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L. CLEMENTS,

DENTIST, directly opposite the Post Office Wellington Street. Established in Kingston 1840.

DR. TELGMANN,

PHYSICIAN and Surgeon, has removed to Sydenham street, between Princess and Queen streets, Office—Heath & Gunn's Drug Store.

ADAM McARTHUR,

ACCOUNTANT, COLLECTOR, &c., Office on the premises of Messrs McNaughton & Co., corner of King and Princess Sts., Kingston.

WALKEM & WALKEM,

ATTORNEYS, Solicitors, &c., Kingston, opposite the Post Office.
RICHARD WALKEM. JOSEPH B. WALKEM.

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DENTIST—Office and Residence 129 Princess Street, over George Offord's Store, a few doors below City Hotel.

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M.R.C.S. ENGLAND.

OFFICE—92 William Street, between Wellington and King Streets.

R. E. SPARKS, D.D.S., L.D.S.,

DENTIST, Office and Residence, Princess Street, between Montreal and Sydenham Streets. Careful attention paid to the correction of all irregularities of the teeth.

McGUIRE & CLAXTON,

BARRISTERS, &c. Office—Anchor Buildings, Brock Street, Kingston.
F. H. McGUIRE. GEORGE CLAXTON

J. B. CLARK, M.D., D.D.S., L.D.S.

DENTIST. Graduate of New York College of Dentistry. Office—Wellington Street, between Princess and Brock Streets. Particular attention paid to the preservation of the teeth.

SMYTHE & DICKSON,

BARRISTERS and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Notaries Public, Ontario street, adjoining the Dominion Telegraph Office.
E. B. SMYTHE, M.A., L.L.B. E. B. DICKSON B.A.

ROBERT SHAW,

BARRISTER, Attorney at Law, Solicitor, &c. Office—Princess Street, over Dr. Skinner's Drug Store. Money to Loan on Real Estate.

POWER & SON,

ARCHITECTS and Building Surveyors. Office Wellington Street, Kingston.
JOHN POWER. JOSEPH W. POWER

C. CREEGGAN, L.D.S.,

DENTIST—Office over Mills Bros' Hat Store, corner of Princess and Bagot streets. Entrance Bagot street.

D. PHELAN, M.D., M.R.C.P.S.,

ONTARIO and Quebec, Member of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and Quebec, Physician, Surgeon, Accoucheur. Office—Wellington Street, near the Kingston Bakery.

HOMŒOPATHY.

C. L. CURTIS, M.D., successor to Dr. Jarvis, Physician, Surgeon, &c. Office and Residence nearly opposite the Post Office, Wellington Street. Calls in the city or country promptly attended to.

Removal.

DR. SAUNDERS has removed to the house formerly occupied by Dr. Sampson, at the corner of King and William Sts. Office as before at Dr. Yates' Surgery, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. After 6 p.m. at the house on William street.
Dec. 9.

HY. BRAME,

Cabinet Maker and Undertaker,

CORNER PRINCESS AND SYDENHAM STS.

NO. 65, - - KINGSTON, ONT.

Keeps constantly on hand a large and varied assortment of Furniture.

Undertaking attended to in all its branches. Keeps always on hand a large assortment of

COFFINS AND CASKETS,

of every description, and has the best HEARSE in the Dominion. Funerals attended to in the city and country on the most reasonable terms.

HY. BRAME.
Dec. 28, 1879

THOMAS RONAN,

Furnishing Undertaker,

BAGOT STREET, next door to Chown & Cunningham's Stove Depot.

Furnishings and Attendance

of every description for Funerals at very moderate rates. A FIRST-CLASS HEARSE on hand.

Coffins of all Sizes and Prices kept on Hand.

Services given at houses at all hours.
THOMAS RONAN.

ESTABLISHED 1862.

STEAM DYE WORKS,

No. 60, PRINCESS STREET.

All Kinds of Wearing Apparel Cleaned and Dyed in the Most Prompt and Satisfactory Manner.

R. Montgomery,
Proprietor.
Oct. 23.

Now is the Time

TO LEAVE YOUR ORDERS FOR

CUTTERS and SLEIGHS

Or to get your old ones repaired or done up. During the remainder of the season we will sell

Buggies, Phætons, Etc., Very Cheap,

J. W. BROWN & CO.

Aug. 10

A CARD.

MRS. JONES, Princess Street, opposite Bergess' Store, will purchase at her own Store,

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Clothing

to any amount, and pay cash, or will wait on them at their residences if desired.
Goods sold upon Commission.
Dec. 11.

Mechanics' Institute,

KINGSTON.

READING ROOM well supplied with current Literature.

LIBRARY replete with useful, scientific and interesting works. Catalogues may be procured at the Library.

Kingston, Aug.

SEALE BROS.,

Merchant Tailors,

PRINCESS STREET,

Have great pleasure in announcing that their stock is now complete in all the leading Lines of Goods, Worsteds, Serges, Melton and Beavis, both Foreign and Domestic, and are prepared to fill all orders given them with PROMPTNESS AND FIRST-CLASS STYLE.

In the Gentlemen's Furnishing Department

We are showing all the Novelties in Scarfs, Ties, Gloves, Hosiery and Underwear, and a specialty made of White, Regatta, Oxford and Flannel Shirts, which can be selected from stock or made to measure. Our stock of Rubber Coats, Waterproof Clothing, Cardy Sheets and Carriage Rugs are also worthy of an inspection.

Give us a call.

SEALE BROS.
June 1, 1880

ONTARIO

Building and Savings Society,

OFFICE—WELLINGTON STREET.

(Opposite St. George's Hall.)

WM. FORD, President. M. DORAN, Vice-Pres't.
J. Solicitor—R. M. BRITTON, Q.C.

Subscribed Capital $250,000.

Savings Bank open daily from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Interest allowed on deposits.

Loans Department—Money advanced on the security of Farm or City Property. For further information apply to

JAMES McARTHUR,
Manager

GO TO

FRASER & MOWAT'S

FOR CHEAP

HARDWARE.

They are giving up business in Kingston, and are now selling off their entire stock at cost.

Builders' and General Hardware and Sporting Goods.

180 PRINCESS STREET.
Oct. 29.

Save Money by

TAKING A WALK

TO THE

Little Giant Tailor Shop,

Corner Brock and Barrie Sts.,

And get a pair of its $3 Pants, made to order in Scotch and Canadian Tweeds.
Perfect fit guaranteed.

S. MOCKRIDGE.

Kingston, Jan. 13, 81.

'Xmas and New Year's.

TRY BAJUS'

XXX ALES AND PORTER.

SPECIAL Brewings for the Holidays in bottle suitable for private families at the Kingston Brewery.

Leave your orders early.
Dec. 16.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING.

C. VANARNAM,

King Street, opposite Springenburg's.

has just received a large stock of

Oranges and Confectionery,

and is now prepared for the Xmas Holidays. He has on hand a stock of first-class Groceries. Cheap for cash.

Lunch at all hours. Oysters by plate, can at quart. Bread and Vienna Rolls of the best baking.
Dec. 16.

H. B. Rathbun & Son,

Are intending to sell

JOISTING

AND

SCANTLING!

Cheaper next Spring and Summer than ever before since they commenced business in Kingston.

A. HOPPINS,
Agent.

Kingston, Jan. 19th.

HIRAM LODGE, A. F. & A.M.,

No. 342 G.R.C.

WILL GIVE ITS

Fifth Annual Ball!

In the MASONIC HALL, Wolfe Island, on

Wednesday Eve., the 9th Feb., '81.

A good String and Brass Band will be in attendance.

Supper at Pittchcock's Hotel.

Tickets (including supper) $1.50.

JAS. HORNE, W.M. H. O. HITCHCOCK, Sec'y.

Jan. 20.

For Sale---Cheap.

A WELL ESTABLISHED PAYING BAKERY business, situated on main corners in a growing northern town in the State of Michigan. The buildings being all new, 18x36, two stories, with wing and an oven room attached. My reason for selling are, that I am a carpenter by trade, and have to employ a baker. Will say, that any man doing his own baking can make from $600 to $800 a year. For reference, direct box 148, Roscommon, Mich., or J. Gillet, Ganan Sque, Ont.
Nov 16

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Legislature of Ontario will be applied to at its next Session for an Act to close the forty foot allowance for road running through the property attached to the Asylum for the Insane at Kingston, and lying between the Village of Portsmouth and the Township of Kingston, and to substitute in lieu thereof a continuation of Front Street to Little Cataraqui Bay.

O. MOWAT,
Attorney General.

Dec. 31.

Gold Medal Paris, 1878

JOSEPH GILLOTT'S

STEEL PENS.

Sold by all dealers throughout the world

1880-1881.

FURS

LADIES' GLOVES!

AT

Clark Wright & Son's.

ANOTHER Stock received of Stoney & Scott's celebrated fine Kid Gloves and Mitts. Otter tops. Bunga Springs, for Ladies and Gents Wear.

Astrachan Jackets, &c.

S. S. SEAL SETTS a Specialty.

Racoon Coats.

Grey Japanese Robes.

DYED GOAT ROBES, BUFFALO ROBES

CLARK WRIGHT & SON.
Wellington Street.
Dec 8th.

Coal Oil!

Coal Oil!

AMERICAN COAL OIL

only 40 cents per imperial gallon.

Cut Nails, Paints and Paint Oils, Glass and Putty.

A large lot of second-hand Cooking and Parlor Stoves for sale cheap. Also one No. 5 Arnold Hot air Parlor Furnace in good condition, quite very cheap at

HAMER'S NEW STORE,

Corner of King and Princess Streets.

N.B.—All kinds of Scales repaired and adjusted on the shortest notice.
Nov 20

CITY PROPERTIES FOR SALE.

NEW OFFERS.

A TWO STORIED ROUGH CAST DOUBLE House on Barrie Street, opposite the Curling Rink. 8 rooms and back Kitchen. 1.54 TYPE.

The Spice Mills on Earl Street, stone building 60x30, two stories high. Lot about 58x120. Large frame store house at back. Machinery, including an engine of about fifteen horse power, and a run of French Burr Stones, would be sold with the building or separately.

The property at Williamsville, known as the Athletic Grounds, 12 Acres in extent, of which 8 acres are inclosed by a board fence. The land has been well cleaned, suitable for a market Garden.

Large vacant Lot on right side of Elm street.

Twelve and a half acres on west side of Division Street, about a mile and a quarter from the Market Place. Has been used as a pasture.

S. C. McGILL,
Real Estate Agent, Clarence street, opposite the Post Office.
Nov. 15.

ROOM PAPER

The Largest, Cheapest and Best Stock of

Room, Hallway & Decorative Paper

IN CENTRAL CANADA

AT THE

CITY PAINT SHOP

BAGOT STREET

HAVING taken my son into partnership and being about to make alterations on our stock, we will sell for the next two months our large stock of Room Paper, Window Shades Bordering and Decorations at cost price.

Any person wishing to get cheap Paper should call and see our stock and prices before purchasing elsewhere.

House and Sign Painting, Graining, Glazing, Paper Hanging, Kalsomining and Window Shade Painting done in the best style, shortest notice and at the lowest rates.

W. ROBINSON & SON.
Bagot St., between Princess and Queen.
April 19

The Excelsior Bath Rooms

The only First-Class Baths and Bath Rooms in the city.

Hot, Cold and Shower Baths attached.

R. H. ELMER'S

HAIR CUTTING AND SHAVING SALOON,

161, Princess Street, Kingston.
Oct., 22.

MILK

The Lake Shore Dairy

Is prepared to deliver promptly to all parts of the city a supply of PURE FRESH MILK. Orders left with the Driver or addressed to P.O. Box 539, Kingston will be attended to. Owing to the increase in the price of fodder the price of Milk will be SEVEN cents per imperial quart after January 1st.

S. S. BAKER,
Proprietor.
Dec. 18, 1880.

Smith & Paterson,

Bookbinders and Stationers,

MARKET SQUARE, KINGSTON.

SMITH & PATERSON, whilst gratefully acknowledging the continued support and patronage they receive, would respectfully solicit a trial of their work, from all parties wanting books bound. Every description of work from the plainest to the most expensive, done at their office. No delay. All work promptly executed, and sent home on the day specified.

Binders to Queen's College, Kingston.
Nov. 18.

Cataraqui Tannery,

KINGSTON, ONT.

Manufacturer of Slaughter, Sole, Harness, Upper and Grain Leather, Pebble Hides, Top, Bud and Split Leather, Waxed Calf, Cow and Carriage Calf, Kid, Belting Belt Leather, Hose, &c.

Dealer in Hides, Sheepskins, Calf Skins, Seals and Wool, for which the highest market price will be paid.

FORD & SONS.

JAMES REID,

Cabinet Maker, Upholsterer and Undertaker,

152 Princess Street,

KINGSTON.

All kinds of COFFINS, CASKETS, SHROUDS &c. kept constantly on hand.

A NEW HEARSE—the best in the city—and can furnish funerals at the most reasonable terms. Call and examine my stock.

A. ROSS

Has received a lot of New Novelties for Christmas and New Year's, consisting of the following viz:

Fancy Lace Anti-macassars,
Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs,
Fancy Silk Scarfs,
Fancy Wool Shawls,
Fancy Wool Clouds.

Dec. 13.

DR. ROBERTS'S

CELEBRATED OINTMENT,

CALLED

"THE POOR MAN'S FRIEND,"

Is confidently recommended to the Public as an unfailing remedy for wounds of every description, a certain cure for ulcerated legs, burns, scalds, bruises, chilblains, scorbutic eruptions and pimples in the face, sore and inflamed eyes, sore heads, sore breasts, piles. It also entirely removes the foul smell arising from Cancer.

Sold in pots, 1s6d, 2s 9d, 4s 6d, 11s, and 22s each, and by all

PILULE ANTI-SCROPHULE OR ALTERATIVE PILLS,

Proved by more than sixty years' experience to be one of the best medicines for purifying the blood and assisting Nature in her operations. They form a mild and certain family aperient, which may be taken at all times without confinement or change of diet.

Sold in Boxes at 1s6d, 2s 9d, 4s 6d, 11s, 22s and 33s each.

Prepared only by BEACH AND BARNICOTT, Bridport, Dorset, England, and sold by all Medicine Vendors.

Feb. 1st.

Notice.

APPLICATION will be made to the Legislature of Ontario at its next session for the Incorporation of the City of Kingston for an Act to remove all doubts respecting the validity of a By-law of the said Corporation passed on the Fifth day of May last, entitled "A By-law to regulate the periods for taking the Assessment and for the Revision of the Rolls, by the County of Revision and by the County Judge in the City of Kingston," and respecting the validity of the Assessment of the said City made under and By-law as the Assessment for the present year, and the Assessment Roll thereof as finally revised, and to confirm the said By-law and Assessment, and declare the same valid and binding on all parties, and to declare valid future Assessments under the said By-law.

Dated at Kingston, this 6th day of January, A.D. 1881.

JAS. AGNEW,
Solicitor for the Applicants.

Feb. 3.

Kingston Bottling Depot.

AGENCY FOR LABATT'S ENGLISH BEER Ales and Porter, whom they can be bought for Cash cheaper than any other house in the city.

ALES, qts per doz	$1.00
pints	60
XXX PORTER, qts per doz	1.00
pints	60

Quinte Lager Beer, put up expressly for family use, 75c per doz. 50c.

George Thompson,

KING STREET.

VITALINE

VITALINE CURES

Scrofula, Salt Rheum, Erysipelas, Pimples, Ring-Worm Tetter, Dyspepsia, Jaundice Constipation, Sick Headache, Piles, General Debility, &c.

VITALINE

Price $1 per Bottle.

Price $1 per bottle.
Sold by all Druggists.

The Gray Medicine Co.,
TORONTO.

A NEW SHOE!

The Marie Rosa

Very Neat and Perfect Fitting.

LADIES SHOULD SEE IT.

HAINES & LOCKETT,

City Boot Store.

Jan. 10.

MAGIC

Cough Cure

A most Safe, Efficient and Immediate Remedy for

Coughs, Colds, Nervousness

And for the cure of

CONSUMPTIVE PATIENTS.

Excellent for Nervous and Irritable Children. For Sale by

W. T. C. Bethel, Chemist,

121 Princess Street, Kingston.
(Late of E. Hooper & Co., Toronto.)

Feb. 8th.

THE COLD SPRING

Farm for Sale

FOR SALE eight-five Acres of Lot No. 3 in the Eighth Concession of Wolfe Island, about one mile from Marysville Post Office, about thirty acres are ploughed, the balance in meadow, pasture and wood. Frame House, Kitchen, Frame Barn (40 x 55), all in good repair. Also the Cold Spring Cheese Factory is on the premises, as well as a good Orchard and spring grove. For further information apply to C. BREEWOOD on the farm, or to KIRKPATRICK & ROGERS, Kingston.

Jan. 25, '81.

ICE! ICE! ICE!

I AM prepared to fill all Ice Houses, having the best of Engagements, and having purchased a Plough at great expense, and possessing 17 years experience in the business, will guarantee all work done satisfactorily and expeditiously.

Also prepared to fill Cisterns with Ice at 30c per ton.

Leave your orders at

JOHN J. MALONEY,
No. 79 Queen Street.

Jan. 14th.

Notice.

THE KINGSTON DIRECTORY for 1881 and 1882 is now complete and about to be delivered to subscribers and advertisers. All amounts due for advertising, according to contracts, are now payable to the Publisher of the BRITISH WHIG, who is alone authorized to collect the same, and contracts being duly handed over to Mr. Pease, endorsed by me.

S. M. CHARLTON.

Dated Kingston, Jan. 26, '81.

The Best Field FOR EMIGRANTS.

An immense area of Railroad and Government Lands, of great fertility, within easy reach of permanent market, at extremely low prices, is now offered for sale in Kansas, Oregon and Eastern Washington Territory.

These lands form part of the GRAIN BELT of the Pacific Slope, and are within an average distance of 200 miles from Portland, where steamships and sailing vessels are constantly loaded FOR ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Grain at Portland, Oregon, commands a price equal to that obtained in Chicago.

The early completion of the Northern Pacific R.R. is now assured and guarantees to settlers cheap and rapid transportation and good markets both East and West. The opening of this new overland line to the Pacific, together with the construction of the railways of 500 miles extending the O. R. & N. Co. in the valleys of the great Columbia and its principal tributaries, renders certain a rapid increase in the value of the lands now open to purchase and pre-emption. There is every indication of an enormous increase of population in the Columbia River region in the immediate future.

Lands shelve an average yield of 40 Bushels of Wheat per acre. No Failure of crops ever known.

Railroad Lands offered at the uniform rate of $2.50 an Acre.

CLIMATE MILD AND HEALTHY.

For pamphlet and maps, descriptive of country, its resources, climate, route of travel, rates and full information, address

A. L. STOKES,
Genl Eastern Pass'r Agent.
52 Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

SCIENCE vs. EPILEPSY!

OR

DOCTOR against QUACK!

A LEADING LONDON PHYSICIAN ESTABLISHES AN OFFICE IN NEW YORK FOR THE CURE OF EPILEPTIC FITS.

(From Am. Journal of Medicine.)

Dr. Ab. Meserole late of London, who makes a specialty of Epilepsy, has without doubt treated and cured more cases than any physician living. His success has simply been astonishing; we have heard of cases of over 30 years standing, successfully cured by him. He has published a valuable work on the disease, which he sends with a large bottle of his wonderful cure free to any sufferer who may send their express and P. O. address. We advise anyone wishing a cure to address Dr. AB. MESEROLE, No. 96 John st., New York.

IMPROVED FARMS

In Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska & Minnesota.

FOR SALE.

Great bargains. 10 years time on three-fourths of the purchase money. Interest 8 per cent. Portion offered to go West send for lists. State locality in which the lands are desired.

J. B. CONFERWOOD, 173 Broadway, N. Y. City.

PLAYS! PLAYS! PLAYS! PLAYS!

For Reading Clubs, for Amateur Theatricals, Temperance Plays, Drawing Room Plays, Fairy Plays, Extravaganzas, Guide Books, Speakers, Pantomimes, Charades, Magnesium Lights, Colored Fire, Burnt Cork, Theatrical Face Preparations, Jarley's Wax Works, Wigs, Beards and Moustaches at reduced prices. Costumes, Scenery, Charades. New catalogues sent free containing full description and prices.

SAMUEL FRENCH & SON, 38 E. 14th Street, New York.

YOUNG MEN Learn Telegraphy and earn $40 to $100 a month. Every graduate guaranteed a paying situation. Address VALENTINE BROS., Janesville, Wis.

$777 A YEAR and expenses to agents. Outfit Free. Address P. O. VICKERY, Augusta, Maine.

34th SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT

OF THE

Travellers Insurance Co.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 1, 1881.

PAID-UP CASH CAPITAL, $600,000.

ASSETS.

Real estate	$ 911,289 77
Cash on hand and in bank	271,216 09
Loans on bond and mortgage, real estate	2,160,426 00
Interest on loans accrued but not due	54,514 61
Loans on collateral security	87,500 00
Deferred Life premiums	32,854 05
Premiums due and unreported on Life policies	34,844 80
United States government bonds	281,800 00
State, county and municipal bonds	393,300 00
Railroad stocks and bonds	670,240 00
Bank stocks	205,703 00
Hartford City Gas Light Co. stock	18,000 00
Total Assets	$5,519,194 03

LIABILITIES.

Reserve, 4 per cent. Life department	$3,454,272 00
Reserve for re-insurance, Accident department	309,562 72
Claims unadjusted and not due, and all other liabilities	227,818 00
Total liabilities	$4,051,302 72
Surplus as to policy holders	$1,467,891 31

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1880.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.

Number of Life Policies written in 1880	1,743
Whole number of Life Policies in force	11,914
Amount Life Insurance in force	$19,998,639 00
Gain in amount in force in 1880	946,307 00
Total claims paid in Life Department	1,030,200 43

ACCIDENT DEPARTMENT.

Number of Accident Policies written in 1880	74,641
Gain in Policies over 1879	18,701
Gain in Premiums over 1879	$ 284,736 24
Whole number Accident Policies written	345,709
Number Accident claims paid in 1880	11,774
Amount Accident claims paid in 1880	544,171 37
Whole number Accident claims paid	53,308
Whole amount Accid. claims paid	$2,861,801 81

Total Losses paid both Departments $3,622,002 24

JAS. G. BATTERSON, President.
G. L. DAVIS, Vice President.
BOLTON I. DENNIS, Secretary.
JOHN E. MORRIS, Assistant Secretary.
GEORGE ELLIS, Actuary.
EDWARD V. PRESTON, Supt. of Agencies.
C. F. DAVIS, M.D. Medical Examiner.
J. B. LEWIS, M.D. Surgeon & Adjuster.
C. P. RUSSELL, Provincial Agent, 49 and 50 Toronto St., Toronto, O.

Jan. 28

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Expeditiously and properly secured in CANADA, UNITED STATES AND EUROPE

PATENTS guaranteed or no charge. Send for printed instructions. Agency in operation for years.

HENRY GRIST,
Mechanical Engineer, Solicitor for Patents, Draughtsman, &c., Ottawa, Ont.

Private Boarding House.

FIRST Class Private Board, with or without rooms at No. 76, Wellington St., over Wanzer House; no connection with the Restaurant.
Dec. 30.

Daily British Whig.

CITY COUNCIL.

An Animated Debate—City v. County—Financial Questions Vigorously Handled by Aldermen.

The regular meeting of the City Council took place last evening. There were present: The Mayor, Aldermen Allen, Anglin, J. Carson, R. J. Carson, Clements, Gage, Gaskin, J. P. Gildersleeve, Gordon, Irving, Law, McCammon, McGuire, McMahon, Robinson, and J. Wilson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

LICENSING PAWN SHOPS.

Ald. Allen suggested another amendment to the Municipal Act in addition to those suggested by the Council to the Legislature, viz., that the city have the power to license the pawn shops and thus bring them under supervision and control. These places be regarded as depositaries for stolen goods to a certain extent, which they would not be if licensed and subject to inspection.

Ald. Gaskin agreed with a great deal that Ald. Allen said. The Montreal Transportation Company had had a great deal of trouble with the pawn shops, so much indeed that he had been obliged to notify those who had purchased stolen goods that it was their hereafter found in their possession they would be prosecuted.

ASSESSMENT ACT.

Communications were read:

From Mr. J. H. Metcalfe, M.P.P., notifying the Council that the bill for warded to him, to confirm the assessment for 1881, had passed the Committee on Standing Orders and received a first reading in the Legislature.

From G. E. Lumsden, Assistant Provincial Secretary, acknowledging the receipt of the petition asking for the assent of the Lieut.-Governor to the passage of an act, amending the Municipal and Assessment Acts.

From J. Agnew, to the effect that the bill to confirm the city assessment was likely to pass the House. The notice was certainly very late, but the city succeeded in making out a good case. Mr. Deroche, who was Chairman of the Committee, gave every assistance.

From G. E. Lumsden, acknowledging the receipt of a petition from the city, asking that aid be granted to the Kingston & Pembroke RR.

The Mayor—Ex-Mayors Carson and Robinson joined me as members of a railway deputation who had an interview with Hon. Mr. Mowat last Wednesday, and we did our best to impress upon him the importance of continuing aid to the Kingston and Pembroke Railway Company. We pointed out the inability of the city to grant further assistance to the road, but as it tended to develope the section through which it passed it was in the interest of the Government and the country that it should be carried to a junction with the Canada Central. Ald. C. F. Gildersleeve promised that if the railway company received reasonable assistance the road would be completed in two and a half years, and that it would have running powers not only to Lake Nipissing but to Sault St. Marie.

GAOL EXPENSES.

From F. Elkington, County Clerk, the following was read:

"Your communication of the 25th ult., with a copy of the resolution of the City Council offering the County Council $2,500 per year for the next five years for the use of the Court House and the maintenance of the city prisoners in the county gaol, was laid before the County Council at its recent session, when the offer was not accepted. The question of jury expenses was referred to a special Committee for further information."

Ald. Gaskin said it appeared as if the county people would not do anything until it was forced upon them. He favored any means by which the cost of maintaining the prisoners could be lowered. He moved, seconded by Ald. R. J. Carson, that this Council offer a bonus or premium of $40 to any party or parties who will prepare plans acceptable to the Council of a gaol to accommodate the city's prisoners, said gaol to be an addition to the present House of Industry, and to cost not more than $4,000. He (Ald. Gaskin) said he was not at the last meeting of the Council, but he had examined the figures submitted by Ald. R. J. Carson and believed they were correct. The assessment was so unequal that he believed it cost the county nothing to maintain its prisoners; indeed the county made money by the transaction. The time had arrived when the city should keep its own prisoners, and this could be done at a much cheaper rate than by the present arrangement. The keeping of the inmates of the House of Industry did not cost over one half as much as the maintenance of the city's prisoners in the county gaol. If the loafers—those who periodically commit some trifling offence in order to be committed for the winter season—could be made to earn even 25 cents a day he did not think there would be so many offenders. He hoped some scheme would be devised by which the city would not be subject to imposition on the part of the county.

The Mayor said the agreement in regard to the jury expenses had been drawn up in accordance with the proposition of the County Committee, which had power to act. Sufficient time had been given, but neither the retiring Warden nor his colleague had signed it. As far as the county was concerned there had been what might be termed a breach of faith. It should be willing to carry out its own offer.

Ald. Allen advocated not only the erection of a gaol but a Court House rather than submit to any imposition. He noted, regretfully, the proposition to abolish the market fees, and he took occasion to say that if the rural members had a majority in the Legislature, and used that majority to force an unjust measure upon the country, they would be sorry for it. Such a thing would revive the agitation and perhaps bring about representation by population, by which the counties could not overrule the cities and towns. If the fees were abolished he would favour the fencing in and sale of the market place so that not a farmer could "put his nose upon it," and he would see that they did not make a market of the streets. If it was reasonable for the farmers to have the market fees abolished the county should be asked to abolish the road tolls without remuneration. But would that be just? The Legislature—a mere side show, of which there were too many in the country—was amenable to a higher power, and he questioned if it could pass such a law as the one contemplated. He alluded to the Kingston and Napanee Road, freedom from toll on which should be demanded by the Mayor on behalf of the city, the county not having a right to collect toll on that which did not belong to them.

The Mayor said he had some days ago consulted with the City Solicitor about the Kingston and Napanee Road, and that a telegram had been sent to Toronto asking for information as to which Government had control of the road. An answer was not received promptly and when it did come to hand from Mr. Scott unofficial in the office of the Attorney General) nothing definite was stated. When he (the Mayor) was at Toronto, as one of the railway deputation, he had a long talk with Mr. Scott on this subject. The latter said this road was one of the matters between the Dominion and Provincial which remained undefined. Mr. Scott did not positively endorsing Mr. Agnew's opinion that the turnpikes were among the assets of the Province. The County Council had paid no interest on its indebtedness for ten years, no demand being made for payment in consequence of the uncertainty as to which Government should collect the indebtedness. At the same time he (the Mayor) discussed the matter, fees, matter with Mr. Scott and learned from him that the Legislature was likely to pass a bill abolishing them. The speaker remarked in the discussion that he supposed the city could impose restrictions which would lead to revenue in another way. Mr. Scott said the bill would likely contain provisions against such. He added that the only indemnity they had would be in the erection of toll gates at all the entrances to the city. He (the Mayor) thought such would be a resort to barbaric customs. But it seemed to be the only remedy. All agreed that the proposed abolition would be a great injustice to the cities, but the grange element in the Legislature being strongest the bill will likely carry.

Ald. Allen said the Mayor should go a little further. An appeal should be made to the Dominion Government—if necessary. Ald. Gaskin or some other one should be selected to see Sir John Macdonald about the matter. He would call upon the Mayor, the Council and the citizens to protest against the county's imposition. The Mayor should not only use voice but his newspaper in stating the facts of the case publicly.

The Mayor—I have done just as you now suggest.

Ald. McMahon thought as business were meant the question of building a gaol should be referred to a committee. If the motion passed who were the architects to get the information from? (Hear, hear.)

Ald. Gaskin assured Ald. McMahon that he meant business; that he always meant business, when there was money to be saved to the city.

Ald. R. J. Carson said he was bound to carry out the resolution which he had moved. He repeated the figures given by him on a former occasion, contending that the county derived so much from the city and the administration of justice that its own prisoners were kept at no expense and that beside $700 or $800 went annually to the rest account. He was inclined to think that the amount named for the erection of the gaol was too small; that the reward for plans was also too small.

Ald. Robinson rose and entered upon a defence of the Legislature, which Ald. Allen had called a side show. Side show that it was it had been ten times the benefit to the city than the big show (the Dominion Government) had been. (Applause.) Kingston and district had been favoured with a grant of nearly $50,000 for railway purposes, and thousands of dollars of Provincial money had been spent in the construction of drains, the erection of a fire station, etc. He remembered when it was proposed to open a street through the Artillery Park that Mr. Mackenzie offered the property at a nominal sum—

Ald. McCammon rose to a point of order. Was it the business of the Council to discuss politics?

Ald. Robinson said he was but, replying to Ald. Allen.

Ald. Allen thought Ald. Robinson should be allowed to go on.

Ald. McCammon pressed his point of order.

The Mayor ruled that Ald. Robinson was not in order, but that he had given him latitude because he had not stopped Ald. Allen.

Ald. Robinson took his seat, having remarked that he did not wish to be a silent listener to any reflections upon the Ontario Government, which he thought was trying to do what was right.

Ald. Irving said he had been informed that the city, under any circumstances, was responsible for certain annual expenses, so long as the city and county were united for judicial expenses. The Council should not act hastily in this matter. It should have documentary evidence of the contemplated expense of maintaining a city gaol, the probable saving, etc. The matter should be investigated by the Committee.

Ald. McGuire moved, seconded by Ald. Allen, that the gaol matter be referred to the Committee on City Property, to consider the dimensions and requirements of such a House of Correction, and to ask for plans of the same. The mover did not think it necessary to offer a reward for plans. The prospects of supervising the construction of the building at the usual per centage was a sufficient incentive.

Ald. Gaskin again took the floor. He deplored the introduction of politics into the Council debates.

Ald. Robinson—I did not introduce them.

Ald. Gaskin continued that he was opposed to even the display of political feeling at the first meeting of the year. In future he did not care which party was in power he would advocate the conduct of public business entirely free from politics.

Ald. Robinson in favour of the amendment and the Mayor having spoken.

Ald. Allen corrected the impression which Ald. Robinson had received, that in referring to the Legislature as a side show he meant any disrespect to Mr. Mowat. He spoke without reference to party.

Ald. Gaskin's motion was withdrawn, and Ald. McGuire's motion was carried.

Ald. Irving moved, seconded by Ald. McMahon, that the cost of maintenance and other matters referring to the gaol be referred to the Committee on Finance to report to the Council at the earliest possible day.—Carried.

STREET RAILWAY.

From the City Solicitor a letter was read to this effect:

"I have read the letter of the Street Railway Company in reply to yours asking the reason that the company had stopped running the cars. I am of the opinion that the reasons given are not satisfactory or sufficient, and that the Council should protest against the course they resume the running of the cars or sleighs. If the company will fail to comply with their agreement it will be a question whether the Council should not test the matter in the courts."

Ald. Allen said he was told that the company's horses had the epizoo, but fifteen or sixteen of them were at the barracks being fed at the public expense.

Ald. McCammon—That's right.

Ald. Allen—I don't think it is. You should not be fed at the public public expense more than they.

Ald. McCammon (good humouredly)—I object to be.

Ald. Allen—No doubt you would like (Laughter, in which Ald. McCammon himself joined.) He said the Railway should be forced to keep in operating, or sell out to some new company who would run the road properly.

Ald. Gaskin said the city did not receive conveniences from the railway equal to what were expected.

Ald. Robinson said the Act of incorporation never intended that the cars should cease running every year for six months.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS.

Chief Horsey, of the Fire Department applied by a small grant to the benevolent fund, for an increase of the annual salaries of the men from $400 to $600, and for the exemption of the same from taxation for any amount over $1,000.—Referred to the Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

Messrs. Rourk asked for the appointment of a court of arbitration by which to determine the value of certain land taken from them in the opening of Montreal street.

A number of petitions in reference to back taxes were referred to the Court of Revision.

SCHOOL GRANTS.

From Mr. G. A. Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Trustee Board, asking for the sum of $2,880 for the support and maintenance of the Collegiate Institute for 1881. The Council was requested to place a sufficient sum to the credit of the Board quarterly in order that the teachers' salaries might be promptly paid them.

Ald. McCammon moved that the communication be referred to the Finance Committee to report.

Ald. Clements—How much was the grant last year?

Ald. McCammon—$2,000. He stated further that after the meeting of the Board of Trustees that morning (Monday) it was found that certain students' fees had not been taken in account. These deducted would leave the sum to be provided by the Council about $2,650, or some $800 than last year, to make up for the deficiency which would otherwise occur, the fees being reduced from $18 to $5.

Voice—That's cheap.

Ald. Clements—What is the reduction made for?

Ald. McCammon said the Institute had suffered by the establishment of the Sixth Class in the public schools in consequence of which the attendance at the former had decreased. The average attendance was now over 60, but it is usually greatest at this season, as soon as the number studying certain branches falls below 60 the school loses $750, the Government grant. There was no alternative but to reduce the fees in order to compete with the public schools.

Ald. Clements looked unfavourably upon any competition in school affairs. It was nothing short of a kind of swindle, for which he hoped the Council would find a remedy.

Ald. McMahon—The worst of it is we pay for both schools.

Ald. Clements—The Committee must look closely into the matter.

Ald. Robinson said the public schools gave a