

majority of 12 to 4, have declared themselves opposed to the passage of such a bill, and the minority have recorded their opinion, concurring with the majority, that Mr. Selden has no legal or equitable claims upon the City, and whereas the bill establishes a dangerous precedent, and is in violation of British usage, and the rights of the citizens of Halifax—

Therefore, Resolved, That the further consideration of the bill be deferred to this day three months.

A CITIZEN.

PROTECTION OF CITIZENS AND PROPERTY BY ALDERMEN.

MR. EDITOR: I was not a little surprised to read the communication signed "A Citizen," in your columns on Saturday last.

Common courtesy, I think, should have prevented the proprietor of one paper giving currency to such personalities, over an anonymous signature, as those in which this writer has indulged against the publisher of another.

The bitter spirit which that letter exhibited, will, I believe, prevent its doing me the injury the writer intended, and, therefore, I should not have noticed it but for its incorrect statements, evidently made to mislead the public, and raise up a feeling of hostility against me personally.

With regard to the Bill, lately passed in the House of Assembly, and now before the Legislative Council, he appears to be under a wrong impression, which, if he had affixed his name to his communication, I would have been happy to remove from his mind.

The object of the Bill is to enable the City Council to do, me a measure of JUSTICE by PARTIALLY indemnifying me for the loss occasioned by the pulling down of my house, and thereby saving me the necessity of pursuing a circuitous and expensive course of law proceedings against the two Aldermen and one Firewarden, which, after all, would of course fall on the city.

Although Alderman Caldwell (who is also a firewarden and, I believe, a valuable fireman), has been one of the strongest opponents of this Bill, yet he shewed by the evidence he gave, at the trial in the Supreme Court, that the pulling down of my house was a wise and judicious act.

The fire was raging so violently that, after my house was partially pulled down, and while the fire was burning two or three houses northward from mine; he agreed with the Mayor (Mr. Scott) that, if the fire should pass through my house and take the one next south, they would give the order to pull down the third house southward.

Does not that clearly shew that the order given to pull it down, although by the Aldermen and one Firewarden, instead of three Firewardens (officers appointed by the Aldermen), was a prudent measure to stop such a fearful conflagration? If, then, this be a proper conclusion, why should I be the only party to suffer in consequence; and why should the City Council wish to punish their two brother Aldermen by driving me to proceedings against them in a court of law; and thus largely increasing the expenses, which would of course eventually fall on the city, when, by such an Act as the one lately passed by the Assembly, much of the expense and delay may be prevented.

"A Citizen" says the Bill was passed by a party vote. This, he knows, is not true: parties on both sides voted against the party with whom they are usually found. He also says, every Catholic member in the House voted for the Bill. This, too, he knows, is untrue. I will not, sir, trouble your readers with the names of the minority, to prove this. He then says, Mr. Selden supports the Popish Alliance. This, also, he well knows is pure slander, invented to serve a purpose. I challenge him to bring over his own name, a shadow of evidence to substantiate the statement. That which troubles him most, probably, is, that Mr. Selden has not attempted to meddle with party politics, and has no desire to do so.

"A Citizen" will please accept my thanks for the advice he proffers the City Council, when he recommends them to avoid taking the case again into Court, as it would involve the city as well as myself in further expense and trouble.

I understand, sir, some remarks were made in the House of Assembly for the purpose of shewing that the amount I claim is greater than the circumstances of the case demand. I am not aware what reply was made to this, but would simply remark, that instead of its being greater, I consider it far less than what strict justice would require. Had the house been allowed to stand and take its chance of fire, there is now every probability that, with the great and successful exertions subsequently made by the firemen, the house would have been thoroughly repaired by the Insurance Company for less than the £400 for which it was insured and without expense to me, or loss of time and furniture. The estimate made by Messrs. Elliott, Wisdom, and Calder, of the damage done was £644; but it was shewn on the trial that the house could not possibly be restored for less than £800. Where, then, is the excessiveness of the claim when I ask £644, less the amount received from the Insurance Company?

I would like to ask each one of the Aldermen and members of the Assembly who voted against the Bill—Would you, sir, think it right to have your house taken down before your eyes, and then be told that £150 less than the sum necessary to restore it is an excessive demand? Honest men surely would not make such a statement.

It is right, of course, that some check should be put upon Aldermen as well as others, to prevent them exceeding their duty, but it should not surely be done so as to ruin another citizen, who was at the time unable to offer the least resistance. I know no reason why the City Government should not protect me and my property from violence as well as that of others, for whose benefit my house was destroyed.

It cannot be that the Aldermen at present composing the City Council, look at the amount—less than half the sum which would have been required to restore the house—as any reasonable objection to my claim, whereas they are so much concerned on behalf of the unfortunate sick and criminals, that immense sums of money are being expended in erecting a City Prison and an Hospital for them.

I do hope my fellow-citizens, and especially those they have entrusted with the management of these matters will as speedily as possible give me redress. The lapse of time may efface the remembrance of the fire from their minds, but it tends rather to increase the wrong which I am suffering. Every month adds to the loss which, if met at first promptly, would have saved me a vast amount of trouble, and been no less beneficial to the character of the Corporation, and City generally.

I am, Sir, yours respectfully,
S. SELDEN.

The Editor of the Morning Journal says in relation to the Act:—

"We are sorry to see that the Bill introduced by the Attorney General in Mr. Selden's case, is not allowed to take its course before the Council, without farther opposition by the Corporation. It does seem hard that so much has been done on every hand to thwart a worthy and an injured man, in his efforts to obtain simple justice."

General Intelligence.

Foreign and Domestic.

The Temperance folks of Shelburne have lately succeeded in having a rumrunner convicted and fined sixty dollars, for the illegal sale of liquors. The authorities of Aylesford are also on the alert and have recently had a vender of spirits fined three times, first £10 and costs, second £10 15s., and third £20 and costs.—Liverpool Transcript.

We understand that a beautifully colored series of drawings of Life Boats, &c.,—five in number—sent to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor by the Secretary of the Royal National Life Boat Institution, have been presented by his Excellency to the Mechanics' Institute, of this city, through their President, A. McKinlay, Esq.—Chronicle.

A Parish Meeting was held at the National School House, on Friday last, to consider the propriety of dividing the present Parish of St. Paul's, and setting off the Southern District, as the Parish of St. Luke's, with the Chapel of Ease, as its Church. The measure was carried 23 to 15.

It is counted that there will be 150 good sized houses erected in the deservingly thriving village of Wolfville during this summer.—Avon Herald.

COLCHESTER ELECTION.—We understand that the writ has been issued for the election of a representative for Colchester County in place of the late Gloud Wilson McLellan, Esq., the nomination to take place on the 4th and polling on the 11th May. It is said that P. S. Archibald, Esq., is the candidate in the Ministerial interest. S. Creelman, Esq., a former representative of that county, and Mr. A. Woodberry McLellan, son of the lately deceased member, have each been named as the Opposition candidate; but we believe the latter gentleman has been finally decided upon as the opponent of Mr. Archibald.—Recorder.

NORMAL SCHOOL AT TRURO.—We perceive by an advertisement in some of the morning papers that the Summer Session of the Normal School will commence on Wednesday, the 12th of May. Fifteen Young Farmers will be admitted into the Normal School for Summer Term, who will attend the various branches of Natural Science, viz: Chemistry, Mineralogy, Botany, Zoology, and Geology, or any other class bearing on their future calling; and practise the art of Gardening and Farming in the Experimental Garden and Farm. Fee for session of Five months—£2 10s., which will go to aid in support of this department.

Dr. Forrester, the Superintendent of Education begs to intimate to Teachers and others that he intends to publish a Monthly Journal of Education and Agriculture, for the Province.

CHESTER, 20th April, 1858.—A fire occurred here at two o'clock this afternoon, by which a work shop and barn belonging to Mr. Walters, were consumed. Loss estimated at one hundred pounds. No insurance.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The census of Newfoundland has lately been completed. In 1857 the total population of the island was 119,336, of which number 64,184 were Protestants, and 55,152 were Roman Catholics.

It is reported that the Prince Edward Island general election will take place in the first or second week of June next.

We understand that a coal mine has been discovered in York County, between the Poquosuk settlement and Lake George, on land belonging to Charles Macpherson, Esq., M. P. P. It promises to be a source of great wealth.—St. Croix, N. B. Herald.

Canada.

In the Canadian Legislature Mr. Galt has moved Resolutions, the object of which is to form a Federal Union of the British Provinces in North America.

Coffer-dams for the piers of the Victoria Bridge have been put down through the ice during the winter. The first tube has been placed in position.

Letters Received.

Rev. B. Scott, 16th. R. M. Weatherbe, 15th. Everet Chute, 30th, 10s. W. S. Irish, 14th, 11s. 3d. Abel Strong, per Isaiah Eagles, 10th, £2. W. F. Cutton, 22nd, £5. Handley M. Parker, 21st.—Have inclosed your C. M. in parcel to Rev. Dr. Tupper. John McLearn, 2nd. Asa Coy, Esq., 17th.—Much obliged. Ezra Layton, 21st. C. Bohaker, 17th. Rev. D. M. Welton, 26th.

NOTICES.

THE Monthly Meeting of the Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society will be held in the Vestry of the Granville Street Chapel on Wednesday, May 5th, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

By order of the Board,
S. N. BENTLEY, Secretary.

A Meeting of the Governors of Acadia College will be held in the College Library on Wednesday, May the 5th, at ten o'clock, A. M.

S. W. DEBLOIS, Secretary.

For the Christian Messenger.

Acadia College.

The undersigned, having been appointed a Committee for the purpose of obtaining an increased annual income, have to state that they have forwarded Circulars and subscription lists to upwards of a hundred Pastors of Churches in the Provinces comprised in the Convention.

The amount of subscriptions promised by those Churches from which they have received replies, including some of the wealthiest in the Denomination amount at present only to the sum of £150. They have now to inform the Denomination, that unless the subscriptions shall reach the sum of at least £500, at the time of the Anniversary, (June 4), it does not appear to them possible to sustain the College.

The friends of the Institution will therefore see the necessity of prompt and liberal action.

J. M. CRAMP.

A. W. SAWYER.

JAS. R. FITCH.

JNO. CHASE.

Wolfville, April 24, '58.

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Married.

On the 18th instant, by the Rev. James Thomas, Mr. Richard Thompson to Lucinda Goaler, both of Halifax.

In Melvern Square, on the 20th inst., by the Rev. C. Tupper, Mr. James Messenger, of Annapolis, to Mrs. Grace Marshall, of Wilmot.

On Thursday evening, the 15th inst., by the Rev. J. C. Cochran, Mr. John Pevehill, of Sackville, to Miss Martha Venn.

On the 17th inst., by the same, Mr. John MacCuthin, of the 63rd Regt., to Miss A. Hawbold, of Ship Harbour.

On the 17th inst., by the Rev. W. Bullock, Isaac J. Wyld, Esq., to Susan Helen, daughter of the late Archibald Wier, Esq., of Newport, N. S.

Died.

On Monday, the 26th instant, in the 91st year of her age, Eleanor Margaret, widow of the late Capt. Hector Maclean, of Duart, formerly of the 84th Regt., or Royal Highland Emigrants. Her funeral will take place from her late residence in Morris Street, on Thursday next, at half-past 9 o'clock, a. m.

On Saturday, the 17th instant, Elizabeth, wife of James Mahar, in the 26th year of her age.

On the 17th inst., James, son of Mr. Alex. Mellom, aged 12 years.

On Sunday, the 18th inst., Frederick William Ladd, in the 82nd year of his age.

On the 18th inst., Mary Ann, daughter of Jeremiah Sullivan, aged 3 years and 11 months.

On the 21st inst., Mrs. Anne McLearn, wife of Mr. Lawrence McLearn, aged 53 years.

On the 22nd inst., Daniel, son of Daniel and Mary Buckley, aged 15 days.

On the 23rd instant, after a brief but severe illness, which she bore with great submission to the Divine will, Mary Jane, wife of Mr. John Farquharson, and daughter of Captain Geo. A. Corbin, in the 21st year of her age.

At Dartmouth, on the 17th inst., James Farrel, infant son of James and Rosa Johnson, aged 19 days.

At Dartmouth, on the 18th inst., Richard Thomas, infant son of Richard and Mary Ann Levy, aged 2 months and 15 days.

At Dartmouth, on the 21st inst., Martha S., wife of Mr. James Ormon, aged 31 years.

At the Poor's Asylum, on the 21st instant, Michael Pembroke, aged 23 years, a native of Sydney, C. B.

In Upper Wilmot, on the 18th inst., of pulmonary consumption, Mr. John Wesley Poole, aged 27 years.

At Londonderry Mines, on the 19th inst., Emeline, daughter of Alexander Higgins, formerly of Wallace River, aged 17 months.

At Amherst, on the 17th of January last, Mr. Robert A. McLellan, aged 57 years,—for many years a consistent member of the Amherst Baptist Church.

At Mira, C.B., lately, Mrs. Effie Montgomery, widow of Archibald McDonald, aged 108 years.

At Ship Harbor, on the 16th inst., Mr. John McNeil. At St. John, N. B., on the 12th inst., trusting in the merits of her Saviour, Charlotte, wife of Mr. J. G. Seely, and daughter of the late Jonathan Leavitt, Esq., of Carleton, in the 73rd year of her age.

In Ashby, Massachusetts, March 6th, at the residence of Rev. R. Bartlett, Walter Bartlett, only child of Caleb and H. A. Bohaker, of Lowell, aged 3 months and 13 days.

Sadly a mother sighs and weeps,
Her brightest hopes laid low:
An angel bore her pearl away
To deck the Saviour's brow.

'Tis ever thus earth's fairest flowers
Are called in opening bloom;
So God hath taken what he gave
Immortal from the tomb.

Then dry thy tears, a Father's care
Is ever o'er thy son,
Immortal love forever beams
Upon thy little one.

Let hope serene triumphant smile
Through sorrow, toil and pain,
And He who doeth all things well
Will reunite again.

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TUESDAY, April 20th.—Flora, Potter, Westport, N. S.—H. Lyle.

WEDNESDAY, 21st.—Am. schr. Greyhound, Baltimore, 15 days—B. Wier & Co; schr. Village Belle, Smith, Philadelphia—do; Beverley, Blanche, Newfoundland, 8 days; Am. schr. Boundary, Blunt, New York, 8 days—Young & Hart.

THURSDAY, 22nd.—Iron ship Roseneath, Auld, Clyde, 20 days—W. Stairs, Son & Morrow.

FRIDAY, 23rd.—R. M. Ss. America, Moodie, Boston, 38 hours—96 passengers, 15 for Halifax; Canada, Lang, Liverpool, 13 days—88 passengers, 25 for Halifax; barque Scotia, Curry, London, 25 days—W. H. Creighton; French schr. Oronoque, Gautier, St. Pierre, Miq—G. H. Starr & Co.

SATURDAY, 24th.—Barques Mary Leonard, Tedford, Liverpool, G. B., 30 days—J. & M. Tobin; Statesman, Kelly, do, 34 days—T. Bolton; schrs. Eleanor, Ryan, Ponce, 17 days—B. Wier & Co; Helen, McGregor, McAlpine, Ragged Islands—G. Fraser; Hero, Crowell, Cienfuegos, 20 days; Josephine, Terrio, Boston, 7 das—S. A. White & Co; Steamer Eastern Star, Killam, Boston, via Yarmouth, 2 days—B. Wier & Co—11 passengers from Boston, 7 do Yarmouth.

SUNDAY, 25th.—Barques George Bradford, Raymond, Liverpool, G. B., 26 days—Oxley & Co; White Star, Merriam, London, 32 days—S. F. Bars; brigs Beauty, Dolby, Matanzas, 9 days—J. G. A. Creighton & Co; Rover, Lawrence, Cienfuegos, 18 days—G. & A. Mitchell & Co; Diamond of the Deep, Boudroit, New York, 6 days—J. Tobin & Co; Pretage, Hammond, Liverpool, G. B., 23 days—B. Wier & Co; Am. schr. Pilot's Bride, Pierce, New York, 5 days—H. Lawson, and Young & Hart; schrs. Three Brothers, Nearing, Newfoundland, 6 days; Bonita, Ryan, Trinidad, 24 days—M. O'Sullivan.

MONDAY, 26th.—Brig Mary Ann, Balcom, Sheet Harbour—H. Balcom.

Cleared.

MONDAY, April 19th.—Brigt. St. Agnes, Campbell, Boston; schrs. Spy, Crowell, Barrington; President, Herman, Philadelphia; Ocean Bride, Bright Star, Zenobia, Brilliant Star, Belle, Merlin, Process, Wave, and Curlew, all for Magdalen Islands.

TUESDAY, 20th.—Schrs. Leader, Smith, Bay Fundy; James, McVicar, Boston; Medway Belle, Humming Bird, Petit Reviere, Mary Ann, Wave, Emerald, Freedom, and Volant, all for Magdalen Isles.

WEDNESDAY, 21st.—Schrs. British Lass, Perry, fishing voyage; Meridian, do; Thomas Bayley, Lady Ellen, Plover, and Planet, for Magdalen Isles; Crimes, Tobin, Sydney; Ranger, Doane, Port Maria, Jama.

THURSDAY, 22nd.—R. M. S. Ospray, Sampson, Newfoundland; schrs. Rifle, Balcom, Sheet Harbour; Elizabeth, Drake, Labrador; John Henry, Murphy, Bay St. George; Arabella, Snow, Barrington; William Henry, Crowell, do; Acheiver, Banks, Mahone Bay; Eagle, Algerine, Fame, and Dove, Magdalen Isles.

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