

The Carleton Sentinel.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1852.

It is to be regretted that our contemporaries throughout the Province do not advocate the acceptance, by the people, of the Municipal Act with more warmth than they do, many of them scarcely ever mention the subject, and appear to care but little whether it is ever taken up or not. This silence must proceed from neglect or the want of consideration, for we cannot think that any of them entertain serious objections to the principle. We are aware that the present Act is not exactly what it should be, but it is better than none, it is a commencement in the right direction, and if other Counties would take the matter up, the Legislature would be compelled to make such alterations and amendments as are required. The principle has been tried in this County and approved of, many that were bitterly opposed to the change would not now return to the old system under any consideration. We have heard of no objection to the principle from any quarter, some complain that the salaries have been reduced too low, but whether this is the case or not, it is no argument against the principle nor no reason why it should not be tried in other Counties. The great evil in this Province has been that the salaries were too high, and large sums of money have been expended yearly that were never accounted for; in this County a re-action has taken place and if it has been carried too far, the evil will in a short time correct itself. It is no new thing in this Province to complain that the salaries are too low, some would not be satisfied if they received £10,000; but let the Act be accepted in every County and the question of salaries will govern itself, the people can pay in each what they please and if their money is squandered from year to year they will have no one to blame for it but themselves. By the acceptance of the Act the people will also hold a greater check over their Representatives, as the public voice through the County Council, can be brought to bear on every question that comes before the Legislature. No Representative will disregard suggestions and instructions from the Council, if he knows they come direct from the people, and, moreover if the Act is accepted in every County in the Province, the business of the Legislature can be done in one half the time and at one half the expense, it now is, as all local legislation can and should be transacted by the County Council. If something of this kind is not done very soon, the Legislative Session must last the year round and even then the public business will not all be got through with. We should be much pleased to hear from our contemporaries on this subject as it is one of importance and of interest to us all. The *New Brunswick* has made a commencement and we hope it will be continued, as we are satisfied that if charters are accepted throughout the Province good results will follow.

In speaking of the Bye-Road Grants, the *Reformer* states that "Carleton has been more liberally treated by the Legislature this year than during any previous one." Upon examination we find the same amount granted this year that was granted last, which is we believe rather under than over our just proportion. It also states that "in addition to the grants to be found in the Journals, the Commissioners have been authorised to expend £350 on the road from Woodstock to Arestook, and £475 for the improvement of the Big Presqu'île Bridge."—We would like much to know who these Commissioners are, and who authorised the expenditure of this money? If we are not greatly mistaken these sums were both obtained by Mr. Beardsley last year and were both expended,—why they have been brought up now we are at a loss to conjecture.

Our town at present is full of life and activity and the river is full of steamboats and timber. On Wednesday morning no less than four boats were lying at our wharves together,—and in the evening the "Union" came in making five in one day. The "Reindeer" and "J. D. Pierce" had a trial of speed on Thursday; they

kept close together, the Pierce leading until within fifteen miles of this place, when her wood gave out, and the Reindeer came in about half an hour ahead. Some little idea may be formed of the travel on the river at present when we state that notwithstanding so many boats are running, and some of them going night and day, the J. D. Pierce brought up nearly 200 passengers on Thursday. New goods are also coming in very fast and new stores are being opened. Some of our merchants find that one store each is not enough for their business, and they are opening others. Some of the new ones require more than a passing notice, and we reserve a full description until next week.

We have been promised a list of the *items extraordinary* which assisted to swell the Assembly contingent Bill to its present amount, nearly £1900; if received it will of course be published, and will prove a very interesting document; if report speaks truth, any quantity of gold pencil cases, gold rings, pen knives, sealing wax, &c., will be found charged in the list.

The Cadets of Temperance gave an entertainment to their friends on Wednesday evening last, in the Hall of the Institute, which will be remembered for some time by all who were present. The performances commenced with a song, followed by recitations and dialogues, and ended with a representation, in character, of the celebrated trial of "Pat Sweeney, or a peep at the working of the Maine Liquor Law." The characters were well kept up throughout, and the acting would not have been discreditable to old performers. The whole entertainment was got up and carried out in a style creditable to the managers and performers, and pleasing to the Audience.

Almost every Provincial paper we receive has something to say respecting the Contingent Bill, and well they may if one half that is told be true. Among other things the *St. John Observer* says:—

"This abortive waste of time and public money is of itself sufficiently grievous; but the disclosures in discussing the *Contingent Bills* of the two Houses, at the end of the Session, which exposed the disgraceful peculations of some of the members in providing themselves with all sorts of articles at the public expense, must excite a universal cry of indignation and disgust. Time and space forbid our enlarging on this subject as we could wish; but we cannot refrain from asking the constituency of this Province generally, what right have their Representatives to loaf gold and silver pencil cases, gold rings, portfolios, *papier mache* ornaments, stationery for the whole year's use, and other such personal supplies, *out of the public taxes*, to the tune of nearly £3000 in one Session? Such sordid meanness in honorable Legislators can only merit contempt."

The Hon. Col. Hayward, a member of the Executive Council, arrived here in the Reindeer on Tuesday. He is, we believe, the Commissioner appointed by the Government, to examine the site, plans and specification, for the Bridge over the Maduxnakik, and to explore a road from Patchel's ferry to the Beckagimic.

A MAN MISSING.—As Mr. Charles English was returning from Houlton on Thursday night, he met a man on horseback. He knew the horse and rider and hailed, and the rider being in a hurry jumped off and took to the bush.—The horse was brought home and returned to his owner, Mr. Alfred English. On Friday morning it turned out that a Mr. Eaton, an American, who had been confined to the Limits in this County, for some time, on suspicion of debt, came home missing. His bail will have the satisfaction of paying the debt.

We would direct attention to Mrs. How's advertisement in another column. After we have consulted her, we can render an account of her powers.

The *Anglo-American* for May is received. It is as usual full of interesting matter—it contains a Fashion Plate, and a view of Quebec.

We have also to acknowledge the receipt of *Graham's Magazine* for May. It contains a large amount of good reading matter, and several beautiful plates. We are puzzled to

know how these books can be got so cheap.—The plates in *Graham*, and the *History of the American War in the Anglo-American* are alone worth what is asked for both Magazines.

We are requested to state that the CARLETON HARMONEONS will give a Concert in the Hall of the Institute on Tuesday evening next. The Harmonions have performed to full houses in Jacksontown, Richmond and Houlton, and are highly spoken of by those who have heard them. They will, no doubt, give satisfaction here.

The Queen's Birth-Day.

To the Editor of the Carleton Sentinel.

SIR,—Are any preparations being made for the celebration of the Queen's Birth-day? If not, what's the reason,—is Woodstock to become a second Sleepy Hollow,—have the inhabitants become indifferent,—or is each one waiting for the other to take the lead?

WANT TO KNOW.

Woodstock, May 12, 1852.

We cannot exactly say what preparations are going on, but imagine the day will not be allowed to pass over without display of some kind; at least we should hope not.

ST. ANDREWS AND QUEBEC RAILWAY COMPANY.—The annual general meeting of the stockholders of this Company took place on Tuesday last, when the report was read, giving a statement of the position of the Company and the progress of the works, after which the following gentlemen were chosen Directors for the ensuing year:

Admiral Owen, Hon. H. Hatch, Captain J. J. Robinson, Col. K. Hayne, Hon. Charles Connell, Hon. George S. Hill, Captain Thomas Moses, and John Farmer, George D. Street, H. H. Hatch, W. Whitlock, Henry Frye, and J. Rodger, Esquires.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, Captain Robinson was re-elected President.—*N. Bruns.*

The fine house owned by Mr. Thomas Watt, in St. Andrews, was burnt on Sunday morning last. The *Standard* says the wind was blowing a gale at the time, and fears were entertained that the whole of Water-street would be destroyed. Mr. Watt's loss will amount to £600. No insurance.

The election in Westmorland has resulted in the return of Mr. Landry, by a majority of 50 votes over Mr. Steadman. The numbers were—Landry, 560; Steadman, 502.

RAILWAY INTELLIGENCE.—Mr. Beatty, at the head of a large staff of Civil Engineers, charged with the construction of the New Brunswick Railways, came passenger in the *Canada*. It was, we understand, the original intention of Mr. Beatty to have proceeded to Saint John, but a Telegraph message from London previous to the departure of the steamer advised that gentleman to make Halifax his Head Quarters. We learn further that is the intention of Mr. Beatty to make a thorough survey of the Trunk Line of Railway from hence to the New Brunswick frontier, and that all the working plans, surveys and Reports of Major Robinson, Messrs. Falkner, Sykes and others, were promptly placed at his disposal by the Executive.—*Halifax Chronicle.*

On Thursday evening, M. Robert Gardner, of the firm of R. S. Gardner, varnish manufacturers, Lowell, one of the oldest and most esteemed citizens of that place, met his death in a most sad and melancholy manner. Being unwell he went into the apothecary shop of B. S. Hale & Co., corner of East Merrimack and Davidson streets, and called for a half ounce of pulverized rhubarb. Mr. Gardner having an impediment in his speech, the lad in attendance understood him to call for opium, and put up and charged him with that drug. He then went home and took the entire half ounce of this poison, fell asleep, and in an hour or two waked, gave a gasp and expired.—*Boston Atlas.*

The Methodist have in California, 38 preachers, 27 churches, 1 college, and 1 religious newspaper. During the past year 21 churches and 10 parsonages have been built, and the number of church members has increased 700.

English News.

Arrival of the Cambria.

By Telegraph to the Sentinel News Room.

HALIFAX, May 11, 1852.

The "Cambria" arrived at 12 o'clock noon, thick fog. She brings 69 passengers, 33 for Halifax, 30 for Boston, full freight, &c.

BRITAIN.—Parliament little interesting—discussing details of Financial schemes.

THURSDAY, 28th.—Canada Clergy Reserves Bill was read the third time in the House of Lords, and passed with some opposition from the Earl of Wicklow.

The House of Commons adjourned debate on the Income Tax was resumed on Thursday and Friday, and adjourned till Monday.

Lord Palmerston stated that no prosecution is to be instituted against Kossuth respecting rockets.

The Jewish Disabilities Bill was thrown out on the second reading in the Lords.

Messrs. Hale, extensive proprietors of the rocket factory at Rotherhithe, London, were tried before the Bow street police, for having on the premises more than 50 lbs. of gunpowder, and were fined about £6 and costs. They were afterwards put on trial for manufacturing war rockets with a view of connecting Kossuth with the affair. The evidence against Kossuth is very flimsy, being mainly supported by the evidence of Usener, a Hungarian formerly in Maidstone Jail for theft, and recently discharged from the Factory. The case is to go before a Jury—in the mean time Messrs. Hale refuse to be bailed, and are confined in Horse-monger Jail. We notice that *Krewzeitung* states that the Prussian police recently sent to London hold proof that Kossuth rented the House through Hale, that the ammunition was making to Kossuth's order, and that 300 grenades were made to order of Kossuth's agent at Arostock, which port was the emporium of the revolutionary material.

Wentwell & Co., Rotterdam, have failed in sugar and Colonial produce for £35,000, effecting several smaller houses.

John Attwood, London, has stopped payment in metals a large amount of which will be met.

At the Queen's levee, Mr. Ingersoll presented Dancroff, Davies, and William W. Gilbert.

Four sailors were drowned from the packet ship from Liverpool, their names were Henry Mosier, Yarmouth, N. S.; John Campbell, East Boston; George Cook, and Samuel —, Englishmen.—An influential conference on the mercantile law was in Session at Liverpool.

Collman & Stollerford pay a first dividend of 7s. 6d. per pound and liquidation promises well.

William T. Fraser is approved as Prussian consul at Miramichi.

An interesting conversation took place in Lords on the 26th, on the subject of Lieut. Maurquas improvements in navigation.

Earl Wrottesley strongly urged it on the notice of the Government.

Earl Granville stated that Government was not unwilling to meet the United States in the matter but were cautious about advancing money.

FRANCE.—"La Moniteur" announces that the Government is desirous to await the result of the present experiments in steam navigation, and considering the present heavy claims on the Exchequer has postponed the establishment of a transatlantic line here, but will establish a semi-monthly line to the Brazils.

Almost no news except the severe indisposition of the Empress.

A story went at Havre that two passengers arrived on board the ship "La Empereur," have brought an infernal machine from Rio—the passengers were afterwards liberated no machine being found.

The Emperor has granted a large tract of land in Algeria, for the purpose of settlement by the Swiss.

A new whaling company has been formed at Havre.

On Bourse, Lord Clarendon's explanation respecting Eastern affairs gave confidence, which was increased by the information that the French fleet was recalled from the Bay of Salamis.

Business moderately active in all branches.

TURKEY.—Correspondence to the "Augsburg Gazette" says, that Lord Stratford has already assured the Porte of British protection, and in conjunction with the French Minister is prepared to address a note to that effect to the Distan.

The blockade of the Albania coast is raised from Constantinople. On the 18th all was reported tranquil.

The question now occupying attention, refers to the holy places, nevertheless armaments continue on the part of Turkey as well as Russia.