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TUESDAY EVEN'G, DEC. 19, 1876.

## REMINDERS.

TUESDAY.

DAVIN'S Lecture at City Hall

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.—Sale afternoon and evening.

WEDNESDAY.

ENTRANCE Examination High School and Female School at 9 a.m.

EMERGENT Meeting of Cataraqui Lodge at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNED Meeting of Licensed Victuallers Association at 7:30 p.m.

MASS Meeting in favour of the Dunkin Act at City Hall 8 p.m.

THURSDAY.

ADJOURNED Meeting of the Board of Trade.

ST. ANDREW'S Church Bazaar at Victoria Music Hall.

**For Christmas Books and Stationery go to**

John Henderson,
Samuel Woods,
City Bookstore,
T. McAuley,
G. W. Maxwell.

**For Christmas Groceries and Good Cheer:**

James Redden, Brock Street.
J. Y. Parkhill, Princess do
A. Martin, Princess Street.
J. Halligan, Brock Street.
T. J. Donoghue, Ontario Street.

**For Christmas Toys and Fancy Goods:**

J. F. Austin, Brock Street,
C. J. Mitchell, Princess Street.
M. Kirkpatrick, do
W. Routley, do

**For Elegant Christmas Presents in Jewelry**

M. Gage, Princess Street.

## MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

**Candidates in the Field.**

FOR MAYOR, 1877:

Mayor B. M. Britton.
Alderman John McKelvey.

FOR ALDERMEN:

*Sydenham Ward*—C. F. Gildersleeve.
do do W. Power.
do do W. McRossie.
*Cataraqui Ward*—James Campbell.
do do —Wm. Allen.
do do —Isaac Noble.
*Ontario Ward*—John F. McDermott.
do do —L. Clements.
do do —P. Harty.
*Victoria Ward*—H. Mooers.
do do —Richard T. Walkem.
do do —William Newman.
do do —John Gaskin.
do do —R. W. Vandewater.
*Rideau Ward*—John McIntyre.
do do —Johnston Brown.
*St. Lawrence Ward*—S. T. Drennan.
do do —W. Burrows.
do do —T. R. Dupuis.
*Frontenac Ward*—James McCammon.
do do —James H. Metcalfe.
do do —J. B. Forsyth.
do do —E. J. B. Pense.

The West Durham *News* must have been hard pressed for a point against Mr. Brown when it retailed all the tea-table gossip involving the Hon. gentleman's political morality; and our independent local contemporary must be guided by a man with an easy conscience when it can deal with matters spoken of by gentlemen in confidence and only intended for the confidential ear, as demonstrated by a late allusion to Mr. Brown. Some men have a peculiar faculty of straining a gnat and swallowing a camel.

The Ottawa *Citizen* joins in the chorus of discontent because the Government saw fit to appoint a successor to the late Lieutenant-Governor Caron. One would fancy, by the whining of the Tory press, that Mr. Mackenzie should not make an appointment. The office was not vacated by any wish of Canada's Premier—he did not desire that death should remove Hon. Mr. Caron or any of the worthy men whose places he has lately filled. But, vacancies having occurred under circumstances over which neither Mr. Mackenzie or any other mortal had control, Mr. Mackenzie was called upon to act, and he has acted wisely in the opinion of sensible men. The grumbling of the Opposition press is the height of absurdity.

## A RUMOUR.

Serious rumours reach us from the other side, to the effect that a movement on the part of the Democrats is on foot to obtain, by force of some kind, the rights which they have failed to obtain from the ballot box and the Boards of Canvassers. The reported combination is to assert the supremacy of the civil over the military power, to give effect to the will of the majority, and to anticipate the coup d'etat by which it is feared Grant may attempt to ensure the inauguration of Hayes. Such a move would seem to be a departure from the pacific course hitherto commendably counselled alike by northern and southern Democratic leaders. It would be premature, however, to attach much importance to these reports which, so far, lack confirmation. The very circulation of them, however, may be accepted as an indication that throughout the Union there is a strong—though hitherto sleeping—determination that the choice of the nation shall be its President, and that fraud, even under the auspices of power, shall not triumph over justice by depriving the people of their constitutional right to choose the men that shall control the destinies of the nation.

## ANOTHER APPOINTMENT.

Let it be recorded that the Government, taking alarm at the strictures of the *Mail* and *News*, and the lists they publish of appointments made from within the Cabinet, have actually appointed an outsider to a rather important position. The organs should accept this intimation as an encouraging sign that their mission is not powerless for good, and that their judicious and timely criticisms have had their due effect on the Government and borne such early fruit. The Hon. John Young—not a member of Her Majesty's Executive Council—has been appointed Canadian Commissioner to the Australian Exhibition. There is an unfortunate fitness and efficiency in the appointees of the present Government that completely blunts the sting of Tory criticism. In the case of the lately appointed Governor of Quebec, no exception could be taken to the Hon. Letellier de St. Just, except that he was a member of the existing Administration. So, in this case it will be a very churlish as well as ingenious critic who will discover in the Hon. John Young any unfitness for his new position. In his unusually intimate acquaintance with the history and resources of Canada, supplemented by an ample fund general information and business experience, we are guaranteed against any danger of being indifferently represented at the first International Exhibition at the Antipodes. We notice that the American press is vigorously stimulating the manufacturers and producers across the line to make immediate preparation for a creditable representation of the Union at the Sydney show. Perhaps it is owing to a sort of reaction after their great Centennial effort that the journals find it uphill work to revive the flagging energies of the American exhibitors. Certain it is, however, that our exchanges over the way are contrasting Canadian enterprise with American inaction in this matter, and declaring that Canada is sure to outstrip Columbia at Australia. The appointment above alluded to will still further increase this probability. Less the humbug element, Canada is fast earning a Barnum like notoriety for shows. Next year at Sydney, she will no doubt outdo her Centennial success at Philadelphia, and the year thereafter, 1878, is to be made memorable by the sensation of a World's fair for Canada, in the Queen City of the west. May we all be there to see.

## THE EASTERN QUESTION.

**Will There be War?**

The news from the East once more assumes a hopeful tone and points to a speedy termination of the negotiations which have dragged along during the past six months. It is stated, as a settled fact, that a prolongation of the armistice until March has been agreed upon. Russia is also said to be willing to renounce her demand for a foreign occupation, or at least to forego occupation by her own troops in favor of a Belgian corps—a concession which may possibly be traced to the effect of the Turkish military preparations in opening the eyes of Russia to her own deficiency and thereby decreasing the exuberance of the war feeling throughout the latter country.

## LAST NIGHT'S NEWS.

GOVERNOR'S BALL—RISE OF STOCK—COLLIERY EXPLOSION—LT.-GOV. CARON'S FUNERAL &c.

—The ball given by the Lieutenant-Governor in honor of Lord and Lady Dufferin is fixed for the 11th of January.

—A special despatch to the *Globe* reports a rise in the Grand Trunk stock, consequent upon the recent arrangement for an advance on through freight rates.

—The same despatch states that after January next the joint stock hands will allow no interest on current accounts in consequence of a general agreement to that effect.

—The United States Senate has appointed a committee of seven of its members to act with a committee appointed by the House in devising means to count and declare the electoral vote.

—A fatal colliery explosion occurred yesterday near Newport, Wales. Up to latest advices seventeen dead bodies had been recovered, and a number of cases of fatal injuries are reported.

—The Greek Chamber of Deputies have authorized the contraction of a loan of ten million drachmes (about £1,700,000) for extraordinary measures of military organization.

—The funeral of the late Lieutenant-Governor Caron took place at Quebec yesterday morning, and was attended by over two thousand mourners including members of the Legislature, the Bench, the professions, the different municipal corporations, scholastic institutions, societies and unions. Hon. Letellier de St. Just, the newly-appointed Lieut.-Governor, was also present.

## MONTREAL.

**Run Off and Traffic Delay—Interviewing the Premier.**

Montreal, Dec. 19.—A new locomotive for the Montreal, Ottawa & Western Railway arrived yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon a G.T.R. freight train ran off the track at Bressaus, 12 miles from Montreal, and delayed traffic for several hours.

Owing to a heavy fall of snow all the trains were delayed several hours yesterday.

The Oil Novelty Company has been incorporated with a capital of $50,000.

The deputation which left this city to attend the Lieut.-Governor's funeral, yesterday interviewed Premier Deboucherville at Quebec in regard to the Montreal grant of a million dollars to the Provincial Railway, who stated to the deputation that the Government intended to fulfill the "better terms" agreed upon with Montreal when the railway was taken over by the Province, and that they expected the city to act in the same spirit. The difficulty up to this time had been that the building of the station had been part of the North Shore contract, and the route by which it was to enter the city had not been decided.

## TORONTO.

**Probabilities—Gov. General Curling G.T.R Dismissals.**

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Probabilities for the next 24 hours: Rising barometer; fresh to brisk south westerly to north westerly winds; fair, continued cold; weather cold, with occasional flurries of snow.

The Governor General is to be invited to open a new rink of the Toronto Curling Club, during his forthcoming visit here.

A grand Bonspul at curling, takes place at Hamilton, Jan. 4th; eight rinks aside.

Chas. A. Dana, of the New York *Sun*, is at the Queen's.

It is understood that it is the desire of the Grand Trunk to break up the Brotherhood of the Locomotive Engineers, and with that object in view, fifty-two engineers have received notice to leave the Company's service.

A meeting of those favourable to the proposed International Exhibition in 1879 will be held this evening.

## BRANTFORD.

**Big Fire and Heavy Loss.**

Brantford, Dec. 19.—Last night between 12 and 1 o'clock a fire broke out in the large grain storehouse owned by Hateley Bros. and D. Plewes, in the Canal Bank, completely destroying the building and contents. Loss on storehouse, about $2,000. Hateley not insured on building; Plewes insured on building. Hateley Bros.' loss about $5,000; covered by insurance. Plewes' loss about $4,000; covered by insurance. Thos. Elliott, large quantity of coal, plaster, two horses and wagons; insurance not known. The fire spread to Thos. Robinson's flour and feed store, Colborne street, which is a complete loss. Loss about 500 bushels of oats and a quantity of flour; covered by insurance.

—The Canadian Commissioners at Philadelphia have forwarded circulars to the successful exhibitors, asking for the necessary information to enable them to have the medals awarded to the latter properly inscribed.

## CITY COUNCIL.

**Another Late and Fussy Session.**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber last evening. Present, the Mayor, and Messrs. Aldermen Allen, Carnovsky, Carson, Clements, Drennan, Dupuis, Gaskin, Harty, Metcalfe, McCammon, McIntyre, McKelvey, McRossie, Pense, Power, Price, Tandy, Thibodo and White.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

PUBLIC PARK.

The Mayor said that two matters were referred to him some time ago—the Market Battery and the uptown park—for titles of which he was directed to address the Ottawa Government, which he did. For the park he had received a patent, granting the city the land, on condition that it be used for no other purpose than a place of public pleasure or resort.

Ald. Drennan asked if any reply had been received about the Market Battery?

The Mayor replied in the negative.

Ald. Drennan referred to a telegram which the Mayor had read, to the effect that the property had been given to the city.

The Mayor replied that he could give no further information than was conveyed in the telegram. The battery had been given to them, and they could use it as they pleased.

Ald. Drennan was not satisfied. He wanted the city to have a title as a guarantee that the Government could not, under any pretext, take the same from them after improvements had been made.

JUDICIAL MATTERS.

A communication, addressed to the Mayor, was read from the City Solicitor, to the effect that he had appealed from the verdict given at the Assizes in the case of Adair vs. Kingston, that he had obtained a Rule Nisi, that it had been argued, and that judgment had been reserved. He also alluded to the indictment of Mr. William Martin for nuisance—building on the street—and to the fact that the Grand Jury had brought in a true bill, and that the case had been laid over until the next Court.

REDEMPTION.

The Mayor also submitted a communication he had received from Mrs. Garrett, Sharbot Lake, asking for compensation for the loss of a quantity of bed clothes which had been burned after being used in the conveyance of a small pox patient from that place recently to the Hospital, where he died.—On motion of Ald. Drennan, seconded by Ald. Price, the receipt of the communication was acknowledged, and the clerk instructed to notify Mrs. Garrett that it had been sent to the County officials, the case being a County one.

The Mayor said the city could not in any sense be held legally liable.

THE ARBITRATION.

The Mayor intimated that he had received notice that the arbitration anent the building of the Court House and Registry Offices would be held on the 26th of the present month.

STREET RAILWAY.

A communication was presented from Mr. Morrison, the President of the Street Railway Company, drawing attention to the fact that the width of the track was only 3 feet 6 inches, which admitted of the use of but one horse cars; that in cities so far north as Kingston two horses would be necessary in the winter season, and hence he asked that the Council would amend the articles of agreement so far as to permit the Company to extend the track to four feet. The reason in asking this to be done was to enable to order the cars this week that they so be here early in spring.

The matter was discussed briefly by Aldermen Allen, Drennan and the Mayor, and the information elicited that the amendment could be made by by-law, the width of the track only be stated in the ordinances of the city. Ald. Drennan was in favour of a double track on Princess street from the Market Signal to Williamsville, but ceased his advocacy of such when he learned that the Council could make no such change, a 'single' track having been named in the Bill passed bythe Legislature.

THE CITY PRINTING.

A letter was read from Mr. E. J. B. Pense, asking that the BRITISH WHIG be relieved of its printing contract, as it interfered with his candidature as an alderman.

Ald. Drennan, seconded by Ald. Harty, moved that the WHIG be relieved of the contract as desired.

Ald. Allen would consent on one condition: That the city would not be under greater expense thereby—that is, that it would not be compelled to pay higher rates for what printing it would require.

Ald. Pense assured the Council that the city would not incur any loss in conceding the release asked for. For the balance of the year he would see that the printing was done at the rates embraced in the WHIG's tender.

The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

THE STREETS.

The Mayor said he had received communications from different persons, in regard to the metaling of the streets—one signed "A Member of the Humane Society"—all complaining of the suffering of horse by necessity of traffic over the newly stoned streets, as well as damage to the streets themselves. It was held to be a waste of labour and material to macadamize the streets at so late a date as was done this year.

Ald. Allen said the communications on this matter should be referred to the Committee on Streets. He said the stone was spread late because it was not desirable that any metal should be left in the quarries broken and then already paid for. The worthy alderman remarked that if these complainants did not like the way they (the Council) were doing, they should run for office and try to replace some of them.

Ald. Price—The whole city is out!

Ald. Allen—And the half of them will stay out! (Laughter.)

EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION.

Ald. McIntyre handed in a communication which had been addressed to him, as Chairman of the Court of Revision, but he thought it a document which should come before the Council. It was from the Canadian Engine and Machinery Company to this effect: That in December, 1873, a by-law was passed granting a bonus of $5,000 to the Company, and granting to the works exemption from taxation for ten years from the 1st of January, 1874. However, the Company never got the bonus, never having entered into a bond, engaging to employ between 200 and 300 men, and holding the Company to make certain alterations to the building. The Company found that they could not guarantee to keep so many men, so they made a proposition to the Council, stating that they would relieve the Council from the payment of the $5,000 voted to them, if the Council would consent to ten years exemption from taxation. The Council acquiesced, and by-law was passed making the exemptions date from the 1st of January, 1875, and repealing the two preceding by-laws. Now the Company ask to be relieved of the taxes of 1874—they state they were morally entitled to such exemption.

Ald. McIntyre explained the circumstances of the case, and, summing up the contents of the communication in a nutshell, said the Machinery Company wanted eleven years' exemption instead of ten. He moved that the Court of Revision report upon it.

Ald. Price said the Council should pass opinion upon the matter, so that the Committee would be guided by the views of the majority of the Aldermen. Acting on individual impulses, he should not approve of the allowance asked for. The change could not be made now, the matter having been settled by by-law. The Court of Revision could grant no relief, and the Company should not expect it.

Ald. Allen could not sanction the suggestion that the Council should guide the Court of Revision, by an expression of opinion. The men composing the latter Committee should have enough nerve to act on their own responsibility.

Ald. Price argued that the Court had no power to grant the prayer of the petition.

Ald. Drennan—Let them recommend then.

The Mayor remembered the discussion of the exemption by-law before the Finance Committee and the Council. The mistake arose in the by-law not being dated 1st January, 1874, instead of 1875, and limited to 10 years from the first date. He thought it was the intention at the time to make the by-law read in that way.

The motion was passed.

PETITIONS.

Ald. Drennan—The petition of V. Wemple, stating that he had lately taken out a license for the sale of liquor for 1876 ($175); that the larger part of the license year had expired, and he asked for a reduction of the amount of the city's portion of the said license.

The Mayor pointed out the difficulty in cases of this kind. They could not make exemptions, and the only way they could meet the requests of petitioners was to make a sort of gift from the city treasury of a sum of money equal to the reduction asked for.

A petition from Messrs. G. M. Wilkinson & Son, asking for a reduction on the wholesale liquor license lately taken out for their Princess Street store, on the ground that seven months of the license year had expired. It was considered in a similar way to the foregoing.

Both petitions were referred to the Mayor with power to act.

Ald. Allen—It would be only fair if one of them were referred the Mr. McKelvey—one apiece. (Laughter.)

Ald. McCammon—The petition of W. Routley, directing attention to the heavy loss he had sustained in the big fire of June last, when he suffered more than most people by not being given time to remove his goods, in consequence of his shop being blown up, and asking the Council to remit the taxes assessed on the said premises for the current year. On motion of Ald. McCammon, seconded by Ald. Pense, the petition was referred to the Court of Revision with power to act.

Ald. McIntyre remarked that petitions from other residents of the Burnt District had been before the Court of Revision, and their were prayers refused.

Ald. Thibodo—The petition of Henry Wilton, asking for a reduction or remission of taxes owing to the loss he, also, had suffered by the fire of the 12th of June last.

Ald. Thibodo advocated a favorable consideration, owing to the peculiar circumstances of the case.

Ald. Price stated that the Court of Revision could not deal with these cases, they not coming under the duties of that Court as appointed by statute.

Ald. Allen—Who appointed you?

Ald. McIntyre—The statutes did it!

Ald. Allen—"We" did it.

The Mayor made the observation that though the Court of Revision acted under statutory provisions, they could deal with any matters specially referred to them by the Council.

Ald. Price held that the Council themselves had really no power to remit or reduce the taxes; and that the Court of Revision should not be asked to report illegally upon an illegal matter.

Ald. McIntyre insisted that it was only out of courtesy that the petitions relating to taxes came before the Council, the course being usual in order that the Council should be cognizant of what was going on. But the petitions could be referred to the Court direct, and they were clothed with the authority to act on them. He read the law covering their duties, by which it appeared that they had no authority to recommend the reduction of taxes, or anything of the sort.

Ald. Allen looked upon the Court of Revision as a Committee of the Council, subject to the dictation and control of the Council. The Council was their guide and with their reports the Council could do as they pleased.

Ald. Dupuis said the Court of Revision should be requested, anyway, to act on the matter. He would like to see the case met, if it could be done in no other way than as a gift in lieu of the refunding of taxes.

Ald. McIntyre said, if pressed, the result would be that the landlords would be obliged to pay the taxes.

Ald. McRossie—The petition of Dennis Driscoll, stating that in his house the Dewsberrys lived when afflicted with the small-pox; that since their removal from it he has been unable to rent it. He asked for a reduction of the taxes. Ald. McRossie moved that the petition be referred to the Court of Revision.

Ald. Price looked upon some of these petitions as election dodges. As one of the Court of Revision he should not spend his time for the benefit of parties or the public in discussing these petitions.

Aldermen Gaskin and Thibodo blamed the city for not having the man Dewsberry removed to the hospital when its officials learned of his illness; and being responsible to a certain extent for the state of things they thought the Council should consider the petition as favourably as possible.

The Mayor responded that, when he desired to have Mr. Dewsberry removed to the hospital he was opposed by those who now feel most aggrieved in the premises. They utterly refused, petitioner among the number, to permit of the conveyance of the patient to the hospital.

Ald. Price—And the landlord refused to allow the taxes on the house after being vacated by the widow.

Ald. Tandy—The petition of the Alpha Hose Company, asking for $30 as remuneration for their services in the testing of the new Chatham engine.—Referred to the Committee on Fire, Water and Gas to report.

Ald. Metcalfe—The petition of W. Reeves, relating to taxes.—Referred to the Court of Revision to report.

Ald. Metcalfe—The petition of Robert Nesbitt, et al, praying for a lamp on the corner of Alma and Ordnance streets.—Referred to the Committee on Fire, Water and Gas to report.

Ald. Metcalfe—The petition of Henry Coyle, relating to drainage.—Referred to the Committee on Streets to report.

Ald. McIntyre—The petition of James Gowdy and Edward Lark, asking for a remission of taxes in consequence of the injury they received by the falling of the gables of Parkhill and Burgess' new building last summer.—Referred to the Court of Revision to report.

Ald. McIntyre—The petition of Ephraim Brown, praying for a remission of taxes owing to poverty. Ald. McIntyre moved that the petition be simply referred to the Court of Revision.

Ald. Allen—To report.

Ald. McIntyre resisted. He argued that the Court was authorized to act in such cases independent of the Council.

Ald. Allen moved, seconded by Ald. Drennan, that the Court of Revision report upon Brown's petition, which amendment was lost on the following division:

Yeas—Aldermen Allen, Carson, Drennan, Gaskin, Harty, Metcalfe and Thibodo.—7.

Nays—Aldermen Carnovsky, Clements, Dupuis, McCammon, McIntyre, McKelvey, McRossie, Pense, Power, Price, Tandy and White.—12.

The original motion was then passed.

Ald. McIntyre—The petition of the carters, praying for the passage of a bylaw to enable them to collect fares when refused them without recourse to the Revision Court.—Referred to the Police Commissioners.

REPORTS—STREETS.

Ald. Allen presented the petition of the Committee on Streets as follows:—That on the petition of Dr. Jarvis et al, praying for a drain on Colborne Street, the season is so far advanced that the Committee recommend that no action be taken thereon until spring; on the petition of R. Winman, praying for compensation for alleged damage to petitioner's garden, caused by the running of a drain through it, the Committee have refused the prayer of the said petition, deeming the city not liable; that on the petition of Thomas Nicholson, praying for a drain on Gordon Street, the Committee recommend that the matter be laid over for consideration by the Council of next year.

Ald. McRossie moved an amendment that $5 be granted Winman, but this motion was lost and the report confirmed.

FINANCE.

Ald. McRossie presented the report of the Committee on Finance, recommending the payment to date:—pay list, $81.12; cleaning streets, $48 25; James Watts, drawing hook and ladder to fires, $1,00; Cuthbert & Son, brass torch, $7.85; Kemp Bros., getting tires on hose cart, $6. G.T.R., pauper passages, $7.20; str. Rochester, do to $8; Cataraqui Cemetery, $8.00; J. S. Yarker, $25; Dr. Oliver, examination of lunatic, $5; D. Kane, wheelbarrow, $7,00; do, do, sundries, for Committee on Streets and improvements, $78,45; BRITISH WHIG, $547.92. In consideration of the extra labour required from and peformed by the City Solicitor during the year, the Committee recommended the granting of $100 in addition to his annual salary.—Received and adopted.

THE STOKER DIFFICULTY.

Ald. McIntyre brought up the report of the Special Committee, to whom was referred the communication of Engineer Youlden, respecting the suspension of Joseph Totten, stoker, as follows: That they took evidence, comprising the statements of Henry Youlden, Joseph Totten, Ald. Tandy, P. Devlin, W. Lemnan and J. McMasters, and from the evidence taken and the admission of the said Joseph Totten the Committee are of opinion that the stoker was unfit for duty from drink on the occasion of the suspension, and the Committee think the Chairman on Fire, Water and Gas was perfectly justified under the circumstances in suspending the said stoker. The Committee are of the opinion that the stoker, when not under the influence of liquor, is a good and competent man for the position, and he having given the Committee his assurance that he will abstain in future, the Committee recommend that he be reinstated. The Committee came to the conclusion that the said H. Youlden was remiss in not reporting said stoker to the Committee on Fire, Water and Gas when unfit for duty on repeated occasions. The Committee recommend that the engineer be empowered to suspend the stoker if unfit for duty, and in every case such suspension to be communicated by the engineer to the Committee. The testimony of the efficiency of H. Youldon was unanimous. The Committee recommend that the pay of the stoker, during his suspension, be paid to R. Bunt, who took his place.—Adopted.

LICENSES.

Ald. Metcalfe brought up the petition of the Committee on Licenses, recommending that P. Farley, carter, be granted a reduction of ½ the amount of last year's license, the amount refunded to be placed to the credit of Farley for this year's license; that on the petition of Widow Walker, $40 be paid her in lieu of a reduction to that amount in her license fee, she having been burned out and became a heavy loser by the fire of June 12th. A motion to adopt the report was lost, objection having been taken to the second clause. But in defeating one clause the whole report was defeated.

WILLIAMSVILLE SCHOOL.

Ald. Carson moved, seconded by Ald. Allen, that $250 be placed to the credit of the School Board, for the old school house in Williamsville, and that the School Board hand over the deeds of the same to the City Solicitor.

Ald. Carson reminded the Council that the school building stood upon a street the possession of which would be cheapest attained by buying the property upon it.

Ald. Pense said that the matter should have been settled a year ago. Some months ago when the School Board offered it for sale they were persuaded by members of the Council to withdraw it from the market, being assured that the Council wanted it. He intimated that the School Board had figured upon the disposition of the building to the Council, and had placed the amount among the revenue, so that if the purchase money were unpaid there would be a deficiency in their finances.

The resolution was eventually carried, the wording being changed so that the $250 will be placed to the credit of the Board for 1877, and be paid in 1877.

CHRISTMAS BOX.

On motion of Ald. McRossie, seconded by Ald. McIntyre, $20 was granted each of the newspaper representatives for their faithful reports of Council for the past year.—Carried unanimously.

THE RAILWAY TRACK.

Ald. Drennan moved a resolution that the width of the Street Railway track be 4 ft. instead of 3 ft. 6 in., and the motion stand as the first reading of a by-law to be passed at the next meeting.

PRINTING MINUTES.

Alderman Dupuis moved, seconded by Alderman Price, that in the opinion of this Council arrangements should be made for the printing of the minutes of the Council, together with the details of moneys received and expended in the city; that these minutes be printed in pamphlet form for distribution among the taxpayers of the city; and that the Committee on Printing enquire and report upon the expense of so doing.—Carried.

In moving this resolution Ald. Dupuis spoke from the standpoint of a private citizen, and he was sure the motion would interest every citizen as well as member of the Council. He had lived in this city over four years, and he found it impossible to get a reliable account of the proceedings of the Council. In conversation with various parties he found that a large number of the tax-payers were similarly situated. He had no doubt whatever of the honesty and good intentions of members of the Council, but he thought it would enable voters to vote more intelligently to know what course had been pursued by the person they voted for or against. As an example he doubted if nine-tenths of the citizens could now tell what Aldermen voted for or against opening streets—for or against the street railway—for or against the dry dock by-law, &c. Had they the minutes containing the resolutions and the yeas and nays thereon before them, they could judge of the candidate for municipal honors by the course he had pursued, and vote for or against him according to his conduct in the Council, and not from merely personal feelings. Regarding the expenditure of money, he had before him the Estimates for 1876. He found for "Repairs and Incidentals for Market Buildings, $700." He did not question the propriety of the expenditure, but he thought the citizens would like a more detailed statement of how this money was expended. He noticed "Wages of Police, $5,099.87." He believed in having an efficient staff of police and paying them well; but he thought it would be more satisfactory to show by the reports the number of policemen employed and the wages paid to each, than to give the amount merely in bulk. In fact he thought by the rows in Princess Street some nights that the force ought to be increased. He noticed that the amount for "Printing and Stationery" was $900. He thought they ought to let the people see what documents had been printed, and how this sum had been laid out. He noticed $438 for election expenses; he thought they might give the sums spent at each polling place, the remuneration of returning officers, &c. The whole sum put in for "Incidentals" amounted to something near $1200, and he thought they ought at least to afford the taxpayers the means of knowing where every dollar of their money went to. In view of all this he thought that published minutes, containing the various resolutions of the Council, with they eas and nays thereon, together with an accurate account of the expenditure of money in the various departments, including pay lists, bills, &c., would be acceptable to all classes of the citizens, and would satisfy them of the propriety of so doing should this Council ever find it necessary to raise the taxes to meet the requirements of the city.

Ald. Gaskin said it was the best motion that had been brought before the Council this year, and he thought that if it was properly carried out, before the election, some aldermen would not be returned again.

NEXT MEETING.

Ald. McCammon moved that the next meeting be held on Tuesday, the 2nd January, instead of the regular night—New Year's night, and the close of election day.—Carried.

INCONSISTENCY.

The programme of the night closed with Ald. Metcalfe pointing out what he thought an inconsistency in Ald. Gaskin's treatment of the Dry Dock bylaw, and with a lengthy speech from Ald. Gaskin. He had publicly opposed the scheme, but he was going to vote for the by-law because he had an idea it would be the means of indirectly benefitting himself and the shipping interests he represented.

The Council adjourned at 11:30 o'clock.

## GENERAL DESPATCHES.

*S. CAROLINA LEGISLATURE*

**CHAMBERLAIN AND HAMPDON TALKING LOUD.**

**Small Pox in Winnipeg.**

New Orleans, Dec. 18.—Several colored persons testified before the House Committee on Saturday and to-day that they had been maltreated, whipped and otherwise intimidated for attempting to vote the Democratic ticket.

The Senate Investigating Committee have decided that in the interest of harmony there would only be a certain number of persons present at their meetings, five representatives of each party to act as counsel and members of the press. Governor Wells informed the Committee that he would furnish it with the statement of votes polled and votes excluded by the Returning Board.

Rome, Dec. 19.—At the Consistory, held in the Vatican yesterday, Rev. John Spalding, of Louisville, was appointed Bishop of the new See of Peoria, United States.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 19.—A *Pioneer* press-special from Winnipeg says that the recent Toronto specials, concerning the ravages of small pox near Lake Winnipeg, grossly misrepresents the situation. The Iceland settlement is isolated, and in a population of 2,500 Icelanders and 500 Indians there have been only 80 deaths, and but 50 deaths in the last two weeks. For a month past there has been strict quarantine of the infected district, and there is no panic or interruption of trade.

New York, Dec., 19.—The Park Savings Bank of Brooklyn is going out of business, and depositors are being paid.

Governor Tilden has pardoned W. J. Rees, sentenced to the State prison for five years for forging the name of L. M. Bates, & Co.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 19.—A special says, Wade Hampton sent the following to Governor Chamberlain yesterday:

"Sir, having been legally elected and duly inaugurated Governor of South Carolina, I call upon you deliver forthwith into my possession the great seal of the State, the State House offices, appurtenances, &c."

Chamberlain replied as follows:

"Your note, demanding the seal of the State, offices, appurtenances, &c., received. Being the legally elected and duly qualified Governor of this State I see no reason why your demand should be complied with."

Washington, Dec. 19.—Gen. Crooks' annual report says that the miners in the Black Hills did not violate the Sioux Treaty till after the Indians had ceased to regard it, and that they have not suffered as much from the Sioux since they went to the Hills as they previously did while living on the border. He also calls attention to the fact that his command of less than 1,000 fought and beat Sitting Bull's band in the battle of Rose Bud, one week previous to Custer's disaster. He seems to think the Government has treated the Sioux nation with raids along the border of the reservations, limited only by the power of the endurance of their ponies.

London, Dec. 19.—The British Government has notified U. S. Minister Pierrepont that Chas. Brent's time does not expire until to-morrow, the 15 days for which he was committed according to law, not including the day of committment.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The *Siecle*, Minister Simon's organ, states that the Government contemplates making changes among the Prefects. The *Republique Francaise*, Gambetta's organ, continues to attack Simon.

Constantinople, Dec. 19.—Midhat Pasha has been appointed Grand Vizier of the Turkish Empire, in place of Mehemmed Ruchdi, Pasha, who is dismissed.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The House has agreed to adjourn from next Saturday to Wednesday the 27th, and from Dec. 30th to Jan. 3rd.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—A despatch via Fort Wymam says the steamer Montana, plying between San Frnciseo and Mexican ports, was burned off Cape Harrow, Gulf of California. The passengers and crew were saved, but the vessel is a total loss.

A despatch from Berlin to the *Pall Mall Gazette* states that a six or eight weeks' extension of the armistice is assured.

The plenary sittings of the Conference will not be held until after Christmas.

Boston, Dec. 19.—During the burning of the Huniwell residence last night a chambermaid was suffocated in one of the upper stories. Her remains were found this morning.

## OTTAWA.

**Sentences Commuted—Failure.**

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The death sentences of Belcher and Alden were yesterday afternoon commuted to imprisonment for life.

At a meeting of George Acre's creditors to-day a statement was submitted showing the liabilities to be $35,000, and assets $30,000. An offer of 20c on the dollar, cash, was made by the insolvent, but not accepted.

## OSWEGO MARKETS.

Oswego, N.Y., Dec'r. 19th, 1 p.m.—Wheat firm; No 2 red Wabash at 0,00; No 2 Milwaukee club at 1,35; No. 1 white Michigan at 1,40; No. 1 white Toledo at 1,50, extra white; Michigan held at 1,55. Corn dull, Western mixed at 58. Barley quiet, No. 1 Canada held at 1,06 Shorts 15; ship stuffs 17; middlings 21 per ton.

## MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Dec. 19.—Flour receipts 1400; sales none; market quiet and steady at generally unchanged rates; sales 100 superior extra at 6,30; 100 spring extra at 5.30. Grain and provisions unchanged. Dressed hogs—market steady, 6,00 to 7,00 per 100lbs. Ashes 4,25 to 4,30. Pearls—nominal.

## MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, Dec. 19.

Bank of Montreal—184 1-2, 184, 75 at 184 3-4, 63 at 184 1-2.
Merchants Bank—Ex Div. 90 1-4, 90, 180 at 90.
Bank of Commerce—Ex Div 122 1-2 122.
Ontario Bank—103, 102 3-4
Bank of Toronto—178 1-2, 176 1-2.
City Bank—98 1-2, 98.
Montreal Telegraph Co—127 3-4, 127 1-2.
Dominion Telegraph Co—00, 94.
National Bank—00.
Quebec—100 1-2.
Richelieu Bank—90 1-4, 89 1-4.

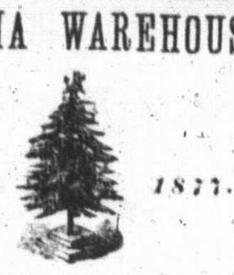
## DIED.

On the 19th of December, George Bernard, youngest son of Mr. Jas. Minnes, aged 4 years and 4 months.

The funeral will take place from his father's residence, Johnson Street, to-morrow afternoon at two o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

At Montreal, on the 16th instant, John Arthur, eldest son of Mr. John Stephens, aged 6 years.

VICTORIA WAREHOUSE.

1876.  1877.

"Christmas Comes but Once a Year, And when it Comes it brings good Cheer."

THE PROPRIETOR OF THE VICTORIA Warehouse desires to return his sincere thanks to his numerous customers and the public generally for the liberal support accorded to him for the last nine years, more especially since he removed to his New Store, where he can attend to the wants of his old customers and as many new ones as will favor him with a call during the Holidays. Our Stock this year of

CHRISTMAS GOODS

IS LARGE AND WELL ASSORTED, AND will compare with any other house in the city, and at prices to defy competition. In

**New Fruits**

New Layer Raisins,
New Sultana Raisins,
New Seedless Raisins,
New Currants,

PURE SPICES AND FLAVOURING EXTRACTS OF ALL KINDS.

New Lemon Peel,
New Orange Peel,
New Citron Peel,

IN CANNED GOODS we have every variety which we sell cheap.

TEAS

The public are aware that we sell CHEAPER AND BETTER TEAS than any other house in the city.

Sugar as Low as the Lowest.

We have on hand a large and well assorted Stock of FRESH BISCUITS, which we sell cheap during the Holidays.

Our Stock of WINES are large, and include the following:

*Pure Fresh Wines,*
*Very Fine Ginger Wine,*
*Old Port Wine,*

AND PURE NATIVE WINE FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES.

But of course it can also be used to make the hearts of your friends rejoice around the festival table on Christmas and New Years.

LIQUORS.

We have a large and well assorted stock of LIQUORS in wood and bottles, consisting of

Very Old Brandy,
Old Jamaica Rum,
Holland Gin,
Irish & Scotch Whiskies
Old Rye Whiskey,
Old Family Proof,

AND ALL SORTS OF CHOICE FRUIT SYRUPS. We have also a large stock of BOTTLED ALE AND PORTER in good condition. The public can rely on getting better goods for less money from us than any other house in the city.

J. Y. PARKHILL,

PRINCESS STREET.

Dec 19, 1876.

For Christmas & New Year's

—AT—

FOOT'S

Confect'ry & Refreshment Rooms

*Martin's Buildings, Princess St.*

SUGAR TOYS, FIGURES, HEARTS, CORNICOPAIS, Small Fancy Flags and Banners. CONFECTIONERY OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

*FRUITS—Apples, Oranges, Lemons, Pears, Dates, Figs, Malaga Raisins, Nuts, &c.*

And, as usual, a full assortment of CAKES, BUNS, ROLLS and PASTRO fresh every day.

Iced Christmas Cakes,

from 25c upwards.

☞ Give me a call and make Christmas a merry one.

T. B. FOOT.

Dec 19, 1876.

Removed.

THE Subscribers beg to inform their friends and the public that they have Removed their Offices to the McRae's Golden Lion Block, WELLINGTON STREET.

POWER & SON,
Architects &c

Oct 26, 1876.

FRONTENAC WARD.

TO THE ELECTORS:—

Your Vote and Influence are respectfully solicited for

E. J. B. PENSE.

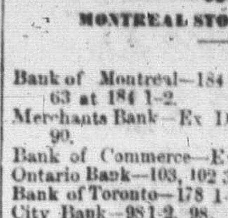
As Alderman for 1877.

Dec 19, 1876.

THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.

INCORPORATED.

Christmas Cheer for Englishmen.



All needy English families desirous of participating in the Christmas distribution of the St. George's Society will please send their application, stating number in family and residence to the undersigned on or before Thursday, the 21st instant.

By order. ALFRED LeRICHEUX, Secretary, P.O. Bx 61.

Dec 19, 1876.

REMINDER!

THAT THE

STATIONER'S HALL

(LATE STACEY'S.)

HAS A VERY FINE DISPLAY

—OF—

*Christmas*

*Books!*

WILL BE SOLD

*At Prices that will ensure the Sale of every Book in the Shop,*

Providing you want them.

☞ See our Windows and compare them with the Corner or any other Store in the city. NO OFFENCE!

THOS. McAULEY.

Dec 19, 1876.

A. MARTIN

PRINCESS STREET.

1876. CHRISTMAS. 1876.

HOLIDAY SUPPLIES

COMPLETE IN EVERY LINE.

A. MARTIN,

Thanks his increased list of customers for their liberal patronage since he removed to his new store,

Directly opposite Horsey's, Princess Street

and has pleasure in informing them that he is prepared to supply them with an ABUNDANCE OF CHRISTMAS CHEER, in quality and price not to be exceeded anywhere.

Raisins, Currants, Prunes, Figs, Potted Fruits, Spices, Orange and Lemon Peel.

All Fresh Importations.

In the variety and cheapness of TEAS and SUGARS he is not to be beaten.

☞ Families can always depend on a supply of Fresh Butter and Eggs daily.

A. MARTIN, Princess Street.

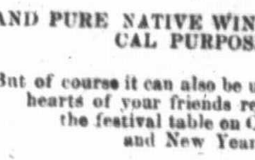
Dec. 19

PHOSFOZONE,

The new Elixir of Hypophosphites.

EVANS, MERCER, & CO., Montreal.

GENTLEMEN:—



I have been suffering from a severe attack of Bronchitis, accompanied with great bodily weakness. I was recommended to try your PHOSFOZONE, which I did, and it acted like a charm. I felt my health improving every day, and also my strength much increased. I think it a very valuable medicine. It has done wonders for me.

Yours, &c.,
D. A. HARPER.
One Dollar Store.

Montreal, Nov. 18, 1876.

THANKS!

THE Undersigned returns his hearty thanks to the public for the liberal patronage he has received since he has been engaged in the business, and calls attention to the following notice.

M. KIRKPATRICK.

Dec. 19.

CO-PARTNERSHIP

M. KIRKPATRICK intimates that he has this day admitted to Partnership, Mr. J. S. Powley, and that the firm hereafter will be known as Kirkpatrick & Powley, dealers in Fancy Goods, &c.

M. KIRKPATRICK,
J. S. POWLEY.

Dec. 19.

NEW OPENING.

In introducing our business to the citizens of Kingston and surroundings, we would invite an inspection of our stock of

Fancy Goods & Toys,

personally selected in New York and Montreal, for cash, which we are prepared to sell at prices calculated to astonish all who will us a call, at our New Store, in McCammon's New Block, Corner Montreal and Princess Streets.

Kirkpatrick & Powley.

Dec. 19

To the Electors of Frontenac Ward.

GENTLEMEN,—At the request of a large number of Electors, I have consented to stand as a Candidate for Alderman in Frontenac Ward and respectfully ask for your Votes and influence.

DAVID GIBSON.

Dec 19, 1876.

Notice.

MESSRS. JEFFERY, MOODIE & CO having purchased from the creditors the Estate of Greenfield & Co., request that all outstanding debts be settled immediately at their place of business, Princess Street.

Nov 29 1876.