

The Carleton Sentinel.

WOODSTOCK, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1856.

CARLETON MUNICIPALITY—SPECIAL SESSION.

TUESDAY, 18th November, 1856.

Present—Warden, Messrs. Gray, Dibblee, Hemp-hill, Gallop, Carville, Hayward, M. Giberson, G. Giberson, and Bubar, Phillips, Weade & Wheeler.

Warden stated that he had called this meeting of the Council, upon requisition signed by five members, for the purpose of settling arrearages, &c., of County.

Mr. Gray said, his reasons for signing the requisition for this meeting were that there were some matters of business in an unsettled state, and as some of the Council might never come back again, it was not proper to leave their work to be done by others. He (Mr. G.) desired to leave a clean floor for their successors.

[From the minutes of last meeting of Council, it appeared that Mr. Justice Rideout having fined one Jacob Jewett upon complaint of J. Birmingham, for insulting language towards him (Birmingham) had paid over one half of the fine, 20s., to the Secretary Treasurer, who was thereupon authorized by the Council to call upon Mr. Rideout for the remaining half. A letter was read at the present meeting from Mr. R. stating that he had prosecuted Jewett under the Bye Law of the County, but as there was no direction as to how the money was to be appropriated, he had in accordance with the terms of the Revised Statutes, paid one half of the fine to the complainant.]

Mr. Dibblee thought it an extraordinary feature of the Law that the complainant should receive one half of the fine. A man might irritate another to commit the offence, then make a complaint and pocket the money.

Mr. Gray considered Mr. Dibblee's remarks perfectly correct; was averse to men swearing money into their own pockets. Mr. Rideout should be called upon to pay the money over.

Mr. Hay wished to know whether the Bye Law which related to the collection of fines was in accordance with the spirit of the Provincial Law, and if its provisions took in the present case under discussion.

Warden explained that all fines according to law were to be paid to the Secretary Treasurer of the County.

On motion of Mr. Gray,

Resolved, That the Secretary Treasurer be instructed to call upon J. Rideout, Esq., for the half of fine in the case of Jewett not paid over.

On motion of Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Hayward,

Resolved, That—copies of the Bye Laws of this County be printed in cheap pamphlet form, to contain, in addition, that portion of the Province Laws which relate to the duty of the Parish Officers, and that a Committee be appointed to have them printed forthwith.

Mr. Gray referred to the fact that a Committee had been appointed to have the Bye Laws of the County printed, on which Committee he (Mr. G.) had been; but from various causes that Committee had never been able to attend to that duty. He thought that steps should be taken immediately to have those Bye Laws printed. He felt assured the people would justify the act; they were anxious to have at hand the information which those Bye Laws contained, and it was particularly necessary that a copy of them should be in the hands of every Parish Officer, in order that they might understand their whole duty. He thought likewise that the law of the Province relating to Parish Officers should also be printed in connection with the Bye Laws.

Mr. Dibblee acknowledged the necessity of having the Bye Laws published, but thought they should be revised first. It would not redound to their credit to publish the Bye Laws in their present incomplete and inefficient state. He thought it better to appoint a Committee to revise the laws and have them submitted for approval and publication, at the next meeting of the Council.

The Warden explained the necessity of amending the bye law relating to Cattle, &c. running at large, as by the provisions of that bye law some of the Islands belonging to Northampton were not protected from the encroachments of the Cattle, &c. belonging to Woodstock.

Mr. Cowperthwaite was of opinion that the bye laws should be printed, but thought it highly proper that they should be revised first.

Mr. Hayward concurred with the views of the last speaker. They should be printed as soon as possible—the sooner the better; but should be revised and amended first.

Mr. Gallop thought they should be as perfect as

possible, but as the year had nearly expired, it would perhaps be better to print them as they are.

Mr. Hay moved the following Resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Giberson:

Resolved, That the Resolution of Mr. Gray be rescinded, and a Committee be appointed to revise all the existing bye laws of this County; the same to be submitted to this Board at the January Session for examination previous to publication.

Passed unanimously, and the following gentlemen appointed Committee, viz: Messrs. Gray, Cowperthwaite, and Dibblee.

Mr. Dibblee said he thought the Council had better now go into the business for which they had assembled here. They had been called together for the purpose of settling up the affairs of the County; he thought this a novel proceeding—one for which they had no precedent. The Parish officers had never before been called upon to report except at the semi-annual meeting. He did not think the Accounts were prepared; he wished to know if they were here and audited.

[A long conversation here took place with reference to the Accounts, which proved the above remarks of Mr. Dibblee correct, and shewed it impossible at the present Session to settle up the business of the County. We took notes of the discussion, but think it scarcely advisable to publish them.—Ed.]

On motion—

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Bye Roads in the Parish of Wicklow, be instructed to spend the balance of Bye Road money in their hands on the road from Bubar Town to Cronk Settlement.

From the facts elicited from the discussion on this Resolution, it appears that the Commissioners for Wicklow had taken tenders, and given a contract for expending the money, but that the contractor had failed in even commencing the work; and the Councillors for that Parish wished to know, whether the Commissioners could now go on and expend the money in day's work without the usual process of advertising and receiving tenders.

Mr. Dibblee submitted a petition from John Caldwell, setting forth that he (Caldwell) did in July last obtain a tavern licence for Victoria Corner; that he opened a house there; that the people in that community had requested him not to continue selling there,—and he now stated to the council his willingness to leave that place provided his licence money was refunded.

On motion the council went into consideration of said petition, when a long discussion or rather conversation took place; some gentlemen contending that as Caldwell's licence was for the parish of Wakefield and not for a particular house in a particular part of the parish—the licence was illegal, and therefore the money should be refunded. Others thought that a man might have 50 different houses provided he had a licence, and all the houses were carried on under his name, and he was responsible for it—it was legal—and that therefore there was no illegality in the licence granted to Caldwell. Moreover it appeared that Caldwell had not stopped selling at the time he was asked to do so by the people at Victoria corner; the time for which the licence was given had very nearly expired, and therefore Mr. C. had no right to expect the prayer of his petition should be granted.

Mr. Hay moved, that the petition be set aside. Seconded by Mr. Gallop.

Mr. Dibblee moved an amendment. That the question stand over till the January meeting in order to ascertain whether the licence was legal.

Amendment lost, original resolution carried.

On motion—W. Q. Shaw is appointed a County constable for remainder of the year.

Warden states that a report had got in circulation that the County was some £2000 in debt; he wished to ascertain how far this was correct.

The Secretary Treasurer gave an exposition of the state of the funds showing that the County was out of debt and had a balance to its credit of about £20.

The following resolution was then moved,

Whereas the town of Woodstock engrosses exclusively a large amount of the Revenue, paid for tavern licences, which, in the opinion of this council, is unjust; therefore Resolved,—That two members of this council be appointed, who with the Secretary Treasurer shall be a committee to make out a triple petition to be presented to the Legislature at its next meeting, praying that the law to incorporate the Town of Woodstock may be so amended that the entire revenue of the County shall be applied to the payment of the demands against the County; and that copies of said petition be forwarded to each Parish in the County for signatures; and further Resolved, That a similar petition be made in the name of the Municipality of Carleton, and signed on their behalf by the Warden, to be presented in the same manner as the above.

This resolution led to a somewhat lengthy and animated debate; but as it was quite dark we were

unable to take readable notes of the speeches, and consequently we will not pretend to give a report of what each member did say on the question.—However the general opinion of the council, to judge from the speeches, seemed to be that the town is selfish, grasping, and unscrupulous, and it is time a check should be put to her aggression upon the interests of the County. The Municipal speakers in favour of the resolution were Messrs. Gray, Carville and the Warden; against it Mr. Dibblee.

Upon the question being taken, Mr. Dibblee only voted against it.

The Editor of the *Head Quarters* is himself this week. What he is, here, where he and his antecedents are so well known, we need not say.—Leaving his quibbles about municipal institutions in England, and his fulminating with reference to our article on those institutions; and his fancy to unrestrained freedom as it regards his own profound knowledge, and our ignorance,—to go just for what they are worth—which is just nothing at all, we would say with reference to the Crown Land advertisements, this:—The *Head Quarters* stated that the proprietors of the *Sentinel* had charged the government 2s. 6d. per square for subsequent insertions, instead of 1s. 3d., our advertised terms. We did and do now most distinctly deny the charge and declare it a wilful and unmitigated perversion of the truth—let the editor of the *Head Quarters* clear himself of the charge, or sneak off the question, as he has already attempted, like a whipt cur.

The editor of the *Head Quarters* insinuates that we have, some time in our life, superintended a dung cart (excuse us this once, gentle reader); such has been the case; why should we wish to disown it. Is there any disgrace attached to it? are there not hundreds of our intelligent and wealthy readers who do the like. No man should blush at any honest, necessary employment. But there may be some peculiar reasons why the Editor of the *Head Quarters* remembers us in that connection; perhaps he may remember our having, at some time or other, giving him a ride from the gutter to a more comfortable lodgings in the said dung cart. Ah! indeed, under whatever circumstances we have to do with that gentleman we expect to be bemired.

As it regards Mr. Tomlinson—whose name has been dragged in by the *Head Quarters*, we have no doubt he is a very clever, and worthy gentleman, and we have no disposition to speak of him save with proper respect; but he had better beware to let the opinion get current that he and the editor of the *Head Quarters* are friends.

The Secretary Treasurer requests us to direct attention of the different Parish Clerks in this Municipality to the following extract from a law passed at the last annual Session of the Legislature, relating to Municipalities; and to remind them to give the usual notice of time and place of holding such elections in their respective Parishes. "Section 14.—The Councillors shall be hereafter elected on the last Tuesday in December in every year, instead of the time now prescribed."

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of a "Funeral Oration on the Death of Hon. Daniel Webster," by Amasa M'Coy, Esq., Prof. of Oratory and Rhetoric in the Law School of the Albany University, and formerly of this Province. We can pay no higher or more just compliment than by copying the following from a note of Hon. J. Howe, of N. S., to the Professor:—"Webster could not have pronounced a more eloquent eulogium upon himself."

James Hogg, Esq., of the *Reporter*, has obtained the contract for publishing the Debates during the next Session of the House of Assembly. The *Freeman* contradicts the statement that Messrs. Blatch and Anglin were asked by the committee to report.

From the *Halifax Morning Journal* we learn that a "Model and Normal School" has been inaugurated at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; that one-sixth of the population are receiving instruction in the Island schools, containing 12,000 scholars; that one third of the public Revenue is devoted to the course of Education.

We are requested to announce that the Rev. Mr. Statt, Missionary of the Church of Scotland, will preach, D. V., on Sabbath first, the 23d inst., at Northampton, near Mr. Rankin's at 11 o'clock, A. M., and at St. Andrew's Church, Upper Woodstock, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Mr. Bradley has sent us a sample of his black tea, such as he sells at 1s. 10d. per lb. For strength and richness of flavor, we have never had any to excel it. See advertisement.

The General Post Office has been removed from St. John to Fredericton.

We publish in another column a somewhat important Telegraphic Despatch of the news by the *Arabia*, which arrived at Halifax on Wednesday evening. The English papers have not as yet arrived here.

The proprietors of the *Saturday Evening Post*, an old and firmly established literary paper of the first order, published at Philadelphia, offer a rich programme of the choice and rare in literature, which they propose to present to their readers during the coming year. They have engaged a number of the most brilliant writers, among whom are Wm. Howitt, Alice Cary, T. S. Arthur, Mrs. Southwood, &c. &c.

Terms, (Cash in advance,) single copy, \$2; four copies, \$5; eight copies, \$10.

Address (postpaid) Duncan & Peterson, No. 66 South 3rd street, Philadelphia.

Arthur's Home Magazine for December is now before us, amply sustaining its reputation as a choice family periodical.

The *Freeman* has been borrowing some stale abuse from the *Journal* of Mr. Connell.

The *Reporter* with its last issue entered upon the thirteenth Volume. Firm in political integrity; watchful ever for the interests of the liberal party in this Province; promoting, by a manly and dignified discussion, the progress of New Brunswick in all that relates to politics, morality, and commerce,—Mr. Hogg, the proprietor, has at once placed his paper amongst the most useful and respected in the Province. "To him may the future be as the past, and much more abundant."

IMMIGRATION STATISTICS.—For the quarter ended September last, 10,580 individuals arrived at Liverpool; of whom 3,647 were returned emigrants, mostly Irish, who, from the altered circumstances of Ireland, have been induced to return, in most instances, to the localities to which they belonged by birth.

In Canada it is anticipated that the Parliament will be dissolved—the Cabinet not possessing a working majority.

James Boyd, Esq., M.P.P., is appointed Railway Commissioner on the part of the Government for the St. Andrews Railway.

The members of the Bar and the Grand Jury, at St. John, have presented congratulatory address to Judge Ritchie.

It is reported that a short time since shot the seducer of his Wife at Port Hope was acquitted by the Jury, notwithstanding it was most clearly proved he did shoot him.

We have much pleasure in referring the travelling public to the advertisement of Mr. Snow in this paper. His house is large and pleasantly situated, and we doubt not Mr. Snow will make those who patronise comfortable and satisfied.

What they said in Manchester, England, the other day—at a great demonstration there:

"In New Brunswick the law has been repealed. By an arbitrary exercise of prerogative—forcibly reminding one of the unhappy days of Stuart—the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick dissolved the Legislature contrary to the advice of his then ministers. This appeal to a people, excited by the first paroxysm of baffled appetite, and a dexterous complication of temperance with financial questions resulted in the triumph of the Governor's policy. His hostility to the prohibitory law, abundantly evinced by his despatches to the home government, has been gratified by its destruction; and the Province has again been placed under a system of licence. In the House of Lords, the Earl of Harrington addressed questions to the Government with reference to this matter, the answers to which fully confirmed the impression derived by your committee from information sent to them direct from the Colony.

It is, perhaps, worthy of remark, that the most unscrupulous opponents of prohibition in America dare not venture to leave the trade unshakled. The licence which was adopted in Maine, and now exists in New Brunswick, is of a character so stringent that, administered as laws are in Great Britain, the result would have been the eradication of nine-tenths of the traffic.

The *London Times* thus appears to our patriotism against the Maine Law:—

"Drinking lies at the basis of the British constitution, which, like some of our cathedrals and several capital cities of Europe, may be said to float. The elector drinks at the expense of the candidate, and the recruit at her Majesty's expense, as the preliminary of the solemn engagement that follows. It's the common talk of tent-makers that we make every occasion of life a pretence for drinking. Lord Stanley says that we spend from forty to twenty millions a year in strong drink. With these unbounded means, this untrollable appetite, and this immense capacity, we shall continue to drink, and no measure to prevent us will ever get farther than the very threshold of the legislature."