Brookfield Contractor of this city. It is only a few weeks ago that he left this city in the steamer for England."

Before the Supreme Court at Fredericton on Saturday, the case of Major W. B. Robinson against the Sheriff was argued. This was an application to the Court by the Major to compel the Sheriff to hand over the sum of \$3,500 American Currency, which the Major alleges was given to the Sheriff as bail in cases against Mr. Scovill, and the owner thereof and not Mr. Scovill. The Sheriff claims the right to hold the money under the warrants, as Mr. Scovill's property.—Telegraph.

Two schooners are now lying in market slip one of which brought a full cargo of cabbages in bulk—7000 heads—and the other had about half her cargo of the same article, the remainder being potatoes. These came from Mahone Bay N. S. These cabbages were selling at 50 cents a dozen, and at a cheaper rate for larger quantities. They are large and in good condition. Plain, healthy food is now plentiful and cheap in this market.—Globe.

Lt. Col. Hawley, the Commandant of the Military School of Instruction at this place, with the Brigade Major of the District, (Lt. Col. Otty), and Capt. W. H. Scovill (a graduate of the Montreal School) have been appointed a Board for the examination of candidates desiring to enter the School. This Board sits every Tuesday.—lb.

INFORMATION IS WANTED of John Clark who formerly was employed in one of the Union Line steamers, and in 1863, is believed worked for Clayton and Jewett on the upper St. John waters. He was about 6 feet fair complexion, 42 years of age, and Scotch by birth. It will be to his advantage that his whereabouts, if he is alive, should be known. Woodstock Sentinel.

The Bark MILICITE, Wren, which sailed for St. John from Liverpool, arrived on Thursday, after a passage of about one hundred days. She was obliged to put into Bermuda. The "Milicite" brings, among her cargo, a quantity of goods intended for the Christmas season.

Rev. Wm. Wilkins, lately of Woodstock, has gone to a new field of labor in Truro N. S. Rev. Mr. Murray, assisting Dr. Brooke, in Fredericton, has received a call from the Presbyterian congregation at Campbellton.

During the late snow storm three feet of snow fell on the shore of Lake Temiscou, on the road from Little Falls to Riviere du Loup.

Our contemporaries all urge the building of the Woodstock and Riviere du Loup railway.—Farmer.

We understand that Major (Graham of 1st 22nd Regt., has been promoted to Colonel.

Thirty four thousand sheep were killed twenty thousand more were by dogs in last year.

A letter from the Hon. Joseph Howe to electors of Hants Co. N. S. has appeared. print. Mr. Howe briefly details the connection with his efforts to bring about a repeal of the Confederation Act, or in case failure, to secure a certain modification of the act; and defends his whole course of action from beginning to end.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, OTTAWA.

Friday January 18, 1869.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Governor General in Council.

On the recommendation of the Honorable the Minister of Customs, and under and in virtue of the authority conferred by the Act passed during the last Session of the Parliament of Canada entitled, "An Act respecting the Customs," His Excellency has been pleased to make the following regulation.

In addition to the Warehousing Ports mentioned in the Act passed during the late Session of the Parliament of Canada, entitled, "An Act respecting the Customs," and also in addition to the Ports named in Lists sanctioned in subsequent Orders in Council, passed under the authority of the said Act the following Port shall be, and it is hereby declared to be included in the Lists of Warehousing Ports in the Dominion of Canada, viz:—

Province of New Brunswick, The Port of Dorchester.

WM. H. LEE, Clerk Privy Council.

Particular Notice.

HAVING finished stock taking, a lot of REMNANTS will be sold CHEAP. Come early and secure BARGAINS.

I have purchased from the venerable Doctor Benjamin Franklin Leary, 5 gross of his well wide celebrated

Anglo-Saxon Liniment, it is not excelled by any other Liniment before the public for its Powerful Healing and Curative Properties.—Is a universal Pain Killer. I will sell it by the gross, dozen, or single bottle. Liberal discounts to the purchasers of the larger quantities.

JOHN S. MAGEE, Albion House, St. Andrew.

TO THE WORKING CLASS.—I am prepared to furnish constant employment to all classes at their homes, for their spare moments. Fifty cents to \$5 per evening is earned, and the boys and girls earn nearly as much money. Great inducements are offered. All who see this notice please send me their address and test the business for themselves. If not well satisfied I will send \$1 to pay for the trouble of writing me. Full particulars sent free. Sample sent by mail for ten cents in stamps.—Address E. C. ALLEN, Augusta, Me.

TODD, CLEWLEY & CO. ST. STEPHEN, N. B.

Have in Stock, and offer to the Trade at lowest market rates—in bond or duty paid:

700 BLS Extra State FLOUR, 300 do Canada do, 200 Hbds. Muscovado MOLASSES, 400 Boxes Brown SUGAR, 300 do Layer RAININS, 200 Kegs SODA, 50 Bbls. Crushed and Granulated SUGAR, 50 Cases TOBACCO, 10 do NUTMEGS, 50 Boxes T. D. and Woodstock PIPES, 50 Sacks RICE, 2,000 Bush. OATS, 100 Bbls. Clear and MESS PORK

St. Stephen, February, 1869.

Kerosine Oil & Tobacco.

20 Bbls. Kerosine Oil, 20 Boxes Fruit Cake Tobacco. Just received and for sale by

TODD, CLEWLEY & CO. St. Stephen, Feb. 1869.

Charlotte General Sessions, April 17, 1868.

ORDERED.—That the Clerk of the Peace give Notice, that it is the intention of this Court not to grant Licenses for the sale of Ardent Spirits, after April next.

Extract from the Minutes. GEO. S. GRIMMER, St. Andrews Jan. 15, 1869. Clerk of the Peace.

Public Notice.

IN pursuance of a proviso or Power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage, dated the 17th January 1867, and made between William R. Watson and Esther H. his wife, then of Saint Andrews, is the County of Charlotte, of the one part, and the undersigned of the same place of the other part:

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, to the creditors of the said William R. Watson and all others interested, that for default in the payment of the money secured by the said Mortgage, there will for the purpose of satisfying the said money, be sold at Public Auction, on the premises, at eleven o'clock A. M., on MONDAY, the Fifteenth day of February next,

All that certain lot or parcel of Land situate lying and being in the Town Plat of Saint Andrews, known as Lot Number Four, in Block "Latter N. in Parcs Division of the Town Plat, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and as by the said Mortgage conveyed.

HANNAH AMES

CUSTOMS DEP.

AUTHORIZED DISCOUNT VOICES until further R. S. M. Comm.

Feb. 15

Piano

Mr. J. LOCHARY, Jr., for the purpose of tuning Pianos, should a suffice Orders may be left at the S Jan. 13th, 1869.

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Public attention is directed Cottons and Flannels still remain on

Nice smooth unbleached Cottons do

Heavy sheeting 36 inch

Fine white sheeting Superior do

Plaid Flannel Union 24, 30

Red Flannel 30 per yd.

Blue do 25

White do 25 to 45 cent

The balance of our stock come early to secure bargains

Mens Arctic Gaiters, a variety of caps, a variety of

20 cents to 100 each.

Mens Union Drawers 50

Mens under shirts

Check for Ladies and child

Very excellent Boots for B Spanish hule, water proof.

Amica Ointment.

Catarrh Snuff.

Perfum Soap

You will save money by House, where business is system. Commercial Bank the lack.

J. J.

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All Persons having any Estate of one Peter A. Charlotte, deceased, are requested to attend to the same on the 10th day of June, and a said estate, will make im

St. Andrews, Jan. 2, 18

N. B.—Any demands money belonging to the Office of the Clerk of

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RETAIL LICENCES were mentioned person

Michael Shannon, Charles McLean, James Neill

James Ryder

Michael Clansiey Robert Stewart

Mark H. Patton

Jeremiah Carroll John B. Wade

Philip Green A. B. Signe

Henry Owen C. Daley