

Local Intelligence.

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tributed much to the amusement of the company with his irrepressible wit and humor. After dinner, the healths of the hostess of the house, the Mayor, and others well pleased with the social way in which they spent the first night of the New Year.

AT ST. LAWRENCE LOCALITY.—It is stated that there is one place in all that has greater claim to be "the power seat" than it is Georges street, or rather the residents of that locality. From St. Lawrence to Cumberland street, the entire length of the street, there is only one single gas fixture, and that is a gasometer. It is true there is a lamp opposite the Conqueror fire station, but it is as frequently forgotten as it is lighted, and it throw no light upon the street when it is so. In order to make matters worse, the By Wash has a stagnant stream of impure water, has its outlet in the centre of the street, and is unperfected.

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Before M. O'GARA, P.M.

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