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EDITORIAL NOTES. The Paris Exposition is to be opened on the 1st of May.

Mr. Donville, M. P. arrived home yesterday.

The Government offer a reward of \$400 for the recovery of the body of Timothy McCarthy, of Moncton.

The St. Croix Courier says that it is rumored the Hon. Mr. Gilmour is to receive a Senatorship.

The death of Mr. Wm. Martin, Jr., was a painful surprise to his many friends in this city. We tender our heart-felt sympathy to the family of the deceased in their sudden and terrible affliction.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Arthur J. Trueman, Superintendent of Schools in the Town of Portland, has received the degree of "A. M." from the University of Halifax, after a very successful examination.

The death is announced in England of Z. Ring, Esq., a wealthy St. John merchant. It is, we understand, the intention of the family to bring the body here for interment.

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Peter's T. A. B. Society will take place in St. Peter's Hall, Portland, tomorrow evening. It is expected that Mr. W. C. Brawley, a former Vice President of the N. B. Union, and other prominent temperance men, will address the meeting.

R. F. Quigley, Esq., L. L. B., B. C. L. leaves for Woodstock this morning, where he will, we understand, deliver his great lecture on "Pius IX. a Representative Man." We need hardly urge on our Woodstock friends to attend the lecture in large numbers as they must be already very fully impressed with the accounts of Mr. Quigley's ability that have reached them.

We are glad to state that a M. Comeau, an Acadian and a graduate of St. Michael's College, Chatham, is to be a candidate for the Local Legislature in the County of Gloucester. It is not said what Mr. Comeau's political principles are, but from the manner in which the announcement has been made, we would be inclined to believe that he favors the present Local Government. We shall be glad if we are mistaken in this matter, and shall feel obliged to any of our readers in Gloucester who may be in a position to set us right. No candidate in Dominion or Local politics should allow himself to be placed in a false position.

We are glad to see that Councillor Allen has joined the reformers at the Council Board. Although Mr. Allen was ruled out of order in his quarrel with the Chief of Police, we feel that his action will be a benefit to the community. It is to be hoped that the agitation which began for the removal of the aged chief, but which was not carried out, is now being carried out by Mr. Allen and other active members of the Board who have only to be encouraged if they have in view the welfare of the city. No one can doubt the necessity there is for the appointment of a younger and more active man to the position of Chief of Police in a city of such importance as St. John.

We see that the St. John Home and Aid Society has been able to reach its purpose. It is reported that the aid to be given to the poor is to be made to be entirely done away with, as it is found to be expensive and the officers occupied by the society is also to be decreased. Better late than never, but we may be permitted to regret that the policy of economy was not sooner introduced. What is reported by the above might just as well have been done some time ago as at this time, nearly a year after the fire. We are glad, however, that the new influence infused into the society by

recent events is making itself felt in the right direction. This will be the means of increasing the confidence of the public in the society.

One of the best jokes of the season was the leading article in the Editorial columns of the Telegraph, on Tuesday morning last. According to our contemporary, such a thing as an "independent" candidate or an "independent" politician in this Canada of ours is an anomaly that cannot exist. We must admit that much of the amusement that this extraordinary statement would create is lost when we remember the source from whence it comes. Having long ago dropped the word out of its dictionary, our contemporary has evidently forgotten its meaning.

Mr. Thomas O'Reilly, of Carleton, will lecture under the auspices of the St. Joseph's Society (Senior), in St. Malachi's Hall, to-morrow evening. Mr. O'Reilly's acknowledged ability as an orator, will, we feel convinced, be sure to attract a crowded house. The St. Joseph's Society, which endeavors to create a literary taste and a desire for improvement in its members, deserves the largest possible measure of encouragement. We are glad to hear that the society has secured the services of Mr. O'Reilly for to-morrow evening, when, we hope, he will be greeted by such an audience as his talents in the lecture line should cause to assemble.

The Ottawa Citizen reports Mr. Donville's remarks at some length—namely the drunk-or-sober question in the House of Commons. Mr. Donville said as his personal reputation was at stake he must explain. He read a scurrilous attack in the London Advertiser. He contended that such a journal should not be admitted to the library and that the writer should be expelled from the galleries of the House. So far as Sir John A. Macdonald was concerned, he could deny the charge made against him. He did not care for the attack of the papers, as his moral character and position was sufficient to enable him to deride them. It would be well to know who was the author of this attack on Mr. Donville. Was a certain New Brunswick, now at Ottawa, the author?

Will any member of the Corporation who voted for Mr. Cassidy's appointment to the office of inspector of City buildings, whatever that means, inform us or the public what are the duties that this gentleman will be called upon to perform, and for which he is to receive the modest sum of \$4,000 per annum? If this appointment means that Mr. Cassidy will be the caretaker of these buildings when completed, we think it rather an ignominious station for one of our respected city fathers to descend to, and if it means that this gentleman will receive this salary for superintending the construction of these erections, we are again puzzled. We were under the impression that the city was already paying architects to look after the erection of these buildings, but perhaps we were mistaken. However, we will wait patiently for the explanation we have asked, and which, no doubt, the gentleman referred to will be ready and willing to accord.

The schools in St. Peter's Hall, Portland, taught by the Misses South and Maury and Messrs. Smith and Baragois were examined yesterday. Rev. Father Murray, Councillor Maher, A. J. Trueman, Esq., A. M., assisting the teachers during the examinations. The visitors expressed themselves well pleased with the progress made in the different classes during the term. The numbers on the register are quite large and the attendance very good. In Mr. Smith's room, 54 boys were registered. Mr. Baragois had 59 on his register. Miss Smith, 85, and Miss Maury, 83, nearly three hundred in all. In the Sisters of Charity, considerably more than three hundred girls are registered. The attendance at these schools is, we are glad to hear, quite satisfactory, and the whole number registered is above the usual general average according to the population represented. It is the intention of the Trustees to furnish very commodious and elegant desks at an early date. On the whole the examinations of yesterday proved quite satisfactory and interesting to those present.

We hope the wishes of the townsmen of the city will not be entirely lost sight of by those whose duty it is to look after the matter to which they call the attention of the Common Council. His Worship the Mayor very properly said that he could not be expected to run after the teams working in the city to see if they were duly paid to work within the city limits. This was the duty of the Chief of Police. That can be said to have been neglected in this instance. It is not surprising that the day after yesterday, the Chief of Police, in his usual capacity, called to pay the arrears of the day's work while the Chief of Police was in the country. It is to be hoped that the Chief of Police will be able to work within the city limits, and that the arrears will be paid to the men who have been working in the city.

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The indifference manifested by our citizens to all that pertains to a proper and economical administration of our Civic Government is every day bearing its legitimate fruit. Continual success in various practices entailed upon men to undertake transactions that success in others of a similar character could allow warrant. The appointment of an ex-member of the Corporation and the son of a present member of that august body as collectors of the harbor revenues, is the latest and one of the most flagrant outrages perpetrated on our unfeeling and true citizens. To understand the true character of this proceeding it should be known that, in order to provide positions for the "reformers," the Corporation collected the harbor fees since the fire, and for which services they received as salary five per cent of all monies collected by them, were displaced, and the present incumbents appointed, to whom it is to be given ten per cent, or just double the amount allowed to the former gentlemen. Messrs. Littlejohn, Reidland Lawlor whose acquaintance with the duties of the position, was of the utmost value to the City, and who were very willing to continue collecting the fees at the former remuneration, were coolly put aside in order to make room for men who can know nothing about the requirements of the position, and whose appointment must necessarily result in absolute loss of revenue to the City. The prospects of the City losing money through the incompetence of these played-out petty politicians is bad enough, but in addition to this to have to pay double the proper sum for the services of these incapables is simply intolerable. A gentleman who thoroughly understands our harbor, its revenues, etc., says that if this year is as good as former ones, the amount of harbor dues to be collected should exceed \$200,000 and perhaps amount to \$300,000. From this statement our citizens can see for themselves how much it costs them to support the defunct members of our rotten Corporation.

Our townsmen, the Hon. Senator Dever, in moving for "A Return of all Duties of Excise for this Dominion for the months of July, August, September, October, November, December, 1877, and the months of January, February and March, 1878, as well as the months of April, May and June of 1877, took occasion to demonstrate the fallacy of a statement made by Mr. Cartwright in his budget speech in the House of Commons recently. The Finance Minister, on the occasion referred to, took a very hopeful view of the situation; asserted that at last the tide was turning and in proof of this statement quoted figures showing an increase in the receipts of nearly \$1,000,000 for the seven months ending Feb. 10th, 1878, as compared with the corresponding seven months of last year. Although Mr. Cartwright admitted that this increase was to some extent due to the amount of duties received from St. John, consequent on the importation of new goods to replace those lost in the fire, he still maintained that the revenues from all parts of the Dominion showed a decided improvement and indicated growing prosperity. Mr. Dever, doubting the correctness of the figures submitted to the House by Mr. Cartwright, went to the different departments and obtained the official returns. A careful examination of these returns showed that instead of an increase of \$1,000,000, as stated by the Finance Minister, the net increase for the 9 months ending Feb. 10th, 1878, after deducting the amount of duties paid in St. John, was only \$345,960, and that even this seemingly favorable balance was obtained from the Post-Office, Public Works, and other minor sources, and consequently could not be taken as an indication of the revival of trade. Mr. Dever also stated that the increased duties received from Montreal, Halifax, and other places in the Dominion, was owing to the purchase of duty paid goods in these cities by the merchants in St. John immediately after the great fire, and not, as Mr. Cartwright would wish the people of the Dominion to believe, because business in these places was reviving. He also called attention to the very strange coincidence that the first year of the present administration was that in which the first deficit in the revenue occurred; that this deficit has been an annual occurrence ever since, and this too in the face of the fact that immediately on its accession to power the McKenzie Government proposed additional duties on several articles that Mr. Dever, ourselves, and among which were tea, coffee, tobacco, and several others that are the only commodities that are not produced in the Dominion, and the principal supporters of the Government in the Senate, admitted the correctness of the figures submitted by Mr. Dever in proof of his statement, and it appears to us that the latter gentleman has succeeded in making a rather telling point on the Finance Minister but against the whole administrative policy of the McKenzie party.

It is to be regretted that, owing to a want of union amongst the prominent merchants, business men, and others most deeply interested, the placing of St. John harbor in Commission has for a time, at least, been rendered impossible. All must feel that by the action of the Board of Trade, a body now so heartily working in the interest of the Dominion Government, the matter has been allowed to drop out of public attention. We hope it is not true, as certain Opposition journals in the Upper Provinces charge, that Mr. McKenzie and his party are to be blamed for the unsuccessful result arrived at. These journals claim that the members of the St. John Harbor on a par with other acts of the present administration. The question of placing the harbor in Commission had, they say, been discussed in St. John for years, and the press and Board of Trade have kept the matter before the public interest of the Dominion Government, the matter has been allowed to drop out of public attention. 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