

BRITISH WHIG.

"Officer or Orator Dies."

WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPT. 5, 1849.

It is of no use kicking against the pricks. A powerful reaction is taking place in favor of Lord Elgin, set in more particularly since the return to town of Mr. Hill and Counter.

Some time ago we did our duty to the Government, in cautioning the Governor General against visiting Kingston and Upper Canada, while the feeling was so strong against him.

We do our duty again in telling the Government that his Excellency may make his projected tour without risk of personal insult—at least from the Kingston people, as will appear from the numerous signatures already attached to the non-political Address in circulation.

And from what we hear of Toronto, it would appear that since the publication of that most infamous placard, a strong reaction in men's minds is also occurring in the legal metropolis.

His lordship will do well to take the hall on the jump—the Canadians are proverbially fickle.

TIME WASTED.—The City Council can only devote one evening in every two weeks to the affairs of the City, and yet this single evening is often frittered away in senseless discussion. Some time ago the High Bailiff made a complaint against the City Messenger of impertinence. This master was very properly referred to the Committee on Police, who recommended that the Messenger be reprimanded, its being his first offence. On Monday night, instead of the Council's quietly concurring in the report, as any sensible body of men would have done, a fierce and angry discussion was commenced which continued two hours, and ended in throwing over the report, and ordering a special sitting of the Council on Tuesday next, to hear the evidence pro and con. There is no dispute about the facts of the case, they are acknowledged; but the question at issue is, whether the Messenger shall beg the High Bailiff's pardon, or whether he shall be merely reprimanded by the Mayor. And to settle this weighty point, a special meeting of the Council is called. Can any thing possibly be more stupid?

THE KILMISTERS ENTERTAINMENT.

The performance of this very clever Family at the City Hall last night was but indifferently attended, but was deserving of the best house of the season. Mr. Kilmister's children are wonderfully clever, and must be seen to be properly appreciated. We can assure our readers that we do not overrate their powers to please, and only regret that we have no time to date up their extraordinary merits, the publication of our newspaper following so shortly upon the exhibition.

HEALTH OF THE CITY.

Official Report made to the Board of Health of the Internments in the several Burial Grounds of Kingston, on the 3d September:

Deaths from Cholera, - - - - - 3

Other Disease, - - - - - 1

Total Deaths, - - - - - 4

* 1 in City, 1 in Lot 21; 1 in Hospital.

This year too many familiar faces have been for ever hid from view. It is our duty, and it is melancholy to us, to record the death of another well-known citizen John Charlton Fisher, L.L.D., Queen's Printer. Dr. Fisher had embarked in the steamship Sarah Sons, on his way home, and we regret to learn, only lived a few days after leaving Liverpool. Possessor of great attainments, and of superior manners, Dr. Fisher had obtained for himself the admission that he was a scholar and a gentleman. He was twice President of the Library Association, on more than one occasion President of the St. George's Society, and he had the honour of being for one year President of the Literary and Historical Society. The elegance and purity of his English composition was the frequent subject of remark, and the classic neatness of his Latin compositions the theme of praise. The historical part of Hawkins' Picture of Quebec is from his pen. He was, we believe, at one period of his life, editor of the New York Album.—*Q. Chronicle.*

SATE OF AN ENCUMBERED ESTATE.—The estate of a Roman Catholic widow of ancient family, in the county of Westmeath, was sold recently in the Court of Chancery. The annual rental is £3300 per annum, but a considerable portion of the estate is merely life-interest, and much more than one-half being, for example, Mr. Evans, present high sheriff of the county of Dublin, who was a co-heir of the estate, and the first encumbrancer, to the amount of £29,000, but £29,300, and Mr. Dennis became the purchaser for £29,500. But Mr. Dennis was a creditor to the extent of £15,000, and in self-defence, he bought the property because the first encumbrance before £29,000, which should be defrayed before his own claim, he should either forfeit his mortgage for £15,000, or become possessor of the bankrupt estates. It is a circumstance deserving of attention, that this estate has been much neglected in regard to anything in the shape of outlay for improvement. The poor rate during the famine has risen sometimes to 12s. in the pound on the valuation, whilst on an adjoining estate, in the same electoral division of the Mullingar union, the rate has been as low as 5s. in the pound!—*Globe.*

City Council.

MONDAY, Sept. 3d, 1849.

The Council met, the Mayor in the Chair, and the minutes of the preceding Meetings were read. Mr. Anglen objected to the confirming of one of the resolutions, but the matter was laid over until later in the evening.

The Petition of Mr. Wilson was referred to Committee on Streets and Improvements.

The resignation of Mr. Thibault as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, was received and accepted. A vote of thanks was passed for his services. (Query—what services.)

Mr. Kilmister made an application for permission to occupy the City Hall for three nights this week, at a lower rent than ten dollars a night. Referred to the Mayor.

The Mayor made a Report to the City Council.

In this place the Report should appear, but the Council being of opinion that it might do the City injury to make it public, we abstain from publication. We do not concur in this reasoning, for half the town heard the document read, & it would do less mischief

to let its contents be known, than to have them made known in a garbled and incorrect way.]

In addition the Mayor stated, that Mr. Acheson assured him that he would have been out in Canada this Spring with means to carry into effect the Trust and Loan Company, had not the melancholy disturbances in Montreal taken place.

The thanks of the City Council were voted to the Mayor and Mr. Alderman Counter.

The Petition of James Coote referred to Committee on Streets and Improvements.

The Select Committee on Gas made a report to the effect, that parties wanting street lights he taxed for the convenience this year. Adopted.

The Finance Committee made a report recommending the payment of sundry accounts. Adopted.

The Police Committee made a report on the conduct of the Messenger, ordering him to be reprimanded. This report was not adopted, and a motion was made for the Messenger to be dismissed. After much discussion, the matter was referred to a Special Committee to be held on Tuesday the 11th inst.

Mr. Archibald Smith was appointed Inspector of weights and measures.

The Treasurer made a report that the Butchers and Fisheters had not taken out their leases this year. Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. Anglen, seconded by Mr. Crawford, moved, that the Mayor do not send forward the Address of the City to the Governor General, until after a public meeting of the inhabitants had been called. The Mayor was of opinion that the Address was in the hands of the Deputation, and that no action of the Council could now be taken. Motion lost. Adjourned.

THE MUNICIPAL ACT.

We have now reached the session of this Act, setting forth the form of Municipal government to be adopted in Police Villages. The Municipal County Council will have power, on the petition of any number of the inhabitants of any incorporated village, to define the limits within which it may consider there is a sufficient resident population to warrant the erection of a separate Municipality, and its By-Law for such purposes shall fix the place whereat the first annual election of Police Trustees shall take place. On the second Monday in January next, after the end of three calendar months from the passing of this By-Law, and as usually on every second Monday in January, the resident stockholders and householders of such village shall meet at the place appointed, and elect three Police Trustees, who will appoint one of their number to be the inspecting Trustee of such village. The Township Collector will have to appear as in Township elections, with his list to prove the right of votes; the qualifications will be required both for trustee and Trustees, as in a Township election of its Municipality. After the first election, the person to preside at following meetings will be appointed annually by the Trustees. In case of non-attendance of such person, the voter present at the place of election may nominate and select by majority a person to preside. In case of a vacancy occurring among the Trustees, by death or otherwise, the remaining Trustee, &c., shall nominate a person or persons to supply the deficiency. This is an absurd regulation, for if the people have the original right of election, they might as well neglect to fill any of the places of office, as to neglect to fill any of the regulations of Police, will be subject to a penalty of 20s. if sued for by any inhabitant stockholder within two days after the sum has been incurred. All penalties incurred by persons neglecting to pay the fine for neglect of service, or for failing to appear at the inspecting Trustee, or in his absence, will be subject to a penalty of 20s. if sued for by any inhabitant stockholder within two days after the sum has been incurred. Any inhabitant neglecting to fulfil any of the regulations of Police, will be subject to a penalty of 20s. for every first offence, and 10s. for every following work during which neglect shall continue: the providing of two buckets, to be used in fire, by every stockholder, under a penalty of 5s. for every bucket deficient; the building of a chimney by bakers, &c., three feet above the ground on each side of the chimney, from which they may issue, and a penalty of 5s. for every first offence, and 10s. for every following work during which neglect shall continue: the providing of two buckets, to be used in fire, by every stockholder, under a penalty of 5s. for every bucket deficient; the building of a chimney by bakers, &c., three feet above the ground on each side of the chimney, from which they may issue, and a penalty of 5s. for every first offence, and 10s. for every following work during which neglect shall continue: the providing of two buckets, to be used in fire, by every stockholder, under a penalty of 5s. for every bucket deficient; 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