

country than any member in this
 ence to the statement of the hon
 ngate and Fogo, Mr. Whitway,
 le petitions all he (Mr. Wyatt)
 star was that those who required
 of the Commercial Society.
 ported the prayer of the petition,
 the opinions of so respectable a
 would think, however, that they
 of niggers. He did not think
 had been passed on that body
 able gentlemen. They were no
 set of men, but he did not think
 so much for the country, that we
 and frightened by this petition,
 and exclaim "oh! the Com-
 petitioned the House." No one
 sprang then he (Mr. Tilbot) did;
 every question, hold it up to the
 it was it. He did not think that
 matter was entirely for the benefit
 They were the ones who reaped all
 of the fishermen. Their profits
 it would be difficult to ascer-
 was admitted, however, that they
 ere if by the process of grinding,
 anything more out of them be-
 fore to spend their money elsewhere,
 a perfect right to do this. There
 complaint between the fishermen
 They certainly do not bring
 rule; a few might have done
 it was all made here. They
 and spend it elsewhere, and have
 ded as if a shilling had never been
 merchants, after having made
 ed down in this country and ex-
 it, it would be one of the happiest
 id. Had the merchants ever es-
 over the country to afford employ-
 when the fisheries were over?
 so much destitution and suffer-
) was opposed to confederation,
 He would like it if in reality it
 He would, however, like to see
 that would flow from it.
 opinion on that the petition from the
 was as much entitled to respect
 her society in the country. It
 gentlemen to say that the interest
 is not the interest of the fishermen,
 bound up together, when the one
 were benefited. His (Mr.
 this matter was not altered. How-
 in from making any observations
 on until the 15th of the month.
 tion was in very good time, and
 and thoughtful consideration of
 a house.
 A—It was very stale common
 petition was entitled to respect,
 for non gentlemen to have taken
 prove what every one admitted.
 the result of misconception. It
 it to the merchants and every one
 ter that it was the determination
 this matter the present session.
 versally expressed that there was
 often did hon gentlemen declare
 lieve it. It was of course neces-
 ke up a case, so that we might
 and they as the savours of the
 other way of lifting themselves
 paucity. A new petition was
 ey General had said that if the
 intended to prepare were passed,
 country. But he did not also say
 it on the table of that house for
 it with it as they pleased. If so,
 tended that there was a desire to
 ting this session? It was all very
 to say they disliked claptrap,
 got on without it? Did they not
 to serve their purposes? This
 for what the house had already
 ample time for the fullest en-
 question thoroughly tested. If
 then adopted every one would be

and of the average distance of these lands so disposed
 of from the sea shore, in each electoral district, and
 also similar statements in reference to the four years
 immediately preceding 1861.
 The hon RECEIVER GENERAL, by command of his
 Excellency the Governor, presented to the house the
 following documents—
 Consolidated statement of expenditure for the relief
 of the poor for the year 1861.
 Financial Secretary's Consolidated Statement of ex-
 penditure under Road Act 27th Vic., cap. 3.
 Report of Cashier of Newfoundland Savings' Bank.
 Ordered that these documents lie on the table.
 The hon COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of his
 Excellency the Governor, presented to the house a
 statement of the number of trips made by the steamer
 Ariel to the north and west during the past season.
 Ordered that this document lie on the table.
 On motion of the hon ATTORNEY GENERAL, pur-
 suant to order of the day, the following Bills were
 severally read a third time and passed—
 The bill to continue the punishment of banishment
 in certain cases.
 The bill to make provision for the recovery of pen-
 sions becoming due upon the forfeiture of certain
 recognitions.
 The bill to enable courts of law to grant relief
 against adverse claims made up in persons having no
 interest in the subject of such claims.
 The bill to regulate the office and duties of coroners.
 Ordered that the hon Attorney General and Mr.
 Whitway take these bills to the Legislative Council
 for concurrence.
 On motion of the hon. Attorney General, pursuant
 to order of the day, the house resolved itself into
 committee of the whole on the further consideration
 of the bill to provide for the registration of births,
 marriages and deaths, Mr. Barron in the chair.
 On motion of the hon Attorney General the sections
 of the bill passed over when the committee last sat
 were read *seriatim* and adopted, with some amend-
 ments, and the committee rose and the chairman re-
 ported the bill with amendments, which were read
 and concurred in. Third reading to-morrow.
 On motion of the hon Attorney General, pursuant
 to order of the day, the house resolved itself into
 committee of the whole on the further consideration
 of the bill to make provision for wives and children
 deserted by their husbands and parents, and of parents
 deserted by their children, Mr. Wyatt in the chair.
 On motion of the hon Attorney General, the re-
 maining sections of the bill were read and adopted,
 with some amendments, and the committee rose and
 the chairman reported the bill with amendments,
 which were read and concurred in. Third reading to-
 morrow.
 Mr. MOORE gave notice that on to-morrow he
 would ask the hon Colonial Secretary, if any, and
 what arrangement had been made to provide a suitable
 steamer for the steam packet service in Conception
 Bay.
 The house then adjourned until to-morrow at three
 o'clock.

The Newfoundland.

ST. JOHN'S.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1865.

THE long continued debate on Confederation in our
 Assembly terminated on Monday last by the adoption
 of the ATTORNEY GENERAL'S Resolution, which
 leaves the question open until the country pronounces
 on it at the next election, sometime in the present year.
 Though the Resolution expresses no opinion on the
 question, the discussion called forth the views of the
 Assembly in explicit terms, and we are enabled to state
 that a majority of the House (sixteen to thirteen) en-
 dorse the project of Confederation. Some of the
 members composing this majority suggested the neces-
 sity of certain modifications in the terms of the Quebec
 Resolutions; but the exceptions taken are of a char-
 acter that may easily be met, and cannot be the cause
 of any such difficulty as would alienate one of these
 members from the support of the measure. As far then
 as the opinion of the present House is concerned, it has
 clearly declared itself in favor of the proposed Confed-
 eration.

But when we look at the character of the support
 and of the opposition the measure has received, the pro-
 nouncement in its favor acquires additional significance.
 The approvers of Confederation were clear and decided
 in their opinions that it meant progress, the elevation
 of the people, and the advance of the common prosper-
 ity; they spoke with the evidence of conviction marked
 in their tone and bearing, and the effect they produced
 on the public mind is admitted on all sides. The oppo-
 nents, on the other hand, were uncertain of their posi-
 tion, and for the most part only asked for time for fuller
 consideration. Some of them thought the principle
 good, but objected to details; and two or three only ex-
 pressed decided hostility to the scheme. When such
 are the characteristics of the two parties, their relative
 position is but imperfectly understood by the mere refer-
 ence to numbers—the compactness and confidence on
 the one side, and the piebald and indecisive tone of the
 other, forming material elements in any just estimate of
 their respective status and influence.
 Though under all the circumstances the position of
 parties as thus correctly described is highly satisfactory,
 we think there can be no rational doubt that the strength
 of the Unionists will be materially increased when the
 subject again comes on for further discussion in the next
 House. The progress the question has already made
 betokens its growing acceptance, and especially in the
 present condition of the colony the fair prospect of im-
 provement it holds out cannot fail to impress the mass
 of the people and secure their enlarged support.
 No doubt our future action on the question must be
 dependent in some measure on the course that may be
 taken by Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The ad-
 hesion of these Provinces is indispensable to the forma-
 tion of a Confederacy, and their movements are conse-
 quently of essential importance. There is in both, un-
 doubtedly, a sufficient amount of antagonism to make
 the result for the present at least more or less doubtful,
 and the resistance of either would unquestionably delay
 the accomplishment of the object. It is not supposable
 that all the provisions of so large a scheme operating
 on a variety of interests can have been so accurately
 adjusted in all its parts as not to leave room for objec-
 tion even where the plan as a whole may be favorably
 regarded; and from such causes hesitation and delay

may possibly arise. We believe it was understood that
 British legislation would be had on the subject in the
 present year, but a hitch in either Nova Scotia or New
 Brunswick would necessarily postpone final action, and
 it may be therefore that we shall not lose any advan-
 tage by the delay our Legislature has agreed to. The
 whole matter is new, will bear examination, and in
 any interest should not be urged hastily. No one
 doubts that it bespeaks the future destiny of the Pro-
 vinces; but it is still well that we learn and become
 beforehand as well informed as possible of the nature
 of the system by which we are to be governed here-
 after.

The Rev. Mother of the Convent of Mercy begs
 gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of Three Pounds
 from THOMAS GLEN, Esq. for the relief of the Poor.

We regret to learn that intelligence has been receiv-
 ed by telegraph of the death of D. S. Rennie, Esq.,
 brother of W. F. Rennie, Esq., of this town, and
 brother-in-law of the hon. the Attorney General. Mr.
 Rennie has for several years past resided in England.
 —Express of Tuesday.

ATHENÆUM.

At a meeting of this Institute held at the Temper-
 ance Hall, March 7, 1865, Hon. N. STABB, President,
 in the chair, the following Report was unanimously
 adopted:

The Committee of the St. John's Athenæum in pre-
 senting their fourth Annual Report, regret that they
 are unable to congratulate the subscribers on the
 financial condition of the Institute during the past
 year. On the 31st December, 1864, the balance
 against the Society amounted to £109; this unfortu-
 nate state of things has arisen chiefly from two causes,
 the loss of the annual grant from the Legislature, and
 the great expense incurred by the Institute in keeping
 up the Museum—this collection has cost since 1861 no
 less than £112 10s. in rent alone. The responsibility
 of sustaining it was cast upon this Society by the
 amalgamation of the St. John's Library and Reading
 Room, the Young Men's Institute, and the Mecha-
 nics' Institute into the Athenæum. These Institutions
 had made arrangements which the Committee of this
 Society had to carry out entirely for the public benefit,
 and from which no money return was ever realized,
 and when the Committee attempted to sell the Me-
 chanics' collection, they were forced, in deference to the
 strong expression of public feeling manifested on that
 occasion, to forego the attempt. They therefore con-
 sider that as they have borne the expense of sustain-
 ing the Museum entirely for the public benefit, they
 should be indemnified by the Local Legislature for the
 great loss they have sustained by retaining it for
 public use. In the last session of the House a peti-
 tion was presented, and an address to both branches
 of the Legislature was carried, praying for the annual
 grant, but without effect. The Committee would re-
 commend that the same course should be adopted this
 session, and they trust that all the members of the
 Institute will use their influence with the members of
 the Assembly and the Executive to obtain that com-
 pensation which, under the circumstances, the Com-
 mittee deem the Athenæum fairly entitled to.

The Committee again desire to express their thanks
 to the lecturers for this season. Hitherto the course
 of lectures this winter has had marked success, the
 amount already realized being £22 5s. for only eight
 lectures, while last year £25 17s. 9d. was the whole
 amount received for the course.

Last year the Library was increased by the addition
 of thirty new books; this year, owing to the financial
 condition of the Institute, they have been unable to
 add more than six. As many complaints have been
 made in regard to books being kept over the time al-
 lowed, the Committee notified the public that in fu-
 ture the fines would be more rigorously enforced.
 Owing to the depressed condition of the colony dur-
 ing the past year, the Committee deemed it perfectly
 impracticable to carry out their design of erecting a
 new building for the purposes of the Institute. They
 trust, however, that with renewed prosperity they
 may be enabled to complete so necessary an under-
 taking for the moral and intellectual advancement of
 the community.

All which is respectfully submitted.
 NICHOLAS STABB, President.
 D. W. PROWSE, Secretary.
 St. John's, March 7, 1865.

The election of Officers for the ensuing year then
 took place, when the following gentlemen were duly
 elected by ballot:—

PRESIDENT:
 Hon. Nicholas Stabb, re-elected.
 VICE-PRESIDENTS:
 Hon. R. J. Pinnent, re-elected. Hon. R. Kent, elected.
 CURATORS:
 Museum. Apparatus.
 F. J. Wyatt, Esq. E. L. Moore, Esq.
 SECRETARY:
 D. W. Prowse, Esq., re-elected.
 COMMITTEE:
 C. T. Ryland, Esq., re-elected. James Fox, Esq., elected.
 James Bird, Esq., " Geo. Lash, Esq., re-elected.
 John Bow ing, Esq., " Wm. B. y, Esq., "
 John Meehan, Esq., " Henry Evans, Esq., "
 D. Slater, Esq., elected.

ST. JOHN'S MECHANICS' SOCIETY.

St. John's, March 3rd, 1865.
 The Officers and Committee of the St. John's
 Incorporated Mechanics' Society for the past year have
 much pleasure in announcing this their Thirty-Eighth
 Annual Report with a statement of its affairs.
 The Society, accompanied by the Avalon Band, had
 the honour of attending on the 25th June last at the
 laying of the Corner Stone of the new Church of St.
 Patrick—His Lordship Right Rev. Dr. Mullock who
 officiated, graciously condescended to think the Society
 for being present.
 It is a source of much gratification to refer to the
 continued prosperity and success of this Society.
 Your Committee have expended during the past
 year according to the Society, for
 Sick Benefits and Death, £24 18 0
 Incidental Expenses, 23 4 10
 Total £53 2 10
 Actual Worth, £1000 0 0

In conformity with the rules the Society walked in
 procession at the funeral of the widow of a deceased
 brother member.

During the past year three new members were ad-
 mitted.
 Your Committee cannot close this Report without
 favourably alluding to the harmony and good feeling
 existing among its members, and expressing a hope that
 it may long continue to uphold among them.
 In conclusion, your Committee have to thank the
 members for their regular attendance on all occasions;

and may we humbly hope that Divine Providence will
 continue to prosper and bless this Society.
 The Report is respectfully submitted on behalf of
 the Officers and Committee.

R. TRELEGAN, Secretary.

The following Resolution was the unanimously
 carried—
 Resolved—That a vote of thanks is due to the
 President, Valentine Merchant, Esq., for his exertions
 in the Society's welfare, by discharging the trust
 assigned to him to the entire satisfaction of the Body.
 Resolved—That the thanks of this Society are
 hereby tendered to the Officers for the zeal they di-
 splayed on all occasions in the discharge of their res-
 pective duties.

The Society having proceeded to the election of
 Officers for the ensuing year, when the following was
 the result:—

Mr. John Maher,	elected	President
John Power,	re-elected	Vice-President
Wm. Mulowny,	"	1st Assistant
Richard Hanley,	"	2nd "
Wm. McGrath,	"	1st Treasurer
John Moelair,	"	2nd "
Wm. Kelly,	"	3rd "
Richard Trelegan,	"	Secretary.

VISITING OFFICERS.
 Charles Conway, Eastern District.
 John W. Foran, " "
 Thomas Walsh, Western District.
 Andrew Comerford, " "

SEAL FISHERY.

List of Vessels cleared for the Seal Fishery—1865.

VESSELS.	MASTERS.	TONS.	Men.
Francis	L. O'Brien & Co.	133	65
Margaret Ann	Nurse	44	20
Meteor	Goss	128	60
James Henry	Geary	127	60
Kate	W. Grieve & Co.	222	68
Wolf (s)	Skinner	210	70
Ariel	Brooking & Co.	61	15
Corseair	Stephen March.	112	50
Rover's Bride	McBride & Kerr.	149	60
Jenny Lind	Rhodes	50	16
Sarah Grace	Stabb, Row & Co.	103	40
George	Burke	80	37
Leader	English	125	50
Prima Donna	Silvey	125	53
Kate Cummins	Job Brothers & Co.	184	63
Charles	Cummins	86	44
Bertha	Snow	257	84
Mary Jane	Connors	51	21
Bloodhound (s)	Baines, Johnston & Co.	153	70
Ospray (s)	Graham	176	70
Gipsy	Gulliford	133	60
Guitar	Gosse	113	60
Noel	Duff	135	60
Primrose Bank	Martin	78	40
Brisk	P. & L. Tessier.	127	60
Fleetwing	K. McLea & Sons.	142	55
Roboos	Rogers	96	50
Nightingale	Hudson	136	58
Fanny Bloomer	Bowring Brothers.	126	55
Margaret	Jackman	149	55
Racer	Jackman	85	30
Alton	Nuseworthy	131	55
Isabella	Feehan	140	60
Giraffe	Ryan	164	62
Superior	Muir & Duder.	68	29
Seamew	Morris	112	54
Bessie	A. Goodridge & Sons.	143	60
Reindeer	Goodridge	147	55
Elizabeth	Goodridge & Kelligrew.	152	60
Jewell	MacCarthy	142	60
Glance	P. Rogerson & Son.	142	55
Brothers	Percey	134	53
Chedabucto	Taylor	83	30
Outfit 1865—43 vessels—5,445 tons—2,231 men.	Clift, Wood & Co.		
Ditto 1864—43 vessels—5,347 tons—2,209 men.	Winsor		
Increase—none	R. O'Dwyer.		
	Cole		

JOSEPH R. MULLINGS,
 Authorized Broker, H. M. C.
 Custom-House, St. John's, 7th March, 1865.

DIED.—On Tuesday last, Jonathan, eldest son of
 Mr. W. T. Parsons, aged 18 years. His funeral will
 take place to-day (Thursday) at 3 o'clock, p.m., when
 friends are requested to attend

Auction Sale.

To be Sold by Auction.
 On THURSDAY, the 24th April next, at 11 o'clock,
 ON THE PREMISES,
 The remaining Leasehold interest of

Messrs. J. B. Barnes & Co.,

In the premises in Water Street, lately occupied in
 part by the said Messrs. J. B. Barnes & Co., and
 in part now held by Mr. John Trehin, being twenty
 one years unexpired from the 20th of August next.
 Ground rent one hundred and eighty pounds sterling
 per annum.

All required information may be obtained upon ap-
 plication at the Saving's Bank.

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Notices.

All parties ordering the
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The Subscriber
 Having been appointed Agent for the sale of
 Chilson's Ranges,
 Samples of the same can be seen at his Establishment,
 349 Water-Street.
 GEO. GEAR.
 Feb. 27. (3m.)

Athenæum Lectures.
 THE Annual Course of Lectures at this Institute
 will Commence on MONDAY the 16th January, at
 the Temperance Hall.
 March 13—Rev. D. McRae—Subject—Tennyson.
 March 20—Rev. J. Phelps—"Readings from Merchant
 of Venice"
 March 27—Rev. John Maze—Subject—"An Arch-
 deacon."
 Others will be announced in due course. Each
 Lecture will commence at 8 o'clock.—Doors open at
 quarter past Seven.
 Season Ticket to admit two.....5s. 0d.
 Season Ticket to admit one.....2s. 6d.
 Admission to single Lecture.....1s. 6d.
 Tickets for the course will be furnished to Members
 of the Institute on payment of their Subscription.
 D. W. PROWSE,
 Secretary

SPECIAL INTIMATION.
 The BENEFITS of Life Assurance with the
 SMALLEST OUTLAY,
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This desirable object has been attained by the Policy-
 holders of the
 Life Association of Scotland
 By means of its Allocation of Profit in Cash towards
 the Annual Reduction of the Premiums payable for the
 Policies,—the older Policy-holders paying at present
 only 12s. 6d. (instead of 20s.) per £1 of the Premiums;
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Until the time when the premiums may be expected
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 for £500 or upwards, may leave unpaid a considerable
 portion (one-third or one-fourth) of the premiums neces-
 sary to keep the policy in force. The unpaid port-
 ion is allowed to remain in the hands of the Assured as
 long as he pleases, and he is not asked to pay interest
 thereon; but the amount, with accumulated interest,
 will be deducted from the sum assured at death. New
 Entrants thus at once commence with
 PAYMENTS MUCH BELOW THE TABULAR
 RATES,
 and continue to make such reduced payments for six
 years, when they become entitled to reduction of the
 premiums by the application of Profits. They will,
 nevertheless, receive the same benefits and the same
 share of profit, as if the full premiums had been paid.
 Present outlay is also further diminished by means of
 the Association's

INCREASING POLICIES
 in which the sums Assured shall increase by the mere
 lapse of time to double the original amount, without
 corresponding increase of premium; and, under the
 Participating Class, the premiums will be reducible by
 application of Profits.

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