

Communications.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents...

CITY FINANCES.

Mr. Entero—Now that the Mayor's Election is over, it can take no votes from Mr. Gregory to review some of the statements made by him with reference to city finances.

But on looking over the accounts for 1870 I find the Treasurer of that day (Mr. Babbitt) with but one cent out of the assessment...

What debt has been paid outside of Deleunters? The floating debt, Mr. Gregory had funded to the amount of \$8,000, and had it not been for the Council of 1870, with the aid of the Treasurer of that day, it would have gone up to \$10,000.

These, Mr. Editor, are pertinent questions and the public, as well as your correspondents, would like to have the answers.

Yours truly, JOHN M. WILEY.

Jan. 23rd, 1874.

ANOTHER DRUGGIST'S LETTER.

To the Editor of the Express. Dear Sir—In late issues of the Express I notice that there has been a complaint made that some of the Druggists in this City are in the habit of paying, and of medical men receiving a percentage upon their prescriptions.

Thinking you for the use of your valuable space I remain,

Yours truly, JOHN M. WILEY.

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The Colonial Farmer.

FREDERICTON, MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 1874.

CARLETON WARD CAUCUS.

Pursuant to notice, a caucus of the rate-payers of Carleton ward was held in the Engine room in that ward on Monday evening. About 75 persons were present, over fifty of whom were voters.

The following gentlemen were then nominated: Andrew Anderson, Robt. Wiley, C. N. Clark, Chas. Lawson, Wm. Graves and F. P. McCormick.

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by the meeting that he would not vote for it or any other extraordinary expenditure of the people's money without consulting his constituents, pledging himself to be governed in his acts by what they at such times required of him.

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SENDING TREES FROM NEWBRUNSWICK TO MANTOBA.

Ice has been shipped from America to China; a Boston cargo of waning pines was once sold in the West India, (where they were used as mauls, strainers, etc.)

There was a little discussion between the Chairman and Mr. Richards, on the merits of the Waterous system, but we have not space to refer to it.

On the ballot being taken, the vote stood—Gunter, 28; Simmons, 20; Richards, 12; Campbell, 9; and the nomination of Messrs. Gunter and Simmons was ratified by the meeting.

Messrs. N. C. P. C. McManus, T. G. Hathaway, J. Gill and D. Hatt were appointed the Ward committee for 1874.

After the usual thanks to the Chairman, Secretary, &c., the Caucus dissolved.

PERCENTAGES.

"We are in possession of some facts relating to certain practitioners in this City, to which we are invited to call the attention of the public. The percentage business appears to be indulged in to an unwarrantable extent, and those who are unfortunate enough to get sick and require prescriptions, have to pay dearly for it."

The above remarks which appeared in our columns a short time ago, have attracted considerable attention, so much so that one of the Druggists, Geo. O. Hunt, Jr., in a communication to the EXPRESS, felt compelled in self-defence to utterly repudiate any participation in the practice of paying percentages.

Mr. Hunt's standing in the community is such as to fully bear out his statements so far as he is individually concerned; but as yet his is the only contradiction received.

No one citizen is, we think, prepared to assert that there is a single druggist in Fredericton so ignorant as not to know how to compound a prescription correctly, or so lost to all sense of honor as to deal in inferior drugs.

This being admitted, we ask in all candor, why it is that physicians direct their patients to patronize some particular druggist, in fact compel them to do so by writing their prescriptions in such a manner that no apothecary, save the one holding the key to the puzzle, can decipher it.

It is reasonable to suppose any medical man would go to this trouble, or hazard the friendship of some patient, from purely disinterested motives? We think not, and in this opinion are supported by many others.

The London Pharmaceutical Journal thus refers to the evil:—"In this Country, as well as in America, it is a violation of medical ethics and respectability for a physician to prescribe directly or indirectly, in the profit arising out of the dispensing of his prescriptions. It would be a credit to the profession, and a credit to the public, if a chemist of paying, a share of the profit as an equivalent for patronage."

"A man who professes only to prescribe, and clandestinely takes a profit on the medicine, is deserving his punishment as a quack druggist. The deception on the patient is twofold, for he is strictly charged to go to one particular druggist, on the ground that he is the only one who has the key to the puzzle; and he is because the party recommending him is the apothecary, and the prescriber is a participator in the fraud."

THE TEMPLE QUARTETTE.

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THE STAMER TWINS LEAD.—A telegram from New York announces the death at North Carolina on Saturday, 17th of the Siamese Twins.

Chang was partially paralyzed last fall, since which time he has been fretful, and specially addicted to drinking liquor as a means of alleviating his sufferings. As soon as it was discovered that Chang was dead, Eng became terribly shocked, and died with a final effort, exhibiting signs of great mental aberration. This attack was followed by a deadly stupor. In two hours from the death of Chang, Eng died.

THROUGH FROM MONTREAL.—Thursday morning there arrived by train eight car loads of flour consigned to A. R. N. B. Esq., the first instalment of a lot from Guelph, Weston, Molton and Toronto. The flour which came all the way by rail, was only eight days in transit, and the freight charged thereon was at the moderate rate of 77 cents per barrel. The eight cars contained about eight hundred barrels.

THE REPORTER HAPPY.—The Reporter is delighted because the Freeman sees in Mayor Wetmore's election a rebuke to the free school system in the capital city of the province.

This error on the part of the Freeman is due to the violence of the Reporter, which it unfortunately accepted as the organ of Mr. Gregory's friends.

If our city bears the name of being reported to the school law, we have only the Reporter to thank for it.

IN A BAD WAY.—The Court of Queen's Bench in Montreal was yesterday in a very bad way. The Chief Justice has resigned on account of bodily infirmities, the next in rank is so laid up with a headache, while the third is strongly suspected of corruption. The court house has been regularly open, with the seats empty, and the sitting adjourned, giving some of the most important cases of that author's observations in Further India.

A very concise but comprehensive article on the Holland House, full of historical reminiscences and anecdotes, is contributed by FREDERICK LAWRENCE.

FRANK LEBERBERG—contributes a short story, Mrs. EMILY E. FORD a clever sketch showing how there are people in China who do not take a job, and what WILSON MAN one of his most characteristic poems, "Song of the Redwood Tree"—a California song—the

Voices of a mighty living tree, in the redwood forest of California.

Short poems are contributed by CARL SPENNER and Mrs. MARY L. BROOKS.

GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS, in the Editor's Eye, discusses Tweed's fate and the general course of the evening, and gives some of the most interesting gossip of the Lyceum greenroom. The scientific Record is very comprehensive in its summary of recent progress in science and art, and the number of candidates for aldermanic honors is increasing.

In Wellington ward, Ald. Seery and Messrs. Risten and Cresswell are in the field.

In St. Ann's ward, the caucus nominees will be opposed by Messrs. Richards and Campbell. Ald. Guter feels sure of reelection.

MUNICIPALITY OF YORK.

Mr. Munro presented a petition from T. B. Wheeler against the return of James W. Tupper, Esq., Councillor for the Parish of Kingsclear. Petition received.

Mr. Brown wished to know when was the proper time to test the qualification of persons offered for Councilors. This was the subject of a resolution passed by the Council.

The Secretary Treasurer—There is no special time mentioned, and here, I think, the law is defective.

The petition was then referred to Messrs. McBean, Coburn, Tilley, and J. S. Yerxa, a committee to investigate and report upon the case.

On motion, Mr. Murchie was heard at the Board in relation to certain taxes imposed upon him in the Parish of Canterbury. He endeavored to show that he was in the full sense of the law a resident of Canterbury, and had therefore no right to pay the Land Tax, but he had been subjected to it. The business there was carried on by himself and sons.

Mr. Lawson said he would much regret that any person living in the Parish should be over-assessed and compelled to pay an amount of taxes as was unjust, but he could not see that this was Mr. Murchie's case. He thought the matter should be referred to the judges.

The Secretary Treasurer said the matter was not new to him, and he could not see that Mr. Murchie was exempt from the tax. He could see no objection to the fact that the Land Company which had occurred, to show that there should be no exemption in this case. He would recommend an order to be placed on the books of the Council, to the effect that the petitioner be required to bring the case under the consideration of the judges, with the view of having the whole matter settled once for all, and in the meantime a stay of proceedings against Mr. Murchie could be had.

Mr. McBean thought the Board should be careful in a matter of this kind, or they might be put to inconvenience as well as cost. He had no objection to a stay of proceedings, but he was not prepared to grant relief without further consideration. There was an application last year for similar relief, which was refused, and there will be many more, if we should open the door now. The law distinctly states how and in which way a person should proceed in case he is over-assessed, and Mr. Murchie who now asks for a commutation of taxes should have taken that course.

A motion was made and passed to stay proceedings for the present in this case, in order to allow Mr. Murchie to bring the matter of his Will Land Tax before the judges for final adjudication, the Council assisting as far as possible to arrive at the justice of the case, in order to save costs in the proceedings.

The position which the Council has taken in this case is highly creditable to them as a body. A vexatious question will now be settled, and the Council will be able to devote their time and energy to other matters. Mr. Munro from the Committee on the Petition of T. B. Wheeler, against the return of James W. Tupper, submitted the following report:—

"The committee appointed to investigate matters in connection with the election of Councilors for the Parish of Kingsclear, by the Council, on the 17th inst., have the honor to report that, in their judgment, there is no sufficient cause to warrant any action being taken in the case.

Respectfully submitted, A. MUNRO, W. McBEAN, THOS. COBURN, J. S. YERXA, C. L. TILLEY.

Report received and adopted. On motion the Council proceeded to the election of officers. Mr. McCormick nominated Mr. H. R. Rainford for the office of Secretary Treasurer. There being no other nomination, Mr. Rainford was declared unanimously elected. Mr. Brown moved that Mr. Vanwart be appointed for the office of Auditor, seconded by Mr. Tower. Mr. Lawson nominated Mr. Beck, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

THE WARDEN LETTER FROM ROBERT BISHOP.

The Warden said that he had received a letter from His Honor Judge Allan, relative to the condition of the Court House, and that owing to the state of the law it was impossible to hear the testimony of witnesses. He also stated that the Judges' and Barrister's rooms were in a very bad state of repair, and that the Court could not hold its sittings in the building in order that a later hour in the short winter days. The Warden also read a letter from E. J. McManus, Esq., Clerk of the Crown, in reference to the same subject.

Mr. McCormick was of opinion that things were getting a little too comfortable, and that the people in the room were much better off when they occupied the old Court House, where very often the rain came down on both sides of the roof, and the Court House was in a very bad state of repair, and that the Court could not hold its sittings in the building in order that a later hour in the short winter days.

Mr. Tower remarked that when he was a jurymen he could scarcely hear what was done in the Court House, and that the Court House was in a very bad state of repair, and that the Court could not hold its sittings in the building in order that a later hour in the short winter days.

Mr. Brown—There are no less than six constables at \$1 a day about the Court House, and he thought they were enough to keep the Court House in a very bad state of repair, and that the Court could not hold its sittings in the building in order that a later hour in the short winter days.

Mr. McCormick believed everything should be done to keep the taxes at a fair rate. He was now in a bad way, and he would not be able to do more than to keep the taxes at a fair rate. He was now in a bad way, and he would not be able to do more than to keep the taxes at a fair rate.

Mr. Brown remarked that a mistake had been made, and that the power of appointing Commissioners should be returned to the Board.

Mr. McCormick said Mr. Bennett moved this Resolution to the effect that the law should be changed, and only our legal rights should be maintained. He thought the law was in a very bad state of repair, and that the Court could not hold its sittings in the building in order that a later hour in the short winter days.

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