

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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

Tenders for Convict Labor—D. E. Macdonald. Auction Sale of Brewers' Stock—James Gow. Auction Sale of Mink Skins—L. B. Tackaberry.



FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1868.

For Sale of Property for Sale or to Let See Fourth Page.

We are glad to see it stated that W. M. Wilson, Esq., has been appointed Judge of the County of Norfolk. This announcement will be heard with satisfaction by Mr. Wilson's many friends throughout the country.

With respect to the petition of Mr. T. K. Ramsay, setting forth grounds for impeaching Mr. Justice Potholme, we may mention that Mr. Chamberlain, who presented it to the House, gave notice yesterday of a motion to refer it to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.

The Hon. Mr. Ross, yesterday, gave notice of a series of resolutions respecting the tonnage dues. It may be recollected that he stated in his budget speech that those which had heretofore been imposed for the support of light-houses would be removed. The duties proposed to be collected hereafter are as follows: For the relief of sick and disabled mariners, two cents per ton register on vessels arriving from sea, no vessel of 100 tons or less to be subjected to the payment of such duty more than once in one year, for any other vessel more than twice in one year. For the maintenance of the River and Harbor Police, a duty of three cents per ton register on all vessels entering from sea.

The Leader takes ground against the issue of a Special Commission for the trial of the prisoners now in custody, charged with complicity in the murder of Mr. McGee, and trusts that the Local Government will resist the appeals made to it on behalf, holding that the law should take its course. It is quite true, that under ordinary circumstances that would be eminently proper; but in this case it is an entirely exceptional character, requiring in its elucidation more time perhaps than is ordinarily allotted to the whole Assize in any two counties in Ontario, it is quite clear that a reason exists for a Special Commission, entirely independent of the consideration of popular feeling for swift justice.

The Leader truly represents the feeling of the country, when it says that "there is no desire that any one should suffer punishment beyond his deserts;" but we cannot be at all likely to lead to the consequences hinted at; on the contrary, the lapse of time involves the risk of loss of testimony, a loss as likely to fall upon the jury as upon the accused, and the Special Commission while giving equal facilities for the dispensation of even-handed justice, has its merit over the Fall Assize Courts, that it would spare all parties concerned the delay and uncertainty which the latter involves. However, as we have said before, the question is not one for us to pronounce upon. Those who know the facts of the case better than we do, and who are responsible for the due administration of the law, will no doubt arrive at a correct conclusion. In the meantime, we believe we are correct in saying that public opinion in this part of the country is unanimous in favor of the view to which we gave expression a few days ago.

The Globe of yesterday announces that there is to be no Special Commission issued for the trial of the prisoners—that "such as Mr. Stelfox and Macdonald's decision." If the matter has been finally determined in this way it will be generally regretted here, though from the tone of both the Leader and Globe we must infer that opinion in the Provincial Capital favors the delay of the trials until the Fall Assizes. The Globe admits the force of some of the reasons urged in favor of the Commission, but commends the decision of the Ontario Premier.

We have previously expressed the belief that the Dominion of Canada will govern as Victoria has done, and that there is no great reason in bringing ourselves down to the level of a colony like Jamaica. We are still of this opinion. But we have never—nor have we thought of converting the idea, that this sum should not be made to cover all the "miscellaneous expenses" of the gubernatorial residence. If Parliament is to go through the mere farce of seeming to cut down the Governor's salary, and thus relieve His Excellency of the duty of entertaining, which is so necessary to the proper maintenance of a viceregal state, whilst at the same time more than the sum which has been topped off will be made in other ways, we notice that the country will gain very much by the change which will be made.

THE BEEPER BIT.

A semi-civilized looking young man of polished exterior and good address spent a few days in Ottawa in the early part of the week, having come from the United States on the pretence of giving important information relative to the murder of Mr. McGee. His movements were not very unusual to the observation of those entrusted with the investigation, and his information was speedily discovered to be worthless, if not made entirely by his poking into all corners around the "Wholesale Club." He attracted general attention by his conduct, and finally applied to Mr. O'Reilly for a Government certificate of character which our hero produced, as usual. In the meantime other parties having been on his track, and Mr. O'Reilly, desiring some independent testimony as to his character, procured the second certificate from a trustworthy source, when when he proceeded to the clergyman presents a somewhat curious contrast.

The enquiries instituted, concerning this American visitor, satisfied the authorities that he was attempting to impose upon them, but if his object, as is generally believed, was to make a heady run to the Government, he was completely check-mated, for he was dismissed, after having been made aware of the discovery of his true character, and without having secured a cent. From the fact that he has been employed as a Fenian drill instructor,

THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENT.

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