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A VALUABLE FREEHOLD on the City Road, near the Skating Rink. The lot is 60x100, and the late two-story building thereon is well finished, and yields a rental of \$3000 p. a. Terms easy.

A LEASEHOLD on a beautiful lot, South side—few doors from Clarence street, in a fine locality. There are on the lot two houses. The front house rents for \$100, the rear house for \$80. Ground rent \$20 per annum. Lease has some seventeen years to run, and is renewable.

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450 BLS Labrador Herring, A choice article. For sale at lowest market price by MASTERS & PATTERSON, 40th North Street.

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25 D^{OS} Broom—Simpson & L. Lead, for sale by J. W. ARMSTRONG, 40th North Street.

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Just Received:
25 bbls. Potatoes!
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The Daily Tribune.

J. L. STEWART, Editor.
SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 20.

Independent Journalism.

St. John journalism, although it has made rapid strides in some respects, has sadly deteriorated in others. The papers give more news than formerly, but have less influence on the public mind. Their loss of influence has been caused by their sacrifice of independence. Government money has become so important an item in the receipts on which they depend for meeting their large and all too increasing running expenses that they sacrifice their independence in order to get and retain official patronage. We mention this as a fact that is to be lamented, and not for the purpose of assailing any one. The conductors of the papers seem to feel that they have forfeited their editorial influence, and make extra exertions to supply news to their readers. Who does not remember when certain St. John journals had a character for honesty and consistency as well as for news? But who does not see that this character has been sacrificed to other considerations. Public journals cannot pass from one party to the other—cannot be deflected to the winning side—and praise in office the men they have condemned in opposition, without lowering the public opinion of journalism, giving the people to understand that newspapers may be "on the make" as well as others. The journals that degrade themselves thus suffer most, of course, but the stain rests on their contemporaries also. When the strong and long established journals sell themselves openly in the political market the public can hardly believe their younger and weaker contemporaries to be incorruptible. The sin of one casts on all. The public see the column of Government advertisements, or the editorial Card to Electors, which muzzles certain papers, and naturally suspect that others will prove as bad when they are found out. Newspapers lose in influence by this loss of character, as their readers cannot trust their utterances—cannot believe them to be disinterested. People, however, take papers for the news, even though they are not to be trusted. Newspapers lose in influence by this loss of character, as their readers cannot trust their utterances—cannot believe them to be disinterested. People, however, take papers for the news, even though they are not to be trusted.

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To Let—Persons having houses to let or property for sale, or those wishing to secure dwellings should advertise in the DAILY TRIBUNE. Special rates made to those wishing to advertise by the week or month.

There—at noon—85 above zero.

Howey-Duray occupies the platform of the Mechanics' Institute Monday evening.

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Disastrous Fire in Portland—Seventeen Houses Burned—Many Families Homeless—Loss \$200,000.

About half-past three yesterday afternoon the house owned by Mr. James Crockett, Market street, Portland, was involved in fire. The flames were issuing from the roof when first seen. The fire is supposed to have been set by a woman in the house who was insane, and who was conveyed to the Asylum after the fire broke out. Before the flames arrived the flames had extended east and west, and Mr. Winslow's house was on fire, as well as Mr. Robt. King's. The fire was extinguished by the city fire engine, and Chief Carter struck out the new engine, and a reel of hose from No. 2. For a time it seemed as if the fire could be confined to the three houses, but the wind soon commenced blowing from the southwest. The house to the east of Mr. Young's was in great danger, and the firemen did all they could to stay the flames in that direction. In fact, they were unable to do so, and the fire broke out in Mr. Thos. 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He (Fourier) had adopted most of suggestions of the Board of Trade. The bill was read the first time. A bill for the amendment of Gas Meter Inspection Act was introduced by Geoffrey and read the first time.

Several private bills were introduced and read a first time, one of which was to incorporate the Pictou (N. S.) Coal and Iron Company.

Mr. Mackenzie moved the second reading of the bill to regulate the construction and maintenance of marine electric telegraphs, and gave explanations why the measure had been taken up by Government. The object of the bill was to terminate the monopoly practically enjoyed in the Province of Nova Scotia, and consequently in the Dominion, and prevent establishing monopoly by cable telegraphing, because the Island of Newfoundland had precisely established monopoly, the Island being used as a telegraph cable station in the middle of the Atlantic.

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

February 26, 1875.

The Provincial Secretary referred to the past experience of the House in the matter of official debates, when the latter were provided, and since the newspapers furnished the country with fair and adequate reports. Last year's reports were satisfactory, but the expense of them was not necessary. He moved that it is not advisable for the House to provide either full or synoptic reports.

Dr. Dow seconded the resolution. Crawford favored the committee's report, and was against the resolution of the Secretary, which latter was withdrawn by the mover. The report, being received, the House went into committee on the subject.

Crawford said verbatim reports were not adequate to meet the requirements of the people, while synoptic reports in newspapers were preferable, although they cost only about half as much as the full reports. He thought the matter should be referred to the committee in order that it might be ascertained if Mr. Smith would not to the work cheaper.

Dr. Dow thought that it was not fair to other gentlemen of the Press that Mr. Smith's offer should be received. It shut others out of the gallery, and if these reports were made, the making of them should be put up to competition.

The Secretary moved his former resolution, which was seconded by Dr. Dow. Mr. Butler said, though a member of the Committee, he had not assented to its report.

The Secretary again urged the adoption of his resolution, and said the system of allowing independent reporting would cost only about half as much as Mr. Smith's plan, and would be quite as effective.

Mr. Phillips favored the reports, because they were under the control of the House. Keas said he had ascertained that Smith's reports had given very general satisfaction. The cost of independent reports had often been greater than that stated by the Secretary, and the House had no control of them. He referred to the advantage of having a record of the proceedings for reference, and was against the Secretary's proposal.

Mr. Trevelick said, while Smith's reports were effective and generally distributed, the old ones were the contrary. This plan gave fair and impartial reports. Mr. Trevelick went into the details of the work to be done, and claimed that Smith's offer was an equitable one.

McKay favored the Secretary's resolution, and thought the matter should be put up to competition.

Flawelling favored the committee's report, as the House would be called upon to pay in any case it was desirable to get an official record.

Smith said it was too late to talk of putting the work up to competition now. An official record should be had, and was the more desirable because it was the more permanent.

Marche favored Smith's reports on the grounds of economy and effectiveness. Swin said he thought some permanent arrangement ought to be made to save the discussion of the matter every year.

The Secretary's resolution was lost, and the Committee's report adopted.

Crawford introduced a bill relating to the qualification of certain persons for holding seats or voting in the Legislative Council; Stevenson a bill to amend the N. B. & C. Railway Act; Covert, a bill to incorporate the several Counties of the Province not heretofore incorporated.

Robinson submitted a Contingent Committee report.

Covert moved that a Committee be appointed to obtain, before next Session, tenders from parties willing to furnish synoptic reports of the Session of 1875, and Covert, Willis, Jones, Butler and Dow were appointed such Committee, and on motion of McQueen it was ordered that a place be provided for the official report.

The Address came up as the order of the day at 12 o'clock.

Keas, in moving the Address, thought the House would heartily endorse the first and second paragraphs, and generally assent to the expressions of the third, in reference to the Schools Act. He commended the course of the Government in reference to immigration, and thought the operation of the Free Grants Act satisfactory. He was particularly interested in the question of assessment, and proceeded to dwell on the necessity for good Boards of Assessors. It is difficult to find Magistrates who will agree on any one mode of assessing, and when the question came before the House he hoped members would lose sight of the pecuniary interests in endeavoring to pass an act for the general good. He dwelt on the necessity for the committee spending time on the accounts, and as chairman of that committee he intended to have the accounts thoroughly gone over, and an intelligent report made.

The first and second sections of the Address being passed, and the third being read, O'Leary said the day would be spent in the consideration of the School taxes would be collected at the point of the bayonet, unless the Government recognized and acted upon the just claims of a large portion of the population. He alluded to the fact that he had limited Earl Russell, and taken hold of the old Act and improved it, and not secured an Act which was in suit to the Catholics of the Province. O'Leary read Earl Russell's objection to Mr. Forster's action in connection with educational matters in England, and said it would have been easy to have assisted the Catholics with their schools from the Provincial Treasury, instead of opposing them and seizing their property for

the support of schools they could not in conscience support, while they were already supporting their own schools. Burns said he could not remain silent and let a paragraph pass to which he so seriously objected. He bowed to the decision of the Crown Law Officers, but felt that the School's agitation would have ceased had the decision alluded to in the paragraph not been given. Perhaps those who enacted the law thought they were doing right, but they should have recognized that the minority have rights which should not have been overlooked. He proceeded to show how Catholics could not support schools in which religious instruction was not given. It is a grievance that the School buildings erected by Catholics cannot be utilized under the Act, and he appealed to the sense of justice of the majority, asking them to put themselves in the place of the minority; would they think it just to be asked to pay two sets of taxes? This is a question of civil rights as well as religious rights. Catholics are not the only persons oppressed, and some firmly should be adopted to enable them to live with the majority in educating their children, and that peace and harmony may be restored.

The Atty Gen. congratulated Burns on the temper and good character of his remarks. O'Leary was hardly so moderate, and were it not for that gentleman's well known good nature the House might be frightened. The opinions of a man like Earl Russell were entitled to respect, but it is necessary to understand the peculiar position of England in regard to education. At the time referred to the system of schools in England was a denominational one, and has no parallel here. He could only say that the Government of the country would continue to act on the expressed wish of the people, and if the claims of the minority were to continue the same as they had been formerly, the Government must respectfully and firmly continue to resist them.

The section then passed. Burns, O'Leary, Theriault, Blanchard, and Johnston voting in the negative.

On the Delegation paragraph O'Leary said he hoped the House had heard enough of these delegations, unless something new came up requiring them. They were got up to facilitate refractory government supporters.

This paragraph, as well as the remainder of the Address, then passed without further discussion, and the House adjourned for dinner.

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