

RICHMOND
OVERSEERS OF POOR.
Correct, with the exception that the balance at the close of 1867, for which they have credited the Parish is \$100.00, should be, by the Auditor's book, \$111.20. There is, therefore, a balance in their hands due the Parish of \$200.40.
COMMISSIONERS FOR EXPENDING BYE-ROAD MONIES.
Samuel Wilson received no monies and expended none; \$40 due by the County to Parish of Richmond, to be drawn and expended the present year. High Montgomery received \$10.00, expended same, with the Hamilton Yarns for building bridge, \$11.00.
COLLECTOR—Correct.
COMMISSIONERS OF HIGHWAYS.
State Labor has all been performed with the exception of persons against whom no proceedings have been taken, and one district the labor being only partially performed on account of not having a Surveyor legally appointed.
Justice Forrester, correct. Justice Kelly—There appears, by Auditor's book, a balance against him for delinquent list of 1867 of \$18.52; he accounts for \$7.95, balance still due by him \$10.57.
JOHN KILBURN,
JOHN BRADSTREET,
AFFIDAVIT.
We the Committee appointed to examine and report on the returns of Parish Officers in the Parish of Andover for the year 1866 having attended to that duty, beg leave to submit the following report:
Collector of Rates, Alexander Campbell, satisfactory.
Jacob Whitehouse, Bye-Road Commissioner, State Labor returns satisfactory; bye-road expenditure correct, but not in duplicate as the law requires.
Edward H. Smith, Bye-Road Commissioner, not satisfactory.
Henry Lumont, Bye-Road Commissioner, State Labor returns satisfactory; bye-road expenditure correct, but not in duplicate as the law requires.
No assessment on the Parish being made or required, no monies came into the hands of the Overseers of Poor; no report from them.
WILLIAM H. HARRISON, }
JOHN SIMPSON, }
COUNCILLORS.
BRIGITTON.
The Committee to report on Parish returns for Brigiton:
John Stockford, Commissioner, satisfactory, and we find a balance due him of 30 cents; no return as Overseer of Poor.
Joseph Oser, as Commissioner, satisfactory.
Chas. H. Richardson, as Cash Commissioner, satisfactory; no return as State Labor Commissioner.
John Babar, Overseer of Poor, appears correct, but not satisfactory not having returned particulars of account—recommend stand over till July.
David Brown, Overseer of Poor, no return.
Collector T. J. C. Sewell, satisfactory and balanced.
Collector Stephen Balrae, balanced, but find error in delinquents list in hands of Justice Hayward, which correctly shows a balance due Collector Balrae of one dollar.
Your committee believe that Overseers Stockford and Brown received no monies and did no business.
SAMUEL H. SHAW,
AMOS H. HAYWARD,
NORTHAMPTON.
John A. Shea, Overseer of Poor, amounting to \$138.86, all paid, and vouchers satisfactory; all paid up, and request \$150 for the ensuing year.
Warren C. Bull, Commissioner of Highways, with all the returns and receipts all satisfactory.
Warren C. Bull, Cash Commissioner, with all the receipts and vouchers satisfactory.
Warren C. Bull, Collector of Rates, all of which is satisfactory.
The Delinquent List to J. T. Allan and Jas. H. Jacques, Esq., are nearly all collected as far as can be.
GEORGE CLOWES,
WARREN C. BULL.

Light.
A serious item, of business and domestic expense, arises from the consumption of the several articles for giving artificial light in the evenings. A new gas, patented in Canada, and introduced in some of the cities there with great success, promises a great reform in the item mentioned, and is an invention which, it would appear, is even better adapted to rural towns than large sea board cities, as in the former case the raw material is more readily obtained.
The gas is made of old stumps, wood of various kinds, bones and other animal refuse matter. The cost of erecting the works is about one-half that of the ordinary gas works, while the strange and most important point, financially, is in the fact that each town, in supplying itself with gas, would from the residuum of the wood, bones and other matter, get large supplies of such valuable materials as tar, turpentine, phosphorus, pyroligneous acid, liquid ammonia and super-phosphate of lime; and the sale of these at even half the present market rates would more than pay the whole working expenses. This seems an extravagant assertion, but it is fully warranted, if the quantities given of the several extracts are correct. Reduced to figures the statement of the profits of making this gas as compared with that from coal, is positively astounding.
It occurs to us that this invention would be well worth the consideration of some of our enterprising people in Woodstock. The gas could be manufactured here much cheaper than in Canada, while the surrounding agricultural country would always offer a ready market for the residuum mentioned above.
The Rills Association proposes for the encouragement of local competitors in the different Counties, whose inhabitants would find it difficult to attend the general competition, the following scheme:
1. For the purposes of this Bye Law the Province shall be considered as consisting of several districts.
The first to comprise the Counties of Restigouche, Northumberland, Gloucester and Albert.
The second those of Westmorland and Albert.
The third the County of King's.
The fourth the County of St. John.
The fifth the County of Charlotte.
The sixth the Counties of York, Sunbury and Queens.
The seventh those of Carleton and Victoria.
2. The Association will annually give a Silver Medal to each of these districts, to be competed for solely by the members of the Association and under its rules; but under the immediate control of those members of the Council resident in such district respectively.
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Now a sketch in the last "Intelligencer" we learn that the late Rev. S. Hart at the time of his death was nearly 65 years old; that he had been engaged in the work of the Ministry 38 years; that he was the first to organize, in this Province, the Free Christian Baptist church; that in 1823—which was his golden age—he had increased in power until, as stated by the "Intelligencer," it excels an influence, socially, politically, and religiously, quite equal to some of our first great age.

Heard that he has left seven sons and three daughters. He never assumed the pastoral care of a local church, but was constantly on the move, travelling about and fostering the Church in various parts of the Province.
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Education.
The Chief Superintendent of Schools, we observe by our contemporaries has recently instituted "Competitive Examinations," embracing the schools in the several Counties. This is another important step towards inducing a greater interest in the minds of the people on the important subject, education. The people of this Province have, theoretically, a very high appreciation of the importance of educating the young. They give very largely from the revenues for its encouragement, and support at considerable expense a Board that labors wisely and well in the matter and that would do better and more wisely were our legislative enactments up to the requirements of the times and, we speak for Carleton County, up to the wishes of the people. It is not enough that parents and guardians say education is a good thing, and children should have opportunities of going to school; they should go farther and say that the law should provide, imperatively, for the education of the young, and exercise a wholesome restraint upon those parents and children who, blinded by avarice or forgetful of their duty under the influence of carelessness, fail to take advantage of the opportunities provided.
Our County Council has several times agitated the matter, but with no very striking results. While our legislators and people are comparatively inert on the subject, other states and provinces are setting us a worthy example in the establishment and enforcement of wise and progressive measures, which are found to work well. Why can we not follow the example? Why not New Brunswick assume entirely the control of the education of her children? Over and over again it has been repeated, until everybody recognizes it as a truth, "The children of a state belong to that state." The Government and Legislature of this Province cannot rid themselves of the responsibility that rests upon them for neglecting to assume a proper position in this matter, and for every child that grows up and matures in ignorance. At the present time, when we are about to assume a more important position commercially and politically, there is renewed claims upon every man, whatever his position, to give his attention to a consideration of how our children shall be so educated as to prepare them for a proper, intimate and intelligent participation in the future of our Province. We are not sure that fathers and clergymen do their duty altogether in this matter. The latter from their position might do very much to provoke a stronger and healthier public sentiment did they often, if not from their pulpits, from their lecture stands press the matter home. This is no mere political subject and, therefore, it could not suit in any wise their sacred profession. School teachers, who are supposed to be men of intelligence and moral worth, should exercise a very large amount of influence in their several localities, and while educating the children in the rudiments, should earnestly seek to educate the parents with regard to their duty and their responsibilities. The County of Carleton has already expressed a willingness to adopt the assessment principle on the same terms as are accorded to Districts. This is well, but it is desirable that some uniform system should be adopted throughout the Province. If there are Counties not yet ready for the assessment principle and a larger bonus than now offered to districts would encourage them and tend to make them favorably acquainted with the principle, we think the per centage might be increased with advantage, as a stepping stone to the imperative system, although we do not think a good argument against a general direct taxation for the support of schools can be urged. Perhaps it may be better to propitiate the public mind by a further extension of the permissive principle. Meanwhile we urge upon those who usually move in this important matter, the propriety of obtaining signatures to, and forwarding, petitions to the Government and Legislature asking either for a general permissive bill to apply to the whole Province, or an imperative enactment.

Rev. B. F. Rattray, who is on a visit to his former field of labor in this vicinity, has been endeavoring to awaken a new interest in the cause of temperance. He had a very interesting and pleasant meeting at Upper Woodstock on Friday evening of last week, and on Thursday evening he addressed an assembly in Connolly Hall in this town. The storm which prevailed on the latter evening occasioned a sparse attendance.
The extreme cold which we mentioned last week was followed by a thaw and some rain, which very much improved the travelling. It would appear that these up river districts were more highly favored than other parts of the Province, as the fall of snow was not near so heavy. In the woods there is none too much snow for lumbering operations in this vicinity, and so we are informed it is on the upper St. John and tributaries.
At a Banquet given to the Colonial Delegates in London, at which there was present an illustrious list of guests, Lord Carnarvon expressed himself decidedly and warmly in favor of Confederation. Hon. Charles Fisher replied to one of the toasts, on behalf of New Brunswick, and his speech which is reported in full in the London papers, is an able as it appears to be presented.
A large number of business men of Fredericton and St. John are about leaving for England, intending to visit the Paris Exhibition before they return. Among them we notice the names of John Thomas, Esq., of the "Albion House," Martin Lemont, Mr. J. G. McNally, Esq., of our industrial productions are not represented at Paris—as they should be—our *method* will be represented.
It has recently been decided in England that when a man is divorced from a rich wife, on the ground of her infidelity, a part of her fortune may be given to the injured husband and the issue of the marriage. Only the converse rule had before obtained.
It is proposed that \$200,000,000 of people should each destroy a five dollar bill apiece, per day, and thus dissolve the national debt of the United States.
A gentleman on a Scotch river spent 194 hours endeavoring to land a salmon which he had hooked—the line finally broke and the fish was lost.
A gentleman of note, belonging to the United States offers to wager \$2500 that Booth, the reported assassin, is alive.

Grazing the hinds of horses is practised in northern Europe in winter to prevent halting. It is worth a trial.
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We learn from Fredericton that the Soldier tried to attempt to shoot a Corporal, will get penal servitude for life, and a sentence of death having been pronounced to this punishment.
The Marquis of Westminster, the richest man in the world, whose annual income amounts to nearly a million sterling, intends to devote several years income to the rebuilding of a great part of London, which stands upon his property.
A western chap has written to the Imperial Commissioner of the Exposition to ascertain if they have room for a Mississippi steam boat, with water to float it in.
Genuine Japanese girls will serve coffee at the Paris Exhibition in a genuine Japanese cafe.
A wheelwright in Aulney, France, recently hanged himself because his wife refused him a cup of coffee on his coming home fatigued from work. She cut him down, however, in time to save his life.
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The toiles of Madame Ristori embrace collections of merchandise and jewelry to the value of \$85,000.
The Naples Rothschild has returned from business with a fortune of \$40,000,000 francs.
The miners belonging to a "union" recently fired one of the coal pits at the Pincon colliery in England. A tremendous conflagration took place, consuming a great mass of coal and destroying the partition walls of the mine. When the fire was at its height, the explosion was so intense that hard flinty rocks were made red hot by the heat of the fire, and the explosion was so violent that the proprietors of the pit were obliged to leave the place.
A step has just been taken in Natal in connection with the Colenso question, the issue of which will be watched with much interest. Those of the clergy and laity of the diocese who refused to recognize Dr. Colenso as their Bishop, have met together in solemn convention, and with the concurrence of Dr. Gray, the metropolitan Bishop of Cape Town, have elected Dr. William Bishop of Natal as their Bishop. Dr. Butler accepting the distinction thus offered to him, an English Bishop will consecrate him, rather questionable. Dr. Colenso has not been deposed by the authority which appointed him, and to introduce into the diocese another Bishop looks very much like rebellion and schism, so at least would some ecclesiastical lawyers argue. However, the whole case is one of many sad examples of the extreme folly of disciplinary power of the Church of England. I happen to know something of the nominee of the remonstrant clergy and laity of Natal, having become acquainted with him. He is a native of Natal, and at the time of his appointment was a vicar of Wantage, in Berkshire. He is a "priest" of the High Church School, and to considerable force of character unites differing energy and persistence. Considering all things, sent from the Church of England to a man who has left no means untried to banish Methodism from Wantage, and our people in that town, famous as the birthplace of Alfred the Great, have had to contend against an opposition from the Vicar, his curates, and his "St. of Mercy," about as resolute and unswerving as may be imagined.—*Cor. Post, Wesleyan.*
From the report of the Grand Juror, S. T. T. we learn the following important particulars:
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TELEGRAPHIC.—The jurisdiction of R. T. CLYDE, Esq., which has been heretofore confined to the line within this Province, has just been extended. Mr. Clyde is now the Superintendent of the Line from St. John to Bangor. This increased jurisdiction, of course, carries with it increased duties and responsibilities, and must be taken as a proof of the confidence and esteem in which Mr. Clyde is held by the managers of the Companies whose interest he represents.

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