NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

On no occasion will the names of Old Advertisements be inserted here.

School Notice—William Fleming.
Dissolution of Partnership.
Sheriff's Sale of Lands—Prescott and Russell.
Bazaar—Annie Cary.
Finance Department—R. S. M. Bouchette.
Crown Land Department—A. A. Campbell.

The Ottawa Times

City and County Official Paper.

OTTAWA, DECEMBER 8, 1866.

For Arrival and Departure of Mails see 1st page.

Another threat of an early Fenian movement on Canada comes to us from New York. Though we doubt very much whether the Fenians intend to make another attempt against us, it is very satisfactory to know that the country was never better prepared to receive them. The Atlantic Cable brings additional intelligence of the continued activity of the Government in defensive preparations, and, we judge, despite the machinations of American emissaries to foment it, that there will be no rising in Ireland.

The Republican majority in Congress seem determined to act in utter defiance of every principle of honor and fair play towards the South. At a caucus held on the evening of the 5th, the following, among other resolutions were adopted as setting forth the policy of the party:—

Fourth. That a bill be passed that no name shall go on the roll of the Fortieth Congress from a State not represented in this Congress.

Fifth. That no electoral vote shall be counted in 1868 in the Electoral College from States not then represented in Congress.

The plain meaning of which is, that the Radicals are determined at all hazards to fill the Presidential chair with a partizan at the next election. In the meantime, the powers of Mr. Johnson are to be curtailed in every possible shape by act of Congress; committees are to be appointed to investigate his conduct, and, altogether, if he is not driven from the chair, he is to be reduced to the very minimum of power. It is also reported that the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations contemplate the recognition of *Ortega's* right to the Presidency of the Mexican Republic, the Executive, of course, recognizing Juarez. At this rate, the hope of a "vigorous foreign policy" is not very bright.

While the philanthropic negro worshippers of the North are keeping the great Confederacy rent in twain, professedly on the ground that the African should have an equal share in the government of the country with the white man, but really that their own faction may be maintained in political power, the problem of the negro's social status is being worked out quietly and effectually by the guidance and assistance of his old master in a way far more conducive to his material, moral and intellectual well-being than any that has yet been suggested by Northern negrophilism, which after all, in so far as the African's real happiness is concerned, is one of the most worthless "isms" of the age. Negro suffrage might probably contribute to of the ephemeral popularity of a few restless demagogues for a time, but there is nothing in the exercise of the franchise as practiced amongst our neighbours that is calculated in any degree to elevate his status in the social scale, or add one iota to his real happiness.

A colored man, B. F. Montgomery by name, who was formerly a slave and "one of the business managers of Jos. A. Davis, Esq., (brother of Jeff. Davis)" has organised an association of colored men to work the Hurricane and Brierfield plantations which have been leased from Mr. Davis on the part of the association, and has issued a circular, addressed to the colored people, in which he invites such of them as are "recommended by honesty, industry, sobriety, and intelligence" to join in the enterprise. The plan of managing the association is briefly set forth, and it is stated that full protection has been assured by the commanding general of the district. The circular says:

"Regarding the suffrage question as of "doubtful and remote utility, the discussion "of it and other political topics as more likely "to produce contention and idleness than harmony in the community, such discussions "will be discouraged."

Such a direct snub to the northern advocates of negro suffrage and from such a quarter, ought surely to be suggestive of the wisdom of moderating their demands on a point which the parties immediately concerned deem to be "of doubtful and remote utility." Montgomery, who as a slave held an important position on his master's estate, and who now as a freedman so far enjoys the confidence of his old master as to have been entrusted with a lease of his whole plantation for a term of years, must undoubtedly be a man of more than average intelligence among his class, and the enterprise which he has now undertaken, and which will doubtless flourish by the practice of "honesty, industry, and sobriety" would not certainly be benefited by the discussion of the suffrage and other political questions, and therefore he wisely proclaims in advance that all such discussions will be discouraged.

In fact no more unfortunate thing could befall the recently emancipated slaves than to expose them to the political debauchery, incident to the exercise of franchise among the sovereign people. It would only be inoculating them with some of the worst vices of their white brethren, before giving them time to acquire those habits of industry and self reliance so essential to the maintenance of a condition of freedom. A few men like Montgomery will do more for the improvement of the condition of the emancipated slaves than all the efforts of their pretended friends in the North put together.

By the way, it is not a little singular that those very men who formerly supported the war against the South as a war against slavery, still persist, now that slavery is abolished, in excluding the citizens of the Southern States from their fair share of representation in the Federal Government. If it is true that the rebellion was merely "a slaveholder's rebellion," what need of repression and exclusion, since the very office of slaveholder has been abolished? It was Lord Russell, if we mistake not, who said that the "North was fighting for dominion, and the South for independence," and though the remark was esteemed a cause of offence, that part of it relating to the North was true from the first to the last day of the war, and has been true every day since, for though the South has long ceased its fight for independence, the fight for dominion on the side of the North is continued with unabated fury by a reckless majority, determined on moulding the constitution to their will, utterly regardless of the rights of others whose title to a fair application of the principles of the constitution on their behalf cannot be disputed on any other principle than the force of numbers, to be backed if need be by that of arms.

If the people of the Southern States would quietly submit to the exclusion of their representatives from Congress, where, in the face of such a large and fanatically hostile majority they would be powerless, until the fury of Northern Radicalism wastes itself, and devote themselves earnestly to the reorganization of their industrial system, and the economic administration of their local affairs, they would, perhaps, find at the end of a few years they had lost little by want of representation in the Federal Legislature. There must of necessity be an immense amount of disorganised industry to regulate and lead into profitable channels, and the encouragement of such enterprises as that established on the Davis estates, offers a feasible and ready means of harmonising the freedmen with the new condition of affairs. If owners of Southern plantations would imitate Mr. Davis, they would attach the better classes of the late slave population more to the South than ever, and they could well afford to hand over the more lazy and worthless characters to the care of the professional philanthropists and political agitators of the North.

LOCAL NEWS.

POLICE COURT.—James Jamison was charged with being drunk on the streets. This being his first offence, his promises for the future induced His Worship to let him off.—A penalty of $25 and costs was inflicted in a liquor-selling case, where there was no license to justify the traffic.

A GENEROUS ACT.—The following needs no comment; it, however, gives additional proof of our oft-repeated assertion as to how our firemen expend their money:—"The treasurer of the Rideau Fire Engine Company acknowledges with thanks the receipt of $10 from the Central Hook and Ladder Company, for the benefit of the man who was accidentally injured at the fire on Sandy Hill."

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE.—*New York: L. Scott Publishing Co. Ottawa: John Durie & Son.* The November number of Blackwood has reached us, and presents, as usual, a number of interesting articles: "Nina Balatka, Cornelius O'Dowd, Historic Portraits, Sir Brook Fossbrooke (conclusion), Scraps of Verse from a Tourist's Journal, Celestial Rule and Rebellion, Three Presidents of the United States, What should Ministers do." The last named paper is an able argument, from the Ministerial point of view, against the introduction of a Reform bill by the Derby Government, and in favor of postponing the consideration of the Reform question altogether for a twelvemonth. The writer argues that there are many practical measures more urgently claiming attention than the extension of the franchise, and contends that the foreign policy of the Whigs has alienated the good will of nearly all the continental powers from England. The article is deeply interesting, but the writer takes, we think, an extreme view of the dangers which beset the Empire.

APPOINTMENTS.

The Official *Gazette* of this morning contains the following:

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, (EAST.)
Ottawa, 7th December, 1866.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL has been pleased to appoint Jean Ephrem Proux, of the Parish of St. Francois de la Beauce, Esq., as Registrar for the County of Beauce, in room of Jean P. Proux, resigned.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Ottawa, 7th December, 1866.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL has been pleased to make the following appointments, viz:

ALEXANDER FORSYTH SCOTT, of Osgoode Hall, Esq., Barrister-at-law, to be Judge of the County Court, in and for the county of Peel.

ROBERT BRODDY, Esq., to be Sheriff in and for the county of Peel.

JOHN BARNHART, Esq., M. D., and BEAUMENT W. DIXIE, Esq., M. D., to be Coroners in and for the county of Peel.

GEORGE GREEN, of Osgoode Hall, Esq., Barrister-at-law, to be Clerk of the Peace and County Crown Attorney, in and for the county of Peel.

James Augustus Austin, Esq., to be clerk of the County Court in and for the county of Peel.

John Boyd, of Osgoode Hall, Esq., barrister-at-law, to be Junior Judge in and for the county of York.

Henry William Peterson, of Osgoode Hall, Esq., barrister-at-law, to be County Crown Attorney in and for the county of Wellington, in the room of John Juchereau Kingsmill, Esq., resigned.

CITY TAXATION.

To the Editor of the Ottawa Times.

SIR,—My letter, which appeared in your valuable paper last Monday, has evidently excited the ire of "One who Knows," as we have been favored with something in the shape of an answer this morning in the *Citizen*; but in reading it over once or twice, I have failed to discover anything to show that my statements were one-sided, or that there was any attempt on my part to falsify the work of the assessors, which "One who Knows" would wish to imply. I can easily understand the feeling which pervades the mind of "One who Knows," because, from the manner in which he attempts to justify the present most iniquitous mode of taxation, I should not be at all surprised if I were told that "One who Knows" was himself an assessor. I shall not dwell any further on this subject, but just simply say that I am not alone in collecting the information which is noted below, as there are many others who are equally as unfortunate as myself:

	Total Taxes.
Garland, Hutchmor & Co.,	$213.50
Cunningham & Lindsay,	355.84
Magee & Russell,	208.42
T. & W. Hunton,	198.25
F. G. Crosby,	183.00
George Hay,	97.60
{ G. L. Orme & Son,	177.92
{ Thomas Beament,	
John Leslie,	106.75
Esmonde Bros.,	145.75
Thomas Isaac,	38.18
H. McCormick,	70.25
A. McCormick,	41.69
John Durie & Son,	64.05
John Roberts,	61.00
W. Cousens, (assessor),	10.68
Roderick Ross, do.	15.25
Dr. Riel, do.	?

"One store under Mechanics' Institute.

Apologizing for the trouble I have given you, and at the same time thanking you for your kind indulgence,

I am yours respectfully,
A RATE-PAYER.

Ottawa, Dec. 7, 1866

Per Provincial Line.

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS

To the Ottawa Times.

FROM TORONTO.

Villainous Attempt to Blow up Beard's Foundry.

Meeting of St. George's Society.

Irishmen of Toronto Displeased with the St. Patrick's Society of Montreal.

TORONTO, Dec. 7th, 1866.

Last night a villainous attempt was made to blow up Beard's Foundry. The manner in which the incendiary intended to carry out his infamous design was not discovered till this morning. Last night Mr. Beard's clerks returned home as usual, but previous to leaving, they found that the lamp, which usually hangs in the office, had been taken away. Believing that perhaps some of the hands had mislaid it, they attached no importance to the fact. On the second floor of the warehouse, amongst other articles that were contained therein, was a quantity of coal oil, and this morning, on opening the building, the missing lamp was discovered under a large barrel of oil. The wick was entirely burnt out, and it was evident that it had been put there last night, and lit previous to the hands going away. Part of the barrel underneath was completely charred by the flame, and but for the fact that, in arranging the lamp, the wick had not been properly fixed, there is no doubt that the fiendish intention would have been carried out.

The St. George's society are to hold an important meeting to-night to take into consideration the Christmas distribution.

Irishmen here are much displeased at the action of the St. Patrick's society in Montreal in censuring the Hon. T. D. McGee, and it is understood that at the next meeting of the St. Patrick's society of this city counter resolutions will be offered.

FROM MONTREAL.

Large Sale of Arms—Supposed to be on Fenian Account.

Opening of the Queen's Bench for Kamouraski District.

Challenge to Dion, the Billiard Champion.

The "Transcript" to be published as the "Daily News."

Lord Monck in Montreal—Sitting of the Council.

MONTREAL, Dec. 7, 1866.

I learn from an authentic source—a highly respectable mercantile house in the trade—that within a few days from 15,000 to 17,000 rifles have been sold on Fenian account, the destination of which was not Ireland.

The winter term of Court of Queen's Bench for the Kamouraski district commenced on the 5th inst. The calendar is pretty heavy, and among the serious crimes there is a murder for trial.

It is understood that Joseph Dion, the present champion of America, under the rules of Billiard Congress, has refused to play McDevitt until he has answered the challenge of Louis Fox, who is still suffering from the wounds he received some weeks ago in Rochester. The champion will not take forfeit from Fox, however, even should he fail to make his appearance at the expiration of the time fixed by the rules of the congress, but offers his challenger until the 9th of May, after which time, should he continue to hold the champion cue, he proposes to take up the gauntlet thrown down by McDevitt.

The *Gazette* publishes a letter from Hon. Mr. McGee to the Hon. George Brown, in which he refers to his crusade against the Fenians, and attacks Brown for not seconding his efforts.

The *Transcript* is to be published as the *Daily News* next year.

Lord Monck arrived here this morning. The Council was in session at 4 p.m. Mr. McGee was absent.

Gen. Michel cannot be sworn as Administrator, until the departure of Lord Monck.

Nothing has transpired concerning the decision in the Fenian cases.

FROM SWEETSBURGH.

Accident to One of the Montreal Volunteers.

SWEETSBURGH, Dec. 7th, 1866.

One of the Montreal volunteers, named Watson, was accidentally shot a few minutes ago in the barrack room, by Sergeant Bulger, with a revolver, which he did not know was loaded. The ball lodged in Watson's chin and has been extracted by Dr. Brown, who does not anticipate any serious result.

The court to-day is occupied with some larceny cases.

MIDNIGHT DESPATCHES.

(Per Atlantic Cable and Montreal Line.)

Meeting of the Irish Orange Grand Lodge.

DUBLIN, Dec. 7.—The purposes and proceedings of the Fenians monopolize the attention of the Irish Government. The Grand Lodge of Orangemen have held a meeting and issued an edict, calling for all members of the order to support the Government in endeavouring to keep peace.

Depots of Arms under Guard.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 7.—All the depots of arms in this city have been placed under armed guards. The excited state of feeling among the Irish population renders these precautions necessary.

A European Congress.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—There is a rumor circulating here and on the continent, that the Czar of Russia has invited France and England to take some measures, by which the three Governments may arrive at an understanding in regard to affairs in Candia.

Hungarian Affairs.

PESTH, Dec. 7.—The Hungarian Diet have agreed to the address to the Emperor of Austria, proposed, by M. Deak, the leader of the Hungarian party.

French Intervention in Candia.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—It is said that France will send a note couched in strong terms to the government at Athens, Greece, to put a stop to its intrigues in the east, and especially in the island of Candia. There is a rumor current that Moustier will soon resign his position in the Cabinet of the Empire.

A Very Important (?) Denial.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The official journals deny that the Pope told the United States Minister it would be better for the Canadas to be annexed to the United States than to fall into the hands of the Fenians.

French Fleet Ready For Mexico.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—The large fleet of French war vessels and transports is now ready to sail for Mexico.

Latest Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 7—Evening.—Breadstuffs closed flat. Corn was last quoted at 39s. 3d. Provisions were inactive, and closed dull.

Latest London Money Markets.

LONDON, Dec. 7—Evening.—Consols closed this afternoon at 88⅞ for money; U. S. 5-20 bonds, 71; Illinois Central, 77½; Erie, 46¼.

LATEST AMERICAN DESPATCHES.

(Per Montreal Line.)

Massacres by the Indians.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 7.—A letter from Fort Smith says, "From this point down to the Platte river, the road is a graveyard. About 150 men have been killed. We have no intelligence from Fort Kearney, and fear communication is cut off. The Crow Indians report about 1500 lodges of hostile Indians moving towards this point, to capture it."

Fire in New Haven.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 7.—A fire this morning at the Plant's Manufacturing Company, consumed property to the amount of $20,000, insured for $10,000. Seventy persons are thrown out of employment.

The Fenians Reprieved.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—In the case of the Fenian convicts in Canada who are sentenced to be hanged on the 13th Dec., and whose application for new trials have been refused, the Secretary of State thought it proper to ask an explanation of the purposes of the Canadian authorities in this. Sir Frederick Bruce writes that the sentence will not be carried into effect that day, but will be reserved for further consideration.

CITY COUNCIL.

CITY HALL, Dec. 3, 1866.

Present—His Worship the Mayor, Ald. Cunningham, Langford, McCormick, Dow, Mosgrove, Goodwin, Berichon, Traversy, Friel, Coun. Scott, Rowat, Perkins, Starmer, Wood, Goulden, Guerard, Heney, Martineau.

The minutes were read.

Ald. Cunningham presented a communication from the City Collector requesting that the time of collecting the taxes be extended.

Moved by Ald. Cunningham, seconded by Coun. Scott, that the collector of the city of Ottawa is hereby authorized until the first day of February next, to continue the levy and collection of the unpaid taxes for the city in the manner and with the powers provided by law, for the general levy and collection of taxes, and in the event of the collector not having collected and paid in all the taxes by the said first day of February next, the solicitor is to be instructed to take such action against him and his securities as may be required in the interest of the city.—Carried.

Ald. Cunningham presented the petition of Widow Catherine Ryan and John Monaghan.

Moved by Ald. Cunningham, seconded by Ald. Traversy, that the petition of John Modaghan and widow Ryan for the remission of taxes be referred to the Assessment Committee.—Carried.

Coun. Scott presented the petition of Mr. Francis H. Burrows for reduction of taxes on vacant house.

Moved by Coun. Scott, seconded by Ald. Cunningham that the petition of Mr. Burrows, be received and referred to the Assessment Committee.—Carried.

Coun. Scott presented the petition of P. M. King for a shop license for less than a year.

Moved by Coun. Scott, seconded by Ald. Cunningham, that the petition of P. M. King, be received and referred to the Board of Commissioners of Police.—Carried.

Ald. Cunningham presented Reports No. 2 of 1866, and No. 10 of 1865.

Moved by Ald. Cunningham, seconded by Coun. Scott, that the Reports No. 2 of 1866, and No. 10 of 1865, be received and entered in the minutes.—Carried.

Municipal Loan Fund—5 cts—$12,128.93; Common School Rate—3 cts—$5,692.78; City Rate—10 cts—$24,457.86; By-law No. 172—Interest—2¼ cts—$6,708.20, Sinking Fund—1¼ cts—$3,645.01; By-law No. 180—2 1-6 cts—$5,276.23; Arrears of Taxes—$2,269.56; Statute Labor—$370.00; Total paid to City Chamberlain for 1865—$60,648.57.

Report No. 10, A D., 1865.

G. H. PRESTON,
City Collector.

Ottawa, Dec. 3rd, 1866.

Municipal Loan Fund—5 cts—$4,240.03; Common School Rate—2¼ cts—$1,615.69; City Rate—11¼ cts—$9,765.04; By-law No. 172—Interest—2¼ cts—$2,336.71, Sinking Fund—1¼ cts—$1,265.36; By-law No. 180—2·6 cts—$1,847.77; Arrears of Taxes—$217.96; Statute Labor—$164.00; Total paid to City Chamberlain for 1866—$21,452.56.

Report No. 2, A D., 1866.

G. H. PRESTON,
City Collector.

Ottawa, Dec. 3rd, 1866.

Ald. Goodwin presented the petition of Patrick Buckley for the reduction of taxes.

Moved by Ald. Goodwin, seconded by Ald. Berichon, that the petition of Patrick Buckley be referred to the Committee on Assessments.—Carried.

Ald. Traversy presented the petition of Paul Favereau for payment for a horse which died from overwork at a fire.

Moved by Ald. Traversy, seconded by Coun. Heney, that the petition of Paul Faverean, just read, be received and referred to the Fire Committee, with instructions to report at the first meeting of this Council.—Carried.

Coun. Wood presented the petition of Eliza Lovereau respecting taxes.

Moved by Coun. Wood, seconded by Ald. Mosgrove, that the petition of Eliza Lovereau be referred to the Assessment Committee.—Carried.

Coun. Goulden presented the petition of Thomas Hutchinson for a cheque, in the place of one lost by him.

Moved by Coun. Goulden, seconded by Coun. Guerard, that the petition of Thomas Hutchinson be referred to the Finance Committee.—Carried.

Coun. Goulden presented the petition of L. Daniels and others, for a short platform from Dalhousie street to Lot No. 15 on Bolton street, Letter O.

Moved by Coun. Goulden, seconded by Coun. Guerard, that the petition of L. Daniels and others, just read, be received and referred to the Streets and Improvements Committee.—Carried.

Ald. Cunningham presented the petition of G. H. Preston, City Collector, for leave to substitute another security for John Rochester, jr., Esq., who desires to retire.

Moved by Ald. Cunningham, seconded by Ald. Langford, that the petition of G. H. Preston, requesting permission to substitute another security in lieu of John Rochester, junr., Esq., be received and referred to His Worship the Mayor and the City Solicitor, with instructions to accept such security as to them shall be satisfactory, in lieu of the said John Rochester, Esq., and that he be released when such security shall be accepted as aforesaid—the City Solicitor to prepare such documents as shall be necessary; and that His Worship the Mayor do sign the same on behalf of the city.—Carried.

Coun. Rowat presented the communication of Daniel McLaughlin and Alison Scott, for leave to make a drain on Elgin street.

Moved by Coun. Rowat, seconded by Ald. Dow, that the communication of Daniel McLaughlin and Alison Scott, be now granted, and that the City Engineer be and he is hereby instructed to give the grade, and that the City Clerk will receive tenders for the same, within ten days.

YEAS—Rowat, McCormick, Dow, Friel, Goodwin, Berichon, and Heney.

NAYS—Scott, Cunningham, Langford, Mosgrove, Wood, Perkins, Starmer, Goulden, Guerard, Traversy, and Martineau.

Ald. McCormick presented the petition of George Cotton, for reduction of assessment.

Moved by Ald. McCormick, seconded by Coun. Perkins, that the petition of George Cotton, Esq., proprietor of the *Times*, relating to over assessment, just read, be received and referred to the Assessment Committee, for report at the next meeting of this Council.—Carried.

Ald. Cunningham presented the report of T. W. Thompson, on market rents.

Moved by Ald. Cunningham, seconded by Coun. Scott, that the report of T. W. Thompson of collection of moneys of market rents, be received and referred to the Finance Committee.—Carried.

Ald. Traversy presented the petition of the widow Corcoran, for reduction of taxes.

Moved by Ald. Traversy, seconded by Coun. Heney, that the petition of Widow Corcoran, praying for reduction of taxes, be received and referred to the Assessment Committee.—Carried.

Ald. Traversy presented the petition of P. Rourke, for remission of taxes.

Moved by Ald. Traversy, seconded by Coun. Heney, that the petition of P. Rourke be received and referred to the Assessment Committee.—Carried.

Moved in amendment, by Ald. Mosgrove, seconded by Coun. Perkins, that the petition of P. Rourke, be not now received.—Lost.

YEAS—McCormick, Mosgrove, Perkins, and Starmer.

NAYS—Scott, Cunningham, Rowat, Langford, Wood, Dow, Friel, Goulden, Goodwin, Berichon, Guerard, Heney, Traversy, and Martineau.—The original motion was then put and carried.

Ald. Traversy presented the petition of Widow Barbeau.

Moved by Ald. Traversy, seconded by Coun. Guerard, that the petition of Widow Barbeau and Widow Coyle, praying for remission of taxes, be received and referred to the Assessment Committee.—Carried.

Ald. Traversy presented the petition of Messrs. McCarron & Murphy, for reduction of taxes.

Moved by Ald. Traversy, seconded by Coun. Heney, that the petition of Messrs. McCarron & Murphy, for correction of assessments, be referred to the Assessment Committee.—Carried.

Ald. Traversy presented a number of accounts, which were read.

Moved by Ald. Traversy, seconded by Coun. Guerard, that the accounts of the Ottawa and Prescott Railway Co., J. B. Vessineau, James Murphy, and John Clancy, just read, be received and referred to the Finance Committee.—Carried.

Ald. Berichon presented the account of Pierre Poulin, for certain improvements in part of the By Ward market cellar.

Moved by Ald. Berichon, seconded by Coun. Heney, that the account of Pierre Poulin be received, and that His Worship the Mayor do sign a cheque in favor of Pierre Poulin, for the sum of $30.60, as the same was ordered by the Market Committee, and that all rules to the contrary be suspended.—Lost.

Moved, in amendment by Ald. Cunningham, seconded by Ald. Langford, that the account of Pierre Poulin be received and referred to the Market and Finance Committees.—Carried.

YEAS—Scott, Cunningham, Rowat, Langford, McCormick, Mosgrove, Wood, Perkins, Starmer, Goulden.

NAYS—Dow, Friel, Goodwin, Berichon, Guerard, Heney, Traversy, Martineau.

Ald. Mosgrove presented Report No. 5 of the Assessment Committee.

To the Corporation of the City of Ottawa:

Your Assessment Committee in this, their fifth report, having carefully enquired into all the petitions respecting assessments, that have come before them, recommend the following action thereon:

1st. That cheques be issued in favor of the following parties:—James Matthews, assessed in the name of W. B. Ross, E. ½ lot 1, Sparks street south, $15.25, owing to a clerical error of the arrears; George Thibault, income tax, 232 St. George's Ward Roll for 1865, $3.00, he being assessed for same year as a householder; Ann Colgan, W. ½, 29 Church street north, for 1865, $4 40, she being unable to pay.

2nd. That cheques be issued for the abatements recommended to the following parties, owing to the property being damaged or destroyed by fire during 1866:—William Carlney, Skating Rink, E. ½, 31 Wellington street, $6.10; Bessie S. Moreton, W. ½, 6 Rideau street, $12.00; Henry Cussans, W. ½, 6 Rideau street, $16.00; George Cox, per McCarthy House, N. ½, 28 Queen street, $13.00; Thomas Coffee, W. ½, 10 Clarence street, $8.40; Patrick Conway, E. ½, 7 Clarence street, N., $10.00; Henry Porter, No. 11 Clarence street, north, $8.00; James Harris, No. 11 Clarence street north, $4.80; Eric Peltier, 11 Clarence street north, $8.00; James Wadsworth, 10 Clarence street north, $4.80; James Bertheaume, 8 Clarence street north, $4.80; M. Morrissey, 8 Clarence street north, $4.80; P. Kilduff, 8 Clarence street north, $7.20; L. Demairais, 8 Clarence street north, $8.40; P. Brennan, Clarence street north, $8.40; Phillip Gorman, 9 Clarence street north, $16.80; Pierre Poulin, Murray street south, $12.00; Alexis Renaud, 8 Murray street, south, $16.80; Edward Langlois, 9 Murray street, south, $18.00.

3rd. That the foregoing cheques be endorsed on their face "for taxes," and are to be received by the Collector and Chamberlain in payment for the taxes to which they refer only.

4th. That for want of jurisdiction the following petitions must be dismissed: J. C. Tarbutt, as the "sliding scale" does not apply to income; Thomas A. Cumming, as the property must be held liable notwithstanding the negligence of former collectors; Baron Vankoerber, H. A. Jones and J. P. Macpherson, as no alteration can be made in their incomes as entered on the assessment roll at this late date; John Robertson, omitted to enclose his slip, but does not seem to be assessed higher than his neighbors, no reduction can therefore be made; W. H. Duffill, appears to be assessed at the same rate as his neighbors, no reduction can therefore be made, nor although his lease of 1863 for a term of years stipulates for a lower rental; Mary Goodwin, as she does not appear to be assessed, and the property assessed in name of her son, cannot be relieved from the taxes thereon.

All respectfully submitted,

WM. MOSGROVE,
JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
L. PERKINS,
J. B. GUERARD.

Ottawa, Nov. 21st, 1866.

Moved by Ald. Mosgrove, seconded by Coun. Guerard, that Report No. 5 of the Assessment Committee be received and adopted.—Carried.

To the Corporation of the City of Ottawa:

The special Committee on disputed accounts for streets improvements, beg leave to report that two meetings have been held, at which Messrs. Perkins, Guerard and Friel attended, and a third was held at which were present Messrs. Mosgrove, Perkins, Guerard and Friel. The evidence of the City Clerk, City Engineer and the Chairman of the Streets Committee was taken, and a special statement was obtained from the City Engineer, and those papers are herewith submitted. Finding it impossible to agree upon any recommendation, your committee resign into your hands the trust reposed in them.

The whole respectfully submitted,

HENRY FRIEL,
L. PERKINS,
WM. MOSGROVE,
J. B. GUERARD.

December 3rd, 1866.

Moved by Ald. Friel, seconded by Ald. Mosgrove, that the report of the Special Committee on disputed accounts for street improvements, just received and adopted, and that a special meeting be held on Wednesday next, to pass a by-law regarding returning officers, and fix electoral divisions and dispose of disputed accounts.—Carried.

Coun. Heney presented Report No. 8 of the Streets and Improvements Committee:

To the Corporation of the City of Ottawa:

Gentlemen,—The Streets and Improvements Committee, in this their 8th Report, beg to submit,

That, having considered the petition of A. J. Scott and others, for a platform on the west side of Sussex street, opposite the Cathedral, regret they cannot recommend compliance therewith at present.

The petition of Daniel Lachlin for a platform 12 feet wide on the east side of Elgin street, in front of the Russell House. It is recommended that the work be done by the city staff of labourers.

A communication from Francis Macdougal, relative to the sale of lots 5 and 6 Metcalfe street to the Corporation. It is recommended that he be paid for such portions of those lots as may be required by the Corporation the same price, according to quantity, as paid by Keys.

The petition of Malcolm Cameron and others, praying for drains on Besserer and Chapel streets, and of Alison Scott and others, for drain on Elgin street. Both being included in the general plan of drainage before the Council, no recommendation from the Committee is necessary.

The petition of John Cowan and others, relative to the side-walk on Elgin street, your Committee cannot recommend at present.

The communication of John Kelly, relative to the opening of Chapel street has been reported to the city solicitor, for advice thereon.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN HENRY, Chairman.
JAMES GOODWIN.
FRANCIS ABBOTT.
DONALD DOW.
JOHN LANGFORD.

Dec. 3, 1866.

Moved by Coun. Heney, seconded by Coun. Langford, that the Report No. 8. of the Streets Committee, just read, be received and adopted. Carried.

YEAS—Scott, Rowat, Langford, McCormick, Dow, Starmer, Friel, Goodwin, Berichon, Guerard, Heney, Traversy, Martineau.

NAYS—Cunningham, Mosgrove, Perkins, Goulden.

Ald. Cunningham presented Report No. 1 of the Special Committee on Police Force Salaries.

Your Special Committee (composed of the chairmen of the various standing committees,) to whom was referred the petitions of the constables for an increase of salary, beg to report:—

"That in their opinion the amount paid to the policemen is insufficient to insure the service of efficient and reliable men. That the necessaries of life have recently much advanced in price, and the present rate of wages is barely sufficient to enable them to subsist. Your Committee therefore most respectfully recommend that from and after the first of October last, their salaries be increased, say: Sergeant from $340 to $440; Detective $340 to $440, Market Constable $300 to $360; Privates $340 to $360.

This increase if approved will increase the amount paid the police force by $740 per annum, but your Committee consider such increase unavoidable to enable the Police Commissioners to secure the services of reliable parties for the duties of policemen.

All respectfully submitted,

JAS. CUNNINGHAM,
H. J. FRIEL,
D. SCOTT,
JOHN HENRY.

Ottawa, Oct. 1, 1866.

[Passed December 3rd, 1866.]

Moved by Ald. Cunningham, seconded by Coun. Scott, that the Report of the Special Committee on the salaries of the police force, be received and adopted.—Carried.

YEAS—Scott, Cunningham, Rowat, Langford, McCormick, Mosgrove, Dow, Starmer, Friel, Goulden, Goodwin, Berichon, Heney, Guerard.

NAYS—Perkins.

The council then adjourned.

CITY HALL, Dec. 5th, 1866.

Special meeting for the purpose of appointing returning officers and polling places, and dividing wards into electoral divisions, and also to consider disputed accounts.

Present—His Worship the Mayor, Ald. Cunningham, Langford, McCormick, Mosgrove, Dow, Friel, Goodwin, Berichon, Traversy. Councillors—Scott, Rowat, Perkins, Abbott, Starmer, Wood, Goulden, Guerard, Heney, Martineau.

Ald. Friel introduced a by-law to appoint returning officers, fix polling places, and constitute electoral divisions in certain wards, &c., &c.

Moved by Ald. Friel, seconded by Ald. Mosgrove, that the by-law to appoint returning officers, &c., &c., be now read a first time.—Carried.

Moved by Ald. Friel, seconded by Ald. Mosgrove, that the by-law to appoint returning officers, &c., be now read a second time and passed, suspending any rule of this council to the contrary.—Carried.

Moved by Ald. Cunningham, seconded by Ald. Traversy, that a clause be added to the by-law appointing the sum of twenty dollars as the full expenses of the returning officer or officers in each ward, for all the services required of him or them at the ensuing municipal elections, and that where more than one returning officer is employed in any one ward, that the amount named, say $20, be divided equally amongst them.—Carried.

YEAS—Scott, Cunningham, Rowat, Langford, Goodwin, Berichon, Guerard, Heney, Traversy, Martineau.

NAYS—McCormick, Mosgrove, Wood, Perkins, Dow, Starmer, Friel, Goulden.

The original motion was then put and carried.

Moved by Ald. Friel, seconded by Ald. Cunningham, that this council condemns in the most unqualified terms, the action of the Streets and Improvement Committee, individually and collectively, in so far as they, or any of them are implicated in ordering, authorising, or directing contracts for street improvements on behalf of this corporation, without having first obtained the sanction or consent of this corporation in council assembled.

That the disputed accounts now before this council, have originated in the improper management of the Streets and Improvements Committee, and if persisted in, the total abolition of such a committee would appear to be the only remedy for such an evil.

That it would appear that the claimants in these cases performed the work for which they claim payment, on the assumption that the action of the Streets Committee rendered the corporation liable.

That as it is desirable to avoid vexatious litigation with the claimants, in the cases now before this council, payment be made in the following manner:—

Jas. Finch, sidewalk on St. Paul street, reduced from $262.50 to $195.75; Andrew Craes and A. Heavey, drain on Daly street and cleaning well on Murray street, $1006.73; P. White, sidewalk on Bolton street, $438.00; P. Carroll, grading on Church street, $255.00; Isaac Cluff, sidewalk on Marie street, do. Victoria street, $27.00.

And that the Mayor issue cheques for the amounts, suspending rule of this council to the contrary.

TELEGRAPHIC.

(Per Atlantic Cable and Montreal Line.)

Austrian troops concentrating in Gallicia.

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—It is positively declared that Austria will concentrate troops in Gallicia, in spite of former denials of her intention to do so.

Maximilian to Land at Gibraltar.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—It is reported here to-day that Maximilian has telegraphed by the Atlantic cable that he will soon land at Gibraltar.

Fenianism in Dublin.

DUBLIN, Dec. 7.—The military are lively engaged in efforts to discover and arrest all Fenians. The Pigeon House Fort, commanding the entrance to the harbor, is being strongly garrisoned and supplied with Armstrong guns.

The French Officers and the Pope.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—The French officers held their farewell interview with the Pope yesterday. The French vessels of war have blockaded Ancona.

The Preparations in Ireland.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The excitement about the condition of affairs in Ireland is increasing. No actual outbreak has yet occurred, but the military and naval authorities are making every preparation to meet the emergency whenever it arises. In addition to the numerous men-of-war already sent to Queenstown and Belfast, the Lords of the Admiralty to-day ordered the despatch of three more iron-clads to Ireland. The military authorities have also directed the departure of two additional regiments of regulars to the same quarter.

LATEST AMERICAN DESPATCHES.

By Montreal Line.

The Fenians to Move on Canada.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The secret council of the Fenian Senate held an important meeting here yesterday. It is not known what business was transacted, but enough has transpired to know that the leaders favor an immediate movement on Canada.

The President's Impeachment.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—A Washington special says the advocates of the President's impeachment are urging the appointment of committees to obtain facts upon which to base a formal accusation against the President. A large majority of Congress are opposed to the idea on the ground of policy.

Fatal Explosion in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 7.—An explosion occurred at Clark, Paine & Co.'s Oil Refinery to-day. One man was killed and four others badly burned; two it was thought would die. Loss from $8,000 to $12,000.

Loss of the S. S. "Swanee."

CHARLESTON, Dec. 6.—The S. S. *Swanee* from New York, for Brazos, was lost off Cape Romaine on the 4th inst. A small boat with the captain and 15 persons has not been heard from; two other boats were picked up by the brig *Potomac*, and taken into Georgetown, S.C. Fifteen passengers were saved.

The American Minister to France.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The *Herald's* Washington telegram says it is reported that the nomination of General Dix as minister to France will be rejected by the Senate, on the grounds of his participation in the Philadelphia convention.

The United States Debt.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The following is a statement of the debt of the United States on the 1st of December, 1866: Debt bearing coin interest, five per cent bonds, $198,091,350; six per cent bonds of 1867 and 1868, $15,836,936.08c; six per cent bonds of 1861, $283,740,000; six per cent five-twenty bonds, $861,640,300; navy pension fund, $11,850,000. Total, $1,371,068,591.80c