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LOWER CANADA INVESTMENT AND AGENCY.

Hon Mr. CAMPBELL moved the adoption of the Report of the Committee on this Bill, and said it had been amended in most of the particulars suggested by the hon. member for De Lorimier, and as he believed, in every essential particular. The rate of interest which the Company was allowed to take was fixed at 8 per cent, and when it was considered that banks were understood to cost 2 per cent, for management, it was not unreasonable to allow of 1 per cent, in this case. If the Company paid 4 or 5 in London for the money they borrowed, and their expenses were one 1 per cent. more the residue would be but two to three, which certainly could not be considered exhorbitant profit. As to the objection against paying interest in advance, the argument had been regarded as of some weight, since the interest of two or three years taken in this way would considerably diminish the sum to be borrowed, and hence the Company had been limited to taking six months interest in advance. Then as to the issue of depreciated coin or uncurrent money of any kind, while it was impossible to make a law more stringent than that which already existed, the Company were precluded from doing so by the clause which prevented them directly or indirectly to receive more than 8 per cent. With reference to the clause empowering them to do various kinds of business, it had been amended by striking out the part which gave them authority to insure the lives or property of the borrowers. It had been felt that this power might be abused, since the company, if allowed to do this kind of business, would naturally wish the preference given to themselves might be unduly to press the duty of insurance with undue weight upon borrowers. They had been permitted to retain the power to act as agents for parties having money to lend, as well as the power to lend their own capital, as the two things were quite congruous; and lastly, the suggestion of the hon member for Saugeen had been carried out, by providing that the Company might borrow to the extent of their unpaid capital and to three-fourths only of the extent of the securities they might hold. This would allow a margin for any which might turn out insufficient. The rest of the Bill consisted of details about the management which did not touch the principles upon which the institution was based. He hoped the hon member for the Laurentides would now be able to give the measure his assent.

Hon. De LA TERRIERE repeated the objections he had formerly propounded, and predicted that if the measure went into operation a great many properties would come under the sheriff's hammer.

Hon. Mr. BUREAU begged to inquire whether there was a general law compelling corporations of this nature to make periodical returns to the Legislature. He did not want such frequent statements as the Banks were obliged to make, but thought that at least once a year such institutions as that now in question should report to Parliament.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL accepted the suggestion, and would embody it in the Bill, by way of amendment, when it came up for a third reading to-morrow.

The report was then adopted, and the House adjourned.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Wednesday, Sept. 16.

VOLUNTEER AND MILITIA BILLS.

Hon J S MACDONALD moved that the House go into Committee on the Bills relating to the Volunteer and Militia service.

Mr SCREET said that when they considered that the western frontier, for more than 30 miles extending from Fort Erie, opposite Buffalo to the heights of Queenstown, was destitute of fortifications and means of defence, except that comprised in the strong arms of our gallant militia, the importance of providing abundant and effective means of defence would be evident at a glance. When they looked at the vast population and resources of the neighboring country, its warlike means and immense army, and compare it with the sparse population and almost defenceless condition of this country, it could not but be expected the people should experience concern at their future prospects in the event of a war. This country would, certainly in such event, be the battlefield of the two countries, and were the entire burden of defence to be thrown upon us, we might justly despair of our ability to resist the force brought against us. But such would not be the case, as the army and navy of England would be largely available for the defence of our soil and liberties. He understood the Hon. Premier proposed to rely primarily for the defence of the Province on the volunteer force.

Hon J S MACDONALD—It is not primarily.

Mr STREET understood him to have said so; and, this in face of his own statement that the volunteer force was a failure, wanting in drill and subordination. [Hear, hear.] Now, it appeared, he was not going to depend primarily on the volunteer force.

Hon J S MACDONALD—I depend upon all.

Mr STREET thought the force would never be efficient, unless some other mode of compensation could be devised—the men must be paid for their services. The rich man must make up his mind to pay for the service of the poor, as militiamen, to allow some reasonable compensation, to those enrolling for the defence of their lives and property. The proposed scheme of the hon. Premier was a vicious one and his plan to add 50,000 men to a useless force could not make it more useful, but would render the force as useless as ever, and more expensive. The measure was not calculated to place the defence of the country on a proper footing. As regards the six days' drill, he believed it would be insufficient to enable the men to acquire that knowledge of drill fitting them to perform movements in the field. He condemned the clause respecting the appointment of officers, as most vicious and mischievous, believing that the exclusion from the force of officers who had not passed through the school of instruction was a most foolish policy. Far better let would be to secure the services of all willing to take part in the defence of the country, and reject no firm heart or willing hand. The expenditure of the sum of two million dollars a year would be a small consideration as compared with putting the country in a thorough state of defence, and maintaining that connection with the mother country we all so highly valued. If we could bear a little more taxation, as the hon. Finance Minister had declared, why not impose that taxation for the creating and maintenance of a proper military force? If there were any case in which a miserable economy was approhensible, it was surely in dealing with the proper defence of the country. His honorable friend the Premier had thrown all his promises, as regards political measures, to the winds; but he wanted to appear consistent in this matter, and show that he was sincere in dealing with the Militia Bill. He, Mr. Street, the hon. gentleman would display the same consistency in regard to this measure as he had respecting others, believing it would be of the greatest interest of the country, as the present bill could not be dropped too soon. We were to have no force till the assessors had made their returns and selected the men, to compose the force, which could not be before six or eight months, till which time the Province, with its extensive exposed frontier, would be left defenceless. How was the rural force to be mustered, in case of immediate necessity, under this bill? It could not be organized in accordance with this measure till the expiration of the time mentioned before which the country might urgently need the services of her children. This bill, then, was not the one required in the present exigency, and to meet the wants and wishes of this country. We could not expect to receive the sympathy and assistance of England if we did not satisfy her by the exertions put forth by ourselves in our own behalf. This bill did not meet the requirements of the case, and he hoped it would be withdrawn and substituted by one satisfactory to the country and calculated to make ample provision for the country.—(Cheers.)

Mr. NOTMAN deprecated the making of long and windy discourses on this important subject, inasmuch as speeches of this kind had often more sound than sense. The bill now before the house, although not altogether perfect, was in his mind vastly superior to the mammoth bill which the Cartier-Macdonald Ministry had introduced. The latter had been concocted by a valiant officer of Her Majesty's service, who forgot that the people for whom he undertook to prepare a law were different altogether from those for whom he was in the habit of making rules. The fact of the matter was, the officer had the habits or peculiarities of the Canadians were never consulted, and that the gallant Colonel who appeared to be a great martinet thought he was perfectly competent to propound a system which could not be improved. The bill in question was monstrous. Look, for instance, at the proposal to erect some sixty armories at an enormous cost. This and other clauses in that measure were altogether unsuited to the country—they were not required by us, nor were we ever likely to want them. As he said before—the bill now before the House was vastly superior to the production of Lemieux and the Cartier-Macdonald Government. There were doubtless some imperfections; but they could be remedied in Committee, and rendered most effective. He contended that our present organized force was in good condition, and complimented the Minister of Militia on the manner in which the forces had been clothed and equipped. The clothing was really superior to that of any army in the world. (Hear, hear.) Colonel Powell, who had been sneered at and abused by the hon. gentlemen opposite, as well as Mr Berry, of the Militia Department, were most efficient officers, and had performed their duty in a manner which deserved the highest commendation. In reference to that clause of the bill which proposed the establishment of schools of instruction, he feared that the proposed time and system of training would interfere with the business avocations of those who would otherwise desire to qualify themselves as officers. He Mr. Notman, thought too that the discipline of the force would be much improved by providing that brigades or battalions should occasionally be mustered together, and drill together, so as not only to familiarize them with the movements of large bodies of men; but also to train them in a knowledge of those camp duties they would be called upon to perform. [Hear, hear.] The hon. gentleman then referred to the attacks which had been made upon an hon. gentleman who had until lately occupied a seat in this House, the Hon. Lewis T. Drummond, for his statement that the "best armament for Canada was no armament at all." Now, hon. gentlemen who had assailed Mr Drummond because he had uttered words of that import, neglected altogether to take into account the explanation which followed, in the same debate, and which proved that Mr. Drummond was strongly in favour of a thoroughly effective measure of defence; but that he objected to that offensive vaunting in which some hon. gentlemen and their partisans indulged, and which was calculated to embroil us with the United States and bring about an invasion, which, under any other circumstances, was extremely improbable. The hon. gentleman, in conclusion, expressed his belief that there was no real danger of any organized attack upon our frontier, and that if any predatory bands attempted to overrun our soil, they would meet with the fate which such invaders had met before. (Hear, hear and cheers.) The American people were not so blind to their own interests as to do anything which would involve them in a war with England, because they well knew that, in case of war, the war vessels of the British Empire would soon destroy their merchant navy, and drive their commerce from the seas. (Cheers.)

Mr. BUCHANAN would like to ask the hon. gentleman whether he would be in favour of paying the volunteer brigades whom he proposed to call together for ten or twelve consecutive days, for the time spent in drilling.

Mr. NOTMAN was understood to reply in the affirmative.

Mr. BUCHANAN had another question to ask. Before doing so, however, he would not allow this opportunity to pass without bearing testimony to the hon. gentleman's activity, intelligence, and gallant bearing as a volunteer officer; and stating that there was no hon. gentleman whom he would prefer to see at the head of a volunteer force. The hon. gentleman commanded a field battery; and he wished to ask him what number of men were on the roll of his battery.

Mr. NOTMAN—Fifty.

Mr. BUCHANAN—Then, it was said that it was haraly more than ten or a dozen men could be got together at a muster. He would like to hear from the hon. gentleman on that point. (A pause.) Well, he (Mr. Buchanan) would offer a few remarks on the bill; and he would say that it seemed strange to him that the hon. gentleman should have praised the bill, and yet objected to the principal clauses of it. He had also objected to the bill, but why could not the bill of the Cartier-Macdonald Government have been amended. (Hear, hear.) The present bill was wrong altogether, however, as it established a kind of military Government putting the whole disposal of the militia force in the hands of the Governor General and his Ministers. Hon. gentlemen talked of our credit and loyalty being impugned; there was no doubt they had been impugned. But we knew we were loyal and could afford to let people impugn our loyalty as much as they liked. (Laughter.) He thought the expense of an effective militia need not be great. We could give 60,000 volunteers fifty cents a day for ten days' drill each year, which would only amount to $360,000. This amount of drill would render the force tolerably efficient. People talked of using the militia, treating them very much as if they were third parties, the fact being that all the men in the country were in the militia. If we made a thorough preparation for defence, there would be no war; in fact, whatever the result, our duty was preparation, and we had no other course. He believed the clause as to the appointment of officers a great blunder, and must have been inserted through mistake. Would it be wise to disband officers who had a thorough knowledge of drill and discipline; who served, perhaps, for years, simply because they were unable to pass a military examination. It was our duty to look to the security of the lives and property of the people, and to give a portion of our means for the protection of the whole, in the spirit of a national insurance (Hear, hear) We might raise $500000 for militia purposes, by levying a tax of forty cents upon every party owning property to the extent of five hundred dollars; another half dollar to be collected from parties in possession of double that amount of property, which would make an aggregate of one million dollars for the militia. This scheme or something similar was perfectly feasible. The militia should be turned out for drill 10 days each year, and supposing 240000 men were embodied, no doubt, small as was the proposed remuneration, 60,000 men would be annually available voluntarily for the course of drill suggested, which would give the country a large tolerably efficient force of militia. Members spoke of volunteers being ordered to the lines; now in case of danger it was the militia who would first be expected to go to meet the foe. At any rate, he hoped the Ministry would so improve the bill at to enable the Province to secure a large and effective militia force, even though the country should pay for their organization and services.

Mr. POPE referred to the Militia Bill on which the Cartier-Macdonald Government had fallen. The question then before the House should consider a Militia Bill or not—and believing as he did, that the defence of the country should be considered by the House, he had voted for the second reading of that Bill. With regard to the bill now under discussion, he would say in entering on its discussion, that he believed it was the duty of honorable gentlemen as Canadians to look to their own interests. He did not believe that the country should be dictated to. At the same time he would not allow it to be said that he was disloyal, for such a charge was well known. He had always opposed annexation to the United States. He wished that Canadians should consult their own interests. Well and good, if the interests of the country met the views of the English people. But the first thing Canadians should consult their own interests. He would not submit to dictation. He would not help remarking that the Government stated that they expected to make the bill under discussion a better bill. This was an improvement on their conduct, when they voted down a Militia Bill some time ago, without endeavoring to make it a better bill. He (Mr Pope) thought that it was the duty of the House then, to have considered the Militia Bill, and to have made it better. But honorable gentlemen opposite thought to the contrary. He believed that the manner in which that Militia Bill was thrown out hurt the credit of the country, and when the credit of the country was depreciated, the business of the country was materially injured. He thought it rather remarkable that the Government proposed to do everything to the militia but pay them. The Government were, it seems, determined to call out the militia, but not pay them a dollar. (Hear, hear.) He should also intimate into the House that he would prefer the militia bill a provision which would prevent the militia men from leaving the force at any time that they pleased.

Hon. J. S. MACDONALD—You could not get men on such conditions.

Mr POPE—You could get as many men as you pleased by paying them. [Hear, hear.] He did not believe there was any immediate danger to be apprehended from the United States; but he was convinced that the people of Canada, East and West, were heartily loyal to the mother country, and determined to stand by British connection. They had done so before, when the disproportion of population between this and the adjoining country was even greater than it is now; and they would do so again. (Cheers.) He concluded his remarks on the defence question by expressing his conviction that the country was in a position of safety, and both willing and able to rebel any attack.

Mr. CONGER thought that the rejection of the first militia measure did much to injure our reputation at home and create a prejudice against us; nevertheless he would let by-gones be bygones, convinced of the desirability of offering every assistance to the Government, no matter by whom administered, in the framing of a good militia scheme. He could not see the necessity of separating the militia and volunteer forces. He did not see why the volunteers should not be placed on the same footing as the militia, and have the same duties and privileges. If the Government wished to make the militia an effective force, it would be necessary to fix a longer period for drill than enacted in this bill. It would be impossible to maintain the militia force without pay, and it would be unreasonable in the extreme to expect the militiaman to risk his life, and expend time and labor in drilling for the benefit of the country, without fair remuneration. He believed the proper plan to adopt in raising a good militia force would be to muster a certain number of men this year, and an equal number next year, and the following, giving the men 50c a day while on drill or duty. The cost of drilling 50,000 men for four months, would cost, not including clothing, three million dollars. Twenty thousand men could be raised the first year, to drill whom four months would cost at 50c per man, $1,200,000, an equal force could be raised and drilled next year at the same rate, and so until the whole number was embodied and subjected to four months drill. The sum required under this plan might be considered large, but it would not be felt heavily when spread over three years, as proposed. If it was desired to put the country in a proper state of defence by the creation of a well-trained soldiery, some scheme of this kind would have to be adopted. The expense of clothing 50,000 men would be $700,000 more. He was not inclined, however, being of the same mind in this respect as Mr. Buchanan, to place as much value on the clothing as on the efficient training of the militia. With regard to a military school for the training of officers, he hoped there would be no sectional schools established, but one general institution, for officers of both sections. He offered these suggestions in the hope of seeing the bill amended to meet the requirements and wishes of the people, desiring the passage of a measure which would be at once satisfactory, and creditable to the country at large. Cheers.

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On the other hand, the men might perhaps know the name of their Colonel or Major, but they knew nothing of their Captains, Lieutenants or Ensigns. In the District of Montreal there were not two Colonels commanding battalions of the Sedentary Militia who could march their battalion once round the village church in proper military order. (Laughter.) Our defences throughout were in a deplorable condition. Look at the Chambly canal near Montreal, with the Beauharnois Canal on the south side of the St. Lawrence, instead of the other side, where it could have been more easily defended. He (Mr. Harwood) did not, of course, pretend to blame the present Government about this weak point, inasmuch as it dated long before their existence; he only alluded to it in order to show the position of danger in which we stood and the necessity of adopting proper defensive measures. He believed with Mr. McGee, that there was a large class in the United States who were actuated by the most hostile sentiments towards the British people, and who were ready to do anything which would weaken its power and greatness. There was no denying the fact that there was a great deal of this hostile feeling. Look, for instance, at the fortifications at Rouse's Point—read the menacing articles which appeared in the leading United States journals—and this fact would be at once apparent. He regretted to say that several of our own newspapers had shown a tendency to assist in stirring up that misunderstanding which the United States press seemed so desirous of creating. He (Mr. Harwood) was no alarmist; but it should not be forgotten that we had really no assurance that war would not burst out upon our frontier at any moment. A Ministry who would give us a good militia measure—a measure which would render the defensive force of the country thoroughly available—would deserve and obtain the hearty gratitude of the country.

Mr. DENIS rose to speak upon the question, when several members on the Ministerial side of the House manifested signs of impatience, and offered some interruption.

Hon. Mr. CARTIER proceeded to condemn the conduct of the hon. gentleman opposite, in interrupting members on this side of the House, and endeavoring to choke off the discussion. The hon. Premier and his followers had not treated the Opposition with courtesy or generosity on this occasion, and members on his own side having expressed their views, had displayed unwillingness to allow the same privilege to those on the Opposition Benches. He [Mr. Cartier] would insist on the bill being fully considered, if members so desired, should the House have to sit till morning.—Cheers.

Hon. J. S. MACDONALD would advise the hon. gentleman to address himself to his own side of the House, where there were as many empty benches as on the Ministerial side, members having become tired of the discussion. He [Mr. Macdonald] was also tired of hearing a repetition of the same arguments, and had been obliged to go out a few minutes for fresh air. He was weary of the torrents of eloquence and high-flown language from hon. gentlemen opposite, and believed others were so also.

Hon. Mr. CAUCHON denounced the hon. Premier, who had left the House during his speech, for the disrespect he had shown towards members of the opposition. This was very unseemly on the part of one who was the weakest speaker of the House, and who never uttered an idea of his own—from a gentleman who was Premier by the grace of God, and not by reason of his own merits.—Laughter.

Hon. J. S. MACDONALD excitedly—When will you sit here?

Hon. Mr. CAUCHON said that for many years the hon. gentleman had set an impression before him [Mr. Cauchon], and occupying an inferior position; and his intellect was not such as to make any one despair.—Cheers and laughter.

Hon. J. S. MACDONALD—What have you done with your talents?—Cheers, countercheers and noise.

Hon. Mr. CAUCHON reiterated his complaint of disrespect on the part of the hon. Premier, claiming that the Opposition in placing their opinions before the House should receive a proper attention. But the hon. Premier stood on the edge of a precipice, and being in despair, had been endeavoring to whip in supporters. He possessed no following.

Hon. J. S. MACDONALD—Are you a man of influence? You have not a single follower.

Hon. Mr. CAUCHON—I have more influence in the country than the hon. Premier.—Cheers and uproar, lasting some seconds.

Mr. MACKENZIE rose to a point of order.

The SPEAKER decided the discussion was irregular.

Hon. Mr. CAUCHON replied that he knew it was irregular, laying the responsibility for it on the hon. gentlemen opposite.

Mr. DENIS then arose, and in a short but telling speech, completely unmasked the false position in which the Government stood in regard to the defence of the country, and the utter hollowness of their new-found patriotism, which prompted them at the present stage of the proceedings to bring in a Militia Bill, which only sixteen months ago they would have opposed to the full extent of their power, had not, however, enabled them to prepare such a Bill as would meet the requirements of the actual state of affairs. The hon. gentleman referred, in detail, to the Militia and Volunteer matters, as proved by past experience, and briefly pointed out the chief objectionable features in the Bill under discussion. In conclusion, he once more referred to the sudden spirit of patriotism with which hon. gentlemen opposite seemed to be animated; and then sat down, after a few humorous remarks on the inconsistency of their position.

A disposition to adjourn having manifested itself very strongly after Mr. Denis had concluded, an adjournment was the result, which took place at midnight.

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

Agricultural Department Prize List.

FIRST SUB-DIVISION—HORSES.

FIRST CLASS—HEAVY DRAFT HORSES.

1st Section—Stallions, 1,300 lbs and over—1st prize—David Reid, Lo Georgetown, $40; 2nd do, Robert Kilgour, Laprairie, $20; 3rd do, Agr. Soc., Beauharnois.

2nd Section—3 year old Stallions—1st prize—Chas Crawford, Petite Cote, $22; 2nd do, Samuel Johnson, Cote St. Louis, $14.

3rd Section—2 years old Stallion—1st prize—Samuel Johnson, Cote St. Louis, $14; 2nd do, N. Grenier, St. Gregoire, $10.

4th Section—Yearling Colts—1st prize—David Benning, N. Georgetown, $8, 2nd do, J B Grenier, St Louis Digonaque, $6.

5th Section—Brood Mare and Foal 1,200 lbs—1st prize—Chas Crawford, Petite Cote, $22; 2nd do, Samuel Johnson, Cote St. Louis, $14; 3rd do, Hugh McDonald, Lower Lachine, $3.

6th Section—3 years old Fillies—1st prize—Jacques Leonard, Pointe aux Trembles, $18; 2nd do, James Logan, Rockfield Farm, $11; 3rd do, Chas Crawford, Petite Cote, $6.

7th Section—Two year old Fillies—1st prize—Chas Crawford, Petite Cote, $14; 2nd do, James Logan, $9; 3rd do, James Logan, $4.

8th Section—Span of Draught Horses, over 1,300 lbs—1st prize—Chas Crawford, Petite Cote, $20; 2nd do, James Logan, Rockfield Farm, $16.

SECOND CLASS—AGRICULTURAL HORSES.

1st Section—Heavy Draught Stallions, 1,300 lbs—1st prize—Octave Truteau, Longue Pointe, $40; 2nd do, Pierre Lachance, Laprairie, $25; 3rd do, H Bousquet, Longueuil, $12.

2nd Section—Three years old Stallion—1st prize—Michael Sullivan, St. Foys, $23; 2nd do, A Kimpton, St. Therese, $14; 3rd do, George Smith, Lower Lachine, $7.

3rd Section—Two year old Stallion—1st prize—Vital Dupuis, St. Jacques de Mineur, $14; 2nd do, L Verdon, St. Laurent, $10; 3rd do, T Cunningham, South Georgetown, $4.

5th Section—Brood Mare and Foal, 1,200 lbs—1st prize—James Allan, Pointe aux Tremble, $22; 2nd do, X Lacroix, St. Scholastique, $14.

6th Section—Three year old Filly—2nd prize—X Lacroix, St. Scholastique, $11.

8th Section—Yearling Filly—2nd prize—X Lacroix, St. Scholastique, $8.

9th Section—Span of Draught Horses, over 1,300 lbs—1st prize—Hugh McDonald, Lower Lachine, $20; 3rd do, Louis Brosseau, St. Hubert, $10.

THIRD CLASS—ROAD AND CARRIAGE HORSES.

1st Section—Heavy Draught Stallion, 1,300 lbs—1st prize—John Main, Melbourne, $8; 2nd do, McLellan, Lacolle, $25; 3rd do, James McIlvenney, Dunham, $12.

2nd Section—Three year old Stallions—1st prize—J P & T A Dawes, Lachine, $22.

5th Section—Brood Mare and Foal, 1,200 lbs—1st prize—J P & T A Daws, Lachine, $22.

6th Section—3 year old filly—1st Hy Mullin, Dunham, $18; 2nd J P and T A Lawer, Lachine, $11.

7th Section—Two year old filly—1st Prize, J P and T A Dawes, Lachine, $14.

8th Section—Span of Draught Horses, over 1300 lbs—1st prize J Coote, London, $20; 2nd do J Coote, do, $15; 3rd do, G A Massue, St. Aime. $10.

10th Section—Single Carriage Horse—2nd prize, J B Andet, St Gervais, $6.

11th Section—Saddle Horse—1st prize, John Penner, River St Pierre, $8; 2nd do, O Teasel, Montreal, $6; 3rd do, John Scott, do, $4.

FOURTH CLASS—BLOOD HORSES.

1st Section—Heavy Draught Stallion, 1300 lbs.—1st prize, Hugh Brodie, Tannery (west,) $40; 2nd do, Wm Bennett, Montreal, $25; 3rd do, Simon Beaty, Markham, $12.

5th Section—Brood Mare and foal, 1200 lbs—1st prize, Wm Bennett Montreal, $22.

SECOND SUB-DIVISION—CATTLE.

FIRST CLASS—DURHAM.

1st Section—Bull 4 years old and upwards—1st prize, A Kimpton, St Therese, $36; 2nd do, D Westover, Dunham, $24; 3rd do, A Barbeau, St Constant, $16.

2nd Section—Three years old Bull—1st prize, A O Kellam, Compton, $32.

3rd Section—Two years old Bull—1st prize, E Longley, Waterloo, $24; 2nd do, Jas Hughes, Cote St. Louis, $16.

4th Section—One year old Bull—1st prize, A St. Marie, Laprairie, $20; 2nd do, W Crawford, Quebec, $12; 3rd do, J Snell, Edmonston, $8.

5th Section—Bull Calf, under one year—1st prize, John Snell, Edmonston, $16; 2nd do, G Millar, Markham, $10; 3rd do, S Baker & Son, St Constant, $16.

6th Section—Cow 4 years old and upward—1st prize, S Baker & Son, Dunham, $20; 2nd do, F E Wadleigh, Hatley, $12; 3rd do; G Miller, Markham, $8; 4th do, A O Kellam, Compton, $4.

7th Section—Three years old Cow—1st prize, James Snowdon, Cote St Luc, $16; 2nd do, Jas Shields, Riviere St Pierre, $10; 3rd do, A Kimpton, St Therese, $6; 4th do, James Greenshields, Riviere St Pierre, $4.

8th Section—Two years old Heifer—1st prize, R Kimpton, Roxton, $12; 2nd do, P Fallon, Lower Lachine, $8.

9th Section—One year old Heifer—1st prize, R Kimpton, Roxton, $10.

10th Section—Heifer Calf under one year—1st prize, R Kimpton, Roxton, $6.

THIRD CLASS—DEVONS.

1st Section—Bull, 4 years old and upwards—1st prize, Chas. Courtis, Darlington, $36; 2nd do, do do, $24; 3rd do, Allan Lothrop, Dudswell, $10; 4th do, P Fallon, Lachine, $8.

2nd Section—Three years old Bull—1st prize—Chas Rogers, Cote St. Louis, $24.

3rd Section—Two years old Bull—1st prize—E Longley, Waterloo, $24

4th Section—One year Bull—1st prize—Chas Courtiss, Darlington, $20.

5th Section—Bull Calf under 1 year—1st prize—E Longley, Waterloo, $16; 2nd do, C Curtis, Darlington, $10; 3rd do, do do, do, $6

6th Section—Cow, 4 years old and upward—1st prize—C Courtiss, Darlington, $20; 2nd do, do do, $12; 3rd do, P Fallon, Lachine, $5; 4th do, O Courtiss, Darlington, $4

7th Section—Three years old Cow—1st prize—C Courtiss, Darlington, $16; 2nd do, E Longley, Waterloo, $10.

8th Section—Two year old Heifer—1st prize E Longley, Waterloo, $12; 2nd do

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 19, 1863.

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PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS THIS DAY.

Performance in the Theatre Royal this evening, at eight o'clock.
French Company, Bonaventure Hall, this evening, at Eight o'clock.

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

BY SHAW & BROTHER.
Works of Art, Engravings, &c., at the New Store, Victoria Square, at two o'clock.
BY J. G. SHIPWAY.
Teas, Groceries, &c., at his own stores, at Two o'clock.
BY S. M. AITKEN.
Coal Oil, at his own stores, at Two o'clock.
BY L. DEVANY.
Gold Watches, &c., at his stores, at half-past Seven o'clock.

THE TEMPERATURE YESTERDAY.

State of the Thermometer (in the shade) at the door of Mr. McPherson, watchmaker and jeweller, corner of St. Francois Xavier and Notre Dame Streets:—
September 18—9 A.M. 75 above zero.
2 P.M. 79 above zero.
6 P.M. 68 above zero.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

Provincial Parliament.

Quebec, Sept. 18th, 1863.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Speaker took the Chair at three o'clock.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Resor, an address was voted for returns of all the monies paid to the Government by the Toronto Roads Company on the Port Roads, and the amount due when the Government resumed possession of said roads.

The Joint Stock Amendments Act, as amended, was read a third time and passed.

The following bills were read a second time:—Real estate in Upper Canada; Bill relating to the time of meeting of Agricultural Societies in Lower Canada; Bill to amend the Common Law Procedure Act, in relation to mortgages on lands of deceased persons.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Quebec, Sept. 18.

The Speaker took the Chair at three o'clock to-day.

Mr. McKellar brought up a report of the General Election Committee, stating that Messrs. Cameron, J. S. Smith, Rose, and J. C. Wallbridge had been added to the Chairman's panel.

Mr. Wood introduced a bill to amend and explain section 44, chapter 24, of the Consolidated Statutes of Upper Canada.

The debate on Mr. Cockburn's motion was then resumed, and was in progress when our report left.

Last night after our report left, the debate on Mr. Cockburn's motion, censuring the late Judicial appointment, was continued until 1 o'clock, when, on motion of Hon. Mr. Cameron, it was further adjourned, and the House adjourned.

Special Midnight Parliamentary Report.

Quebec, Sept. 18.

Mr. Brown resumed the debate on Mr. Cockburn's motion, censuring Mr. Sicotte's appointment. He had been elected as an Independent member and would view motions on their own merits, irrespective of party. Believing an intention existed to purchase support in making the appointment he would be compelled to vote for the motion.—Opposition Cheers.—

Mr. O'Halloran did not believe in the perpetual motions of want of confidence. Such a state of things was not conducive to the public good. No administration was perfect, and things were often done which perhaps were scarcely accorded with propriety; but it was not unconstitutional to appoint Mr. Sicotte as Judge, and he would not stultify himself by voting for the motion. He hoped Mackenzie knew Brant well enough, and was convinced he—Mr. Brown—had misrepresented his constituents. He had in fact announced his own apostacy. He commended him to the mercies of his party,—hear, hear,—while he could not help expressing indignation at his conduct.

Mr. Hillyard Cameron defended Mr. Cockburn from attacks on him, and said the position occupied by the Government was utterly unjustified. If no precedent existed for such course, he was prepared to take the responsibility of making one. He cited cases in English history sanctioning the course pursued by the Opposition. A more disgraceful act could not be found in the records of parliamentary history. (Opposition cheers.)

Mr. Mowatt felt no difficulty in assuming the responsibility of hon. Mr. Sicotte's appointment. Every body admitted his ability, his fitness and high personal worth. What caused the Crown to make his appointment? Was it because Mr. Sicotte was an opponent of the Government? He did not believe in the doctrine that patronage should be confined to political friends. The Liberal Party had always rewarded talent in the judiciary and not partizanship. He denied that Mr. Sicotte was an enemy of the Government. He was still essentially a supporter of the Government. Whether his, Mr. Mowat's, official life should be long or short, he would be quite satisfied at its close if opponents charge him with nothing worse than the responsibility for Mr. Sicotte's appointment.—Ministerial cheers.

On Mr. Cockburn's motion the House divided. Yeas 61; Nays 63.

YEAS—Abbott, Alleyn, Archambault, Beaubien, Bell, (Russell) Bellerose, Blanchet, Bown, Brouse au, Buchanan, Cameron, Carling, Cartier, Cartwright, Cauchon, Chapais, Cockburn, Conger, Cornellier, Currier, Daoust, Dorion, Drummondville, Dubuc, Dufresne (Joseph) Dunkin, Evanturel, Ferguson (Thomas) Ferguson (William) Gait, Gaudet, Harwood, Higginson, Irvine, Jackson, Jones, Wright, Langevin macdonald J A, McGee, Morris, Pinsonneault, Pope, Poulin, Poupore, Powell, Price, Robitaille, Rose, Ross J J, Ross J S, Shanly, Simpson, Street, Taschereau, Tasse, Turcotte, Wall, Webb, Wilson, Wright Alonzo.—61.

NAYS.—Ault, Bell, (Lanark) Biggar, Bourassa, Brown, Burwell, Caron, Chambers, Coupal, Cowan, Dickson, Dorion A A, Dorion Eric, Dufresne Alex, Dunsford, Foley, Fortier, Gagnon, Geoffrion, Holton, Houde, Howland, Huot, Hunting on, Joly, Labrech, Viger, Laframboise, Lajoie, Macdonald D A, Macdonald John, Macdonald John Sandfield, Mackenzie Alex, Mackenzie John, Mackenzie Hope, McDougall, McFarlane, McGiveren, McIntyre, McKellar, McPherson, Munroe, Notman, O'Halloran, Paquet, Mowatt, Parker, Pouliot, Remillard, Ross Walter, Rymal, Scatchard, Somerville, Stirton, Thibaudeau, Thompson, Wallbridge, T. C. Wells, White, Wood, Wright Amos—63.

Mr. Sylvian absent—Messrs. Perrault and Letoutiller pairs.

The House adjourned at 12:30.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

MIDNIGHT DESPATCHES.

Milwaukie, Sept 18th.

To Major-General Halleck.—The following despatch dated headquarters north west expedition camp, White Stone Hill, Sept. 4th, is just received:

General,—Yesterday we surprised over 400 lodges of hostile Indians, fought and dispersed them, killed 100, destroyed all the camp and all their property. I have in my hands many prisoners.

Signed, A. SULLY,
Brigadier-General.

To John Pope, Major-General.

New York, Sept. 18.—The str Merrimac from Hilton Head 14th, and Charleston Bar noon 15th, arrived at 2.30.

Our forces now have full possession of Morris' Island. Battery Gregg has been put in order, and is sending occasional shot and shell into Moultrie, but the effect is not known.

A Memphis special of the 15th to the World, says the Mobile Register has a despatch styling Gen. Joe Johnston, Commander of the Army of Virginia. The mayor of Mobile appeals for aid for sufferers in that city.

Soldiers are pouring into Atlanta from all parts of rebeldom.

A special to the World, off the Mouth of the White River, Ark, of Sept. 14th, via Cairo, says:—The despatch steamer from Red River, reports all quiet. An expedition composed of General Grant's forces sailed from New Orleans on Wednesday, the 9th inst. Its destination was not known to the public.

New York 18th.—A refugee from Charleston reports that the line of torpedoes does not run entirely across the Channel, and the main obstruction is an immense net work of ropes formed somewhat like a ladder which extends across the Channel. When a vessel designs leaving Charleston, word is sent to Sumter, and the rope work is fastened into one side to permit the blockade runner to pass. When a ship comes in she is also under Sumter until the same process is re-enacted. This obstruction is supported by tar barrels. There are two floating batteries ribbed with iron and only two steam iron clad rams in the harbor. Upon these the rebels rely very much on their defence of Charleston. In reference to the feeling of the people concerning the burning or surrender of that city, he says that the universal resolve of the inhabitants, is that they are willing that it should be burned rather than surrender to Gilmore. There were not over 300 non-combatants in the city, when Gilmore shelled it with Greek fire.

The main body of Lee's army is below Gordonsville, and is about 70,000 strong. The division which was reported to have been sent through Richmond was Jenkins' division, composed of South Carolina troops. They were sent South to the relief of Charleston. The feeling among the privates is in favor of a peace, especially if their property should be guaranteed them by our Government. Our informant says also that there are more Union people in the South than we imagine, and that the belief of the Rebels in their cause is fast failing. They feel now that something desperate must be done or all is lost. France and England are despised for their double-dealing course.

Newbern, Sept. 14th.—The Rebel privateers are running the blockade into Wilmington to a fearful extent. It is estimated that they are carrying in Rebel supplies to the amount of a million dollars a day. Peace meetings are being held in nearly every town in North Carolina. The course of Hon. W. Holden of the Raleigh Standard meets with general approval and support from the people. His name has been hoisted as the next candidate for the governorship of North Carolina. The next Congressional election in this State will take place in November next, having been changed from August. The Conservative peace party is making its nominations with a view to sending its Representatives to the Federal Congress in case the army of Lee should be driven out of Virginia.

Fort Monroe, Sept. 17.—The Richmond Despatch of the 16th is received. It has the following under date of Charleston, 14th: The Yankees fire occasionally from Battery Gregg upon boats plying in the harbor. A Yankee reconnoitering party including a Chaplain, Lieutenant, telegrapher and a negro soldier, was captured on Saturday on the Savannah Railroad, near this city. They had tapped the wires to obtain information, but got nothing.

Philadelphia, Sept. 18th.—Information from parties arrived here from Richmond to-day, who left the latter city on Monday, asserts positively that Gen. Lee has gone south for some purpose. Gen. Longstreet's command has been sent to reinforce Charleston and Mobile, and Gen. Hill's corps is believed to have been sent to the assistance of Bragg. There are now about 60,000 troops about Richmond, belonging to the army of Northern Virginia. This force has fallen back to the line of the Richmond defences.

Gen. S. Jones has two brigades comprising about 8000 men in Western Virginia. He is about to make another raid towards Beverly. His headquarters are at Union, Monroe County.

Imboden has 1500 cavalry acting as partisan rangers. His headquarters are 6 miles west of Harrisonville, Va.

Headquarters in the Field via Chattanooga, Sept. 17th.—All quiet, no attack been made. The enemy remains in possession of the Gaps in Pigeon Mountain, and about Lafayette. The lines are very close and there is occasional skirmishing.

It is reported that Longstreet has arrived at Resaca, with 20,000 men. Our army is in splendid health and spirits.

The Editor of the Star who left Culpepper yesterday, in his paper to-day says that on Wednesday night the Union line extended from Stevensburg, through Culpepper C. H. to the Stone Mountain House, 4 miles north of the Court House. Yesterday morning the line was changed, the army having advanced to a close proximity to the Rapidan River, where the rebel corps of a A. P. Hill and Ewell are believed to be most strongly fortified.

The army of the Potomac never was in as fine a condition as it is at the moment; so healthy, so cleanly clad. It is worth to-day in a hard fight twice as much as it was since the battle of Gettesburg.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—The Minister of Finance's Statement in detail of the financial condition of the country, which he delivered in the House on Tuesday evening, must have been read with a degree of interest that similar productions have not attracted for several years past. With the exception of that made by Mr. Howland last May, which was justly regarded as of a provisional character, to meet the pressing emergency, all the budget speeches for the last ten years have been either crude rambling dissertations, as in Mr. Cayley's time, or ingenious mystifications, as in Mr. Galt's time, of the actual position of our affairs. We know not which was the least reliable in point of information; but both had one and the same object, to hoodwink the public eye, and to extract the largest contribution possible out of the peoples pocket. From Mr. Holton something better was expected, nor was that expectation disappointed. His exposition of the state of our finances was frank and sufficiently lucid to be understood by any person giving ordinary attention, and possessed of ordinary capacity. The points which he most clearly impressed on his auditors are first, the heavy amount which our annual expenditure exceeds the ordinary income. This evil has been systematic and continuous, we may say, since the Coalition Administration had its first breath of life; and he traced its existence and the chronic character of the malady in these terms: "In 1857 the excess of expenditure over income was $3,011,770; in 1858, $2,229,487; in 1859, $726,833; in 1860, $1,923,465; in 1861, $1,626,039; in 1862, $2,177,817; an aggregate for the six years of $12,348,413, or an average annual increase to the debt of two millions of dollars."

The true deduction our Finance Minister draws from this state of affairs is, that it is injurious to our national credit, tends to impoverish our revenue and to press unjustly on our population. There is but one remedy, that of equalising thereve nue with the expenditure. That he proposes to do by levying an amount by taxation equal to the amount of the deficiency. The *modus* he does not fully detail at present, justly conceiving that until the time for putting it into operation, it is not advisable to give such information as will enable parties in trade to speculate at the expense of the revenue, in articles the price of which will be affected by its change. On one point, however, it will be observed Mr. Holton gave some inkling of his ideas, that it is inexpedient to tax imports so highly as to interfere seriously against their consumption. In a word he indicated his conviction, which he shares indeed with every political economist, worthy of the name, of the soundness of the policy inaugurated in Great Britain by Sir Robert Peel. There is no doubt that the narrowness of views of our statesmen, and their ignorance of the true principles of trade has tended more than any other circumstance to create that estrangement between our commercial interest, and the same class in Great Britain. We hope to see Mr. Holton give effect to this enlightened policy in the adoption of his tariff: sure we are that if judiciously put in practice, it will tend strongly to strengththen the bonds of amity between this Province and the mother country. Another very important manifestation of Mr. Holton's views is made in his expressed determination to make our great public works productive of revenue, so far as it can be accomplished without detriment to their efficiency as competitors with the public works of a similar character amongst our neighbours. Surely there is no more legitimate object of taxation than these works, constructed at an enormous expense at the cost of the Province; constructed as will be remembered as well for purposes of revenue as for the extension of our commerce. The combination may be preserved to the benefit of the country in both ways. How ridiculous a change has it been to overthrow the wise policy of Lord Sydenham, who in carrying out the ideas of the pioneers of the works, foresaw in them the great source of wealth to Canada, by substituting a freedom of use of them, as did Mr. Galt, beneficial to our neighbors only, but operating as an additional restriction on the freedom of navigation on their waters by our people. We are sure Mr. Holton will obtain the support of every one unless, perhaps, the forwarding interest, who labour under the hallucination, which their own correct sense should dispel, that the burthen of the tolls imposed would fall on them, and not on the consumers of the produce transported. We have no doubt that at least half a million of dollars may be drawn annually from this source, without any perceptible pressure being felt by any class of our community, or a single ounce of foreign produce diverted from our canals to those of our neighbours. The third source to which Mr. Holton looks in the equalization of our expenditure with our income, is that mother of all virtues in private as in public life, economy. This on his part is no idle promise; it is an established fact to which we have more than once had occasion to refer. On Tuesday evening he made the announcement that retrenchment in the Crown Lands Department already effected, amounts to one hundred thousand dollars per annum; in his own department he estimated that there would be at least a similar sum; and that when the entire reforms now in progress in the various public departments are in full operation, he conceives that the annual saving will sum up to at least half a million of dollars yearly: this of course covers the diminution of the Ocean Steam Service Subsidy, which will be made next April. These satisfactory portions of Mr. Holton's speech find their alloy in one circumstance: the necessity of borrowing more money. At least four millions of dollars it will be necessary to provide, either in this or the London market, for the payment of the arrears which the extravagance and recklessness of the administrations that have misgoverned the country from the year 1857 to the last year have heaped up. The statement, frank and honest, of our Finance Minister—the determination it manifests to place our finances on a firm basis—will, we trust, facilitate this operation, which would, were the country's finances in the hands that formerly wielded them, be practicable only on very unfavourable terms. The assurance of a change of system will, we trust, inspire confidence. There is much spare capital in the country waiting for investment; and none is so certain of realization when required as the security of our Government stock; separated, too, as we are, we trust forever, from Grand Trunk connection, our securities will shortly acquire that high estimation in the great money markets of the world to which they are legitimately entitled. All that is wanted to realize our most sanguine hopes is firmness and unanimity in our public councils. It rests with our present Parliament to eschew the factious leaders under which some of the members have enlisted themselves, to the detriment of the public service during the present session; to betake themselves seriously to the public business, now so sadly in arrear; to vote down motions having no other purpose than to embroil public affairs by reinstating the men who have, for such a series of years, misgoverned the country. A prosperous era then awaits us, with a Government alive to the interests of the country, and to the welfare of every class of its inhabitants.

MEDIATION IN AMERICA.—We learn by special telegraph from Father Point that Mr. Cornell Jewett, "finding Europe and the South favoring "the mediation policy of France, returns by the "steamship *Damascus* to urge Vallandigham's "co-operation for a Northern States people move "to secure peace, and remove the practical op"position of the Federal Government."

ACCIDENT TO THE STEAMER "PASSPORT."—We regret to learn that the Passport struck upon a rock in the Coteau Rapids on Thursday evening, and received such damage that she commenced to fill with water. Her head was turned to land, and about two miles below the Rapids she took the ground about forty feet from shore. The passengers were all safely got off with their baggage, and were brought to this city by the Grand Trunk Railway.

THE MERCHANT'S PRIZE—MONTREAL CHALLENGE VASE.—We omitted in our last to give the aggregate score made by the six representatives of each city in firing for this prize. The figures stood as follows:—Toronto 180; Quebec 157, Ottawa 153; Montreal 122; Kingston 115.

It is reported that the officers of the 10th Battalion or Royals of Toronto (to which corps Lieut. Edwards, who won the cup, belongs,) will offer to purchase the vase, and put it up for competition each year among themselves.

THE RIFLE TOURNAMENT.—The inclement weather of yesterday put a stop to the firing as the Rifle Scurry was being commenced. Weather permitting the "Rifle Scurry" match for the 4th Prize will be continued this day (Saturday) the 19th instant. The squads will be formed at half-past nine o'clock, A.M., and the firing commence at 10 o'clock sharp. Competitors must be on the ground punctually at that time or they will be debarred from taking in the match.

MELANCHOLY SUICIDE.—On Tuesday morning the family of Mr. J. F. Jewell, Dundas Street London C.W., were thrown into a state of consternation on finding their servant girl, named Mary Williams, suspended from a rafter in the kitchen in rear of the house, having committed suicide by hanging. From the evidence of parties examined, it appeared that the deceased had unfortunately been employer and herself, on account of some slight misbehaviour, which was however, all settled although evidently from the evidence of her father and mother, they themselves had magnified the insignificant affair, and made the girl of a disobedient and sometimes churlish mood towards her mistress, which from the girl's weak-mindedness, led to the result.

The jury were of opinion that deceased came to her death by strangulation while laboring under temporary insanity, and returned a verdict to that effect.

THEATRE ROYAL—MR. DAVIDGE'S BENEFIT.—This evening will be the last of the Company's performances for the present; it presents a great feature of attraction, under the immediate patronage of Col. Dyde and the officers and members of the Active force. The entertainments will comprise three sparkling Comedies, with Miss Emily Thorne's exquisite vocalization and Mrs. Buckland, Messrs. Davidge and A. W. Young in some of their best parts. Mr. Davidge is long known and highly esteemed here and we are sure to see a crowded house.

It will be seen by advertisement that Mr. Leeming will sell No. 8 Mount Royal Terrace, by auction, on the 24th instant.

The Congregation of St. Stephen's are hereby reminded of the collections which are to be made in that Church on Sunday next, after both morning and evening services.

Officers of the Volunteer Force attending the Theatre this evening are requested to be in uniform.

In noticing the dairy produce at the Exhibition, it should have been stated that William McKean took the first prize.

We are requested by Messrs. Shaw and Bro. to say they will continue the sale of Framed Engravings this evening, the unfavorable state of the weather preventing their finishing the sale last evening. Some of the finest and most expensive pictures remain yet to be sold, and will positively be closed out this evening.

THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

MEETING OF THE LOWER CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.—The Agricultural Association held its usual meeting yesterday forenoon at the grounds of the Agricultural Exhibition, the President of the Association, Mr. Felton, of Sherbrooke, presiding. A large number of the presidents, vice-presidents, and delegates of Lower Canada Agricultural Societies, were present, and a good deal of animation manifested. The principal business that occupied the attention of the meeting was the selection of the locality at which the next exhibition of the Association is to take place. In the discussion of this matter the usual fervor that characterizes such controversies, where local interests are supposed to be affected, was displayed.

The first duty of the meeting was to elect a President and Vice-Presidents, for the ensuing year, and Mr. O. Duval of Three Rivers, was unanimously chosen President, Mr. Wm. Box of St. Laurent, 1st Vice-President, and Mr. D. C. Fortier of Bellechasse, 2nd Vice-President. The question of the place for holding the next meeting then came up, and Sorel, Quebec, and Montreal were proposed. The first division was adverse to Sorel, when Quebec was proposed; an amendment to this resolution was offered substituting Montreal for Quebec, which was carried by a vote of 55 yeas to 36 nays.

A resolution was then adopted to the effect that the Mayor of Montreal, the President of the Lower Canada Agricultural Association, and the President of the Board of Arts and Manufactures form the local Committee, with power to add to their number. Mr. Felton was then requested to leave the chair, which was taken by Mr. Box, when a resolution was adopted thanking Mr. Felton, for his administration of the office of President during the past year. The meeting then adjourned. The Secretary, Dr. Leclerc, then commenced the payment of the Prizes to the successful competitors.

The rain yesterday completed the summary closing of the exhibition, when the removal of the animals and products was commenced.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Present, Mr Justice SMITH.

September 16, 1863.

CATHERINE HARTEGAN vs THE INTERNATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE CO.—A special jury had been summoned in this case for the purpose of proceeding with the new trial which had been ordered upon the application of the counsel for the defendants. After waiting some time, however, only nine jurors could be obtained. The counsel for plaintiff made application that the absentees be fined for their non-attendance. Several witnesses, including Doctors Russell and Marsden, had come up expressly from Quebec for the purpose of giving evidence at the trial. The Court, however considering that this was the week of the Provincial Exhibition, and that the gentlemen summoned as witnesses might have justifiable cause of absence, declined to impose any fine in this instance. His Honor suggested that the parties might possibly agree upon a basis of facts to be submitted to the Court for a judgment without the necessity of another trial. The counsel engaged in the case found this to be impracticable, as they differed on the material points, namely, as to the age of deceased having been correctly stated by him; as to his state of health when the insurance was effected; and as to his having had medical attendants. The trial was therefore necessarily postponed, and the witnesses were taxed. One of them, Dr. Russell, stated to the Court that he would prefer that his evidence should be taken by Commissioners at Quebec. He had already been subjected to violence in consequence of his evidence in the case.

PARLIAMENTARY.

[From Our Special Correspondent.]

Quebec, Sept. 16th, 1863.

Yesterday being the day designated by the new Finance Minister for making his financial statement, the galleries were crowded early in the afternoon by a large and respectable audience, composed of the leading citizens of Quebec. Much disappointment was occasioned by the announcement that the Budget would not be opened till half-past seven in the evening. Evening came and the appointed hour found the Minister of Finance in his place surrounded by piles of manuscript. It was generally known that Mr. Holton was suffering from temporary indisposition, but when he rose to address the House every eye was attention and every tongue silent. I sent you by special telegraph a brief outline of the hon. gentleman's speech, concerning which in the public mind here there is but one opinion. If he was not lofty and dazzling in his style of eloquence, he was clear and argumentative. If he did not scrape together all the dry commonplaces about loyalty and union, he did what was far better, he analyzed the financial difficulties which beset the administration of public affairs, and pointed out the only method by which these difficulties can be removed, and ruin averted. If he did not strive to excel in effect he at least appealed to common sense. Such practical men as Mr. Holton are what Canada wants at this hour of her extremity. Burdened with a large annual deficiency in our finances, the peace and harmony of the country threatened by the torch of invasion, immense and useless expenditure practised in connection with the public buildings at Ottawa, there is a necessity now if ever of having a judicious and clear-headed man at the head of the financial department. We have got such a man in the person of Mr. Holton, whose abilities are acknowledged even by his opponents, and his deep pains-taking earnestness none will dare to deny.

The total expenditure of the year is 15,119,950 dollars, but as this includes the sum of 4,208,832 dollars for redemption moneys, which does not belong to the ordinary expenses of the year, the net or real estimated expenditure is 10,911 098 dollars. I may here remark that the item of four millions is for paying liabilities incurred under the administration of Mr. Galt, and therefore not chargeable to this species of expenses. It has to be provided for to pay extravagant expenditure of former times. The total receipts Mr. Holton estimates at 12,191,713 dollars, from which however must be deducted for redemption 3,025,125 dollars; estimated actual receipts, 9,016,088 dollars. The supposed deficiency is the difference between these two sums:

Expenditure	$10,911,098
Revenue	9,016,588
	1,894,510

From this sum is to be taken exceptional items to this year, as follows:

Lake St. Peter	$ 48,000
Militia expenses	200,000
Public works	470,000
	718,000

Making a real deficiency of 1,176,510 dollars, for which provision must be made by increased taxation. I thus recapitulated the points of the budget in so far as relates to revenue and expenditure. All doubt as to the probable deficit is now set at rest, and people can stay without running the risk of speaking an untruth that a sum of about a million and a quarter dollars must be provided to equalize the two sides of the balance sheet. Of course many theories are put forward to raise this sum, but the only correct plan yet indicated I take to be the one proposed last night by Mr. Holton—to raise it by a resort to direct taxation. It would no doubt be unpopular to impose taxes in the mode most offensive to tax payers, but the circumstances of the country should have some weight in deciding on the best plan to be adopted. Since 1857 the excess of expenditure over revenue has been:

1857	$3,011,770
1858	2,229,487
1859	726,833
1860	1,923,465
1861	1,626,039
1862	2,177,817
	$12,348,413

This gives an average of more than two millions a year deficiency for the last six years. The public mind is not apt to make minute calculations involving millions and except by the annual opening of the Budget, is never startled into a sense of our true position. As long as the machinery of Government is kept moving some people take it for granted, things are all right, and men have been permitted to remain at the head of our affairs unequal, I am compelled to say, to the duty of providing the most ordinary means to meet the public wants, except by borrowing. It is singular it never struck Mr. Galt—who ventured last night to find fault with the Finance Minister for not desiring a scheme to equalize the balance sheet—it is not a little strange I say that Mr. Galt who was in office from 1858 to 1862, never discovered that the Finances of the country were in a deplorable state of embarrassment till that very deplorable state of Financial embarrassment for which he is responsible, drove him from public life. I am afraid the member for Sherbrooke is a stranger to consistency.

It is obvious further loans must be resorted to, and that at the earliest possible moment to meet this year's deficiency and the large unfunded debt, a legacy from Galt, Cartier & Co., Loans must be resorted to, to bridge over the time which must elapse before any new method of taxation can become operative. But before doing this—before contracting any more loans—the House should pledge itself to provide for no expenditure henceforward by allowing increased taxation. Mr. Holton spoke the honesty of his purpose and his heart when he said "this is the only remedy for the annual deficiency which I have to offer." It is the only practical one, the only one capable of affording us relief from accumulating embarrassments and placing the finances in a sound and flourishing condition.

The Opposition are again threatening trouble, but what their precise power for mischief is can be known only by actual experiment. Last night Mr. Galt stated the Government could not control the House, and hinted that the approaching trial of strength would prove it. Such a statement in face of repeated divisions—repeated Opposition defeats and repeated Ministerial victories—can be regarded only as empty boasting. The Budget has not weakened the Ministry, and all the sophistry of Mr. Galt cannot induce the conviction that he would make a better Finance Minister than Mr. Holton. The revelations of the Financial commission show he would make a much worse.

THE ILLUSTRATED HERALD.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

CREDITABLE NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE.—The proprietors of the Montreal Herald have issued an enlarged illustrated edition, which furnishes some well-engraved views of the principal buildings and scenes in the city. There is a panoramic sketch of the river front, full of interest to all who are concerned with Montreal. The street architecture of our commercial metropolis is very well pictured, and the Illustrated Herald is a very satisfactory production which any resident Canadian may properly send to his friends in distant lands, to dispel the obscure ideas which generally prevail of the progress which has been made in this part of North America.—*Kingston News.*

ENTERPRISE.—The *Montreal Herald* of to-day appears in an illustrated form, got up expressly for the Provincial Exhibition. It contains large and handsome pictures of all their finest public buildings and new stores, and conveys to the reader a very striking impression of the magnificence and progressive character of the city. The view of the Port and City of Montreal is very fine. A large number of advertisements appear on the inside pages. The whole number consists of ten pages of the usual size of the *Herald*.—*Witness 16th.*

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POLICE INTELLIGENCE.—The conclusion of the General Sessions of the Peace has relieved Judge Coursol from the double duty imposed on him by his office of Police and Criminal Judge. The limited jurisdiction or rather the conditional jurisdiction of the former necessarily throws into the latter Court a number of cases which could with equal facility be disposed of summarily by the Police Judge and save a great expense now incurred in the more formal process of trial. The Police Judge has the power of sentencing to imprisonment in the event of a plea of guilty, but in cases where the plea is, not guilty, he cannot proceed to summary trial. Thus it is seen that in addition to the duties of Judge of the Quarter Session he is daily passing upon cases equally important, to many cases that he is required by the law to carry over to the coming term. This double duty during term is certainly onerous and laborious and to a degree unnecessary, except as a formal compliance with an awkward law. It would certainly seem advisable to extend the powers of the Police Judge, if it were only as a matter of mere economy.

The business yesterday in the Police Court was about the usual average. A number of cases of assault and battery were disposed of without much delay. Two vagrant women were arrested on a charge of stealing 5,50 dol. in British shillings from Edward Maltley. The money was stolen on the 17th and the parties, whose names are Mary Anne Somers and Margaret Latimore, were arrested and the money found in their possession. They pleaded guilty and were at once sentenced to six months imprisonment at hard labor. James McLaughlin, a Gunner of the 4th Battery R.A., was arrested on a charge of stealing a watch from a comrade, named Wm. Daress. It appears that on the 17th inst., Daress missed his watch from the Barracks and gave information to the police, civil and military. The latter discovered the watch in the possession of a tavern-keeper, who said he had received it from Daress, who was arrested; he confessed his crime and was sentenced to imprisonment for two months.

Orin Edson was prosecuted for selling liquor without license and was fined 50 dollars and costs.

In the Recorder's Court there were 17 prisoners, the majority as usual, for drunkenness. Jas. McGregor and Thomas McGregor were arrested at the Rifle Tournament Grounds. They were drunk at the time and said they did not care for police or riflemen, and when taken into custody they tore the policeman's coat. They were fined nine dollars or three weeks each.

RAPID VOYAGE TO AND FROM MONTREAL.—The barque Deodar, of Dundee, 410 tons, Cuppon, master, arrived at Greenock from Montreal on Sunday in 21 days, having left there on the 9th This has been a remarkably quick voyage, as she only sailed from the Rail of the Bank on the 2nd of July thus making a complete North American voyage in 59 days. This is the Deodar's second voyage to Montreal this season, she having arrived at Glasgow from that port on the 22d June. We believe she will immediately proceed on her third voyage, being the only vessel, with the exception of the Shandon, likely to attempt the third voyage this season.

[SPECIAL NOTICE.]

We beg to assure the public that the Correspondence being carried on between Messrs. S. B Scott & Co. and ourselves, relative to Sewing Machines, is not the result of any private understanding between us, for the purpose of advertising our respective Sewing Machines in a somewhat novel manner, and so helping each other to sales. Everything we have written on the subject we have *meant*, and have no other purpose or meaning except what our letters stated and expressed; and we presume our respected opponents here acted in as perfect good faith. We feel it due both to ourselves and the public to make this statement, having heard that many parties believe the whole controversy to be a *sham*, got up for the purpose above mentioned. We being strangers in Montreal might perhaps be suspected, but we are sure that no one who knows the respected Senior of Messrs. S. B. Scott & Co. would ever think of him in connection with a joke.

R. M. WANZER & CO.

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

Montreal, Sept. 18.

The weather has changed to heavy rain, this was to be expected after the extraordinary heat at this period. This change is most unfortunate for the strangers who have come to town for the Rifle tournament, but for the root crops it will be most beneficial, as it is not accompanied by any syptoms of frost.

We give to-day's receipts by Canal and Railroad:

Ashes, per Canal, brls.		68	
Per Railroad, do.		59—	127
Flour, per Canal, brls.		1220	
Per Railroad		674—	1894
Wheat, per Canal, bus.		22690	
per Railroad		2450—	25140
Barley, per Canal, bus.		14732	
per Railroad		48—	14780
Butter, per Canal, tubs		530	
Per Railroad, do		501—	1031
Peas per Canal, bus			1254
Lard per do brls.			12

Very little doing on the Corn Exchange, some inquiry for Canadian Superfine and in absence of stock a slight advance has taken place in Western States Flour sales of which have been made at $4,024 @ 4,05; and 700 barrels of Superfine from Western wheat change hands at $4,18. Quotation for higher and lower grades only nominal.

Nothing doing in Grain.

LATEST WESTERN ADVICES.—The following advices were received this forenoon by telegraph:

Milwaukee, Sept. 17.—Wheat, 99c in store; receipts 83,000 bus. Grain Freights to Kingston 10c.

Chicago, Sept. 17.—Flour firm. Wheat 99c to $1. Corn 58c to 59c.

Nothing to report in Groceries.

Financial—No change in sterling nor in New York funds, business in the latter has been at a standstill. By telegram from New York Sterling Exchange is quoted at 145 to 146¼; Gold 133; Silver 129 @ 130.

Receipts to-day at the Custom House are, $5654 55

Montreal, September 18, 1863.

FLOUR.—Superior Extra, $4.90 @ $5.25; Extra, $4.60 @ $4.70; Fancy, $4.30 @ $4.40; No. 1, Canada Wheat, $4.15 @ $4.25; Western $4.00 @ $4.15; No. 2, $3.65 @ $3.75; Fine, $3 05 @ $3.20.

WHEAT.—U. C. Spring, ex cars, 90c @ 92c; afloat, 91c @ 92c; White U. C., $0.97½@$1.01; Milwaukee afloat, 91c @ 92c; Chicago, 89c @90c; White Western, $1.01 @ $1.03; Red, 93c @ 95c.

CORN.—Mixed, 53c@54c.

PEAS.—Per 66lbs, 63c @ 70c.

PORK.—Mess, old to new, $12.00 @ $12.50; Prime Mess, $12.00; Prime, $12.00.

BUTTER.—8c@14c.

LARD.—7¼ @ 8c.

ASHES.—Pot, $6 05@$6.10; Pearl, $6.10 @ $6.75.

OATMEAL.—Per 200 lbs, $5.00@5.25.

FLOUR.—Since our last issue we have to notice a fair demand for both Canada and Western at fully better prices, with small supply. The demand still continues good. Receipts are smaller than last week, and holders have increased their views of price, although the advance asked has somewhat checked operations, the demand being purely for lower ports and local consumption. We quote Canada No. 1, $4.15 to 4.25, higher prices being asked for favourite brands. Western 4,05 to 4,10, closing at irregular rates. Extra in small compass, and prices over quotations asked. Low grades dull and no demand. Receipts for the week 10,069; season 797,111 brls.

WHEAT.—Very little business has been done, owing to the absence of receipts of any consequence. We quote sales Milwaukie to small extent at 92c, Chicago 90c, and Red winter on private terms. Receipts for week 47,812 bus; season, 3,923,207 bushels.

OATS.—The only sales we have to notice are for local consumption, and the prices obtained are 54c to 55c. Receipts for the week none; season, 767,237 bushels.

PEASE.—We have no transactions to note beyond car loads at 68c. Receipts for the week 252; season, 286,418 bushels.

PORK.—Demand continues steady, with sales at $12.25 up to 12.75 for Cincinnati. No Prime Mess offering. Sales of Prime at 12.00.

ASHES.—Have remained steady for the past week, with a good demand at quotations. Receipts for the week 827; season, 32.291 casks.

DAILY REPORT of STOCK MARKET

(Reported exclusively for the "Montreal Herald.")

BOARD OF STOCK BROKERS.

Firms composing the Board—Chas. Geddes, C. G. Geddes, James Hempsted, J. E. Mathlot, MacDougall & Davidson, Robert Mitchell, Alexander Molson, Rae & Mitchell, Thomas Kinnear Robertson, Taylor Bros., Joseph Wenham, John Glass.

12.30 P.M.—Friday, Sept. 18, 1863.

STOCKS.	BUYERS.	SELLERS.	DIV. DAYS.
Bank of Montreal	114½	115	J and J
Ontario Bank	103½	None.	J and J
City Bank	None.	None.	J and J
Bank of Toronto	102½	None.	J and J