NEWPORT.

Progress of This Remarkably Fine Season.

TAX-PAYING VISITORS

What the Beau Monde is Doing and Projecting.

NEWPORT, R. I., August 21, 1877.

Newport is just now in her element. The hotels are full and even have been obliged to turn away applicants. The cottage people are overrun with visitors and it is estimated that there have not been as many people in Newport as there are at the present time for many years, and in view of the exciting events of the week, together with the steeplechase meeting to come off in September, the influx will be even greater. It is a matter of some concern as to where the visitors will find stopping places. Numerous private entertainments will take place at the cottages during the week, and it is probable that a ball will be given at the Ocean House on Saturday evening, the one given last week being so successful.

NEWPORT TAXPAYING VISITORS.

An idea will be given of the amount of money invested by the summer residents by the following list of taxpayers who spend their summer here and who contribute so much to the welfare of the place. The tax assessors have recently completed their labors, and your correspondent, with no little difficulty, has sorted out from the list all who are numbered among the visitors and has ascertained their hailing places. The list will be read with interest just at this time, when business is so depressed throughout the country:—

Name.	Amount.	Tax.
NEW YORK.		
F. R. & W. K. McKee	$24,300	$165 25
Thatcher M. Adams	42,400	288 32
Constant A. Andrews	22,000	149 60
Mrs. Loring Andrews	105,000	717 50
Mrs. C. L. Anthony	45,600	310 08
E. S. F. Arnold	41,100	279 48
Mrs. John Auchincloss	21,100	143 48
C. Francis Bates	88,300	600 44
J. W. Bigelow	21,400	145 52
Judge Blatchford	31,100	211 48
Mrs. W. T. Blodgett	135,000	918 00
Bradford estate	52,000	353 60
A. Bronson	60,000	413 44
H. W. Bruen	25,000	170 00
Miss H. T. Bruen	25,000	170 00
Miss M. L. Bruen	52,500	357 00
A. J. Furnald	82,300	559 64
J. T. Bottomley	41,100	279 48
L. R. Marsh	26,100	177 48
Mrs. E. A. Parkman	31,800	216 24
H. G. Marquand	82,700	562 36
E. Mayer	20,000	136 00
R. H. McCurdy	28,100	191 08
H. A. Middleton	87,200	592 96
Ex-Governor Morgan	54,900	373 32
L. P. Morton	83,500	566 44
Mrs. F. L. Murdock	25,400	172 32
J. D. Ogden	21,000	146 88
E. Ogden estate	31,200	213 84
D. Parish	118,100	803 08
Mrs. M. O. Post	29,000	197 20
Mrs. J. B. Potter	25,900	176 12
General R. B. Potter	63,600	432 48
C. Rathbone	35,700	242 76
R. Ray	24,800	168 64
Real Estate Trust Company	23,100	157 08
L. M. Rutherford	34,200	232 56
C. H. Russell	241,400	1,641 52
J. Sampson	80,800	549 44
M. Sands	50,900	346 12
M. H. Sandford	35,600	242 08
Admiral A. L. Case, U. S. N.	24,500	166 60
George Gibbs } Mary C. Tuckerman }	215,000	1,467 44
Miss Sarah S. Gibbes	44,300	301 24
Mrs. Anna M. Gibert	20,600	140 08
Estate of J. Prescott Hall and widow	89,400	607 92
Peleg Hall	36,400	247 52
A. S. Hatch	45,200	307 36
Miss S. O. Hoffman	22,700	154 36
Mrs. Celena B. Hosack	25,400	172 72
Richard M. Hunt	49,800	338 64
Mrs. Emily Jones	29,400	199 92
George F. Jones	55,700	378 77
Mrs. Rebecca Jones	32,500	221 00
Delancy Kane estate	34,100	231 88
Mrs. Eugene Kelteltas	41,200	208 16
Mrs. Sarah A. Kendall	26,400	179 52
Robert L. Kennedy	56,600	384 88
James P. Kernochan	79,700	541 96
J. Frederic Kernochan	70,400	478 72
W. H. King	235,800	1,934 44
J. Knower	60,400	410 72
Hon. W. B. Lawrence	197,100	1,340 28
S. LeRoy and wife	33,100	225 08
D. LeRoy	23,600	160 48
H. T. Livingston	23,200	157 76
A. A. Low	70,000	476 00
I. S. Bryce	38,100	259 08
S. Bryer	32,600	221 68
Miss E. Callender	24,400	165 92
Caldwell Estate	33,000	224 40
J. Carey	150,500	1,023 40
Hon. J. W. Chanler	101,100	687 48
C. T. Chickering	27,100	184 28
W. F. Coles	29,100	197 88
Mrs. Gen. G. W. Cullum	22,500	153 00
Charlotte Cushman estate	29,100	197 88
W. D. Train	38,400	261 12
F. S. G. d'Hauteville	79,700	541 96
De Rham estate	51,600	354 92
James M. Drake	69,200	470 56
W. Edgar	30,900	210 12
G. R. Fearing	110,600	752 08
H. S. Fearing	85,900	584 12
J. W. Field	38,400	261 12
J. R. Ford	40,600	267 08
Miss E. O. Gibbes	29,000	197 20
E. H. Schermerhorn	35,500	327 80
F. Sheldon	64,000	435 20
Mrs. W. W. Sherman	61,500	418 20
Alfred Smith	334,700	2,275 96
Mrs. F. W. Stevens	27,700	188 36
Mrs. Paran Stevens	70,300	478 04
Paran Stevens' estate	77,700	528 36
Mrs. A. G. Stout	48,000	326 40
H. A. Tailer	22,500	153 00
A. G. Thorp, Jr.	40,000	272 00
G. Tiffany	84,600	575 28
D. Tompkins	39,300	267 24
D. Torrance	26,000	176 80
W. R. Travers	91,300	620 84
E. Tweedy	57,300	389 64
C. Ward	27,400	186 32
Mrs. M. M. Ward	25,600	174 08
S. G. Ward	23,900	162 52
G. P. Wetmore	575,200	3,911 36
Mrs. S. S. Whiting	66,800	454 24
E. M. Willett	46,700	317 56
Thomas Winans	44,100	272 68
Miss C. L. Wolfe	35,400	240 72
Allan P. Woodworth	67,400	458 32
Mrs. C. A. Wyeth	40,500	275 40
BOSTON.		
Prof. A. Agassiz	26,200	178 16
N. Appleton	24,100	163 88
T. G. Appleton	27,800	189 04
Mrs. R. Baker, Jr.	85,300	580 04
Mrs. M. M. Bourne	209,000	1,360 00
Mrs. G. Brewer	136,300	926 84
Sidney Brooks	170,000	1,160 80
Estate of H. J. Walker	34,400	233 92
Robert Mason	83,400	567 12
Mrs. G. W. Rives	89,100	605 88
B. D. Greene	36,700	249 56
J. N. A. Griswold	205,000	1,394 00
Mrs. M. A. C. Holmes	27,800	189 04
H. H. Hunnewell	23,000	156 40
Miss M. Burns	21,100	197 88
Miss H. S. Crowinshield	41,500	282 20
E. L. Cunningham	40,600	276 08
Mrs. D. S. Curtis	30,000	204 00
R. M. Cushing	190,000	1,292 00
T. F. Cushing	46,900	318 92
J. Foster	37,400	252 32
M. V. Francis	29,200	197 36
General H. B. Sargent	45,000	306 40
Q. A. Shaw	52,400	356 32
Sigourney estate	24,500	166 60
Mrs. M. A. Stockton	28,600	194 48
W. W. Tucker	68,600	466 48
C. F. Usman	62,800	427 04
PROVIDENCE.		
H. L. Aldrich	33,000	227 80
Mrs. J. C. Brown	$22,000	5,589 60
Mrs. S. A. Brown	74,800	508 64
E. P. Mason's estate	22,800	155 04
S. Padelford	50,000	340 00
Charles Potter	20,800	141 44
Rhoades' estate	26,300	178 84
G. A. Richmond	115,100	782 68
Mrs. E. M. Greene	36,800	250 24
Mrs. J. Bartshorn	109,200	742 52
Ives' estate	356,400	2,423 52
J. J. Cooke	176,500	1,200 20
J. Dunnell	32,900	223 72
Mrs. E. Gammell	49,700	337 96
M. Woods	33,000	224 40
PHILADELPHIA.		
W. H. Ashhurst	72,300	491 64
J. B. Brown	23,700	161 16
Brown's estate	78,500	533 80
H. W. Smith	44,800	304 64
Mrs. N. P. W. Smith	32,400	220 32
Henry Morris	22,400	152 32
C. J. Peterson	97,600	663 68
F. Rogers	70,000	476 00
A. D. Jessup	32,700	222 36
General G. Cadwallader	35,000	238 00
G. F. Tyler	26,300	178 84
E. S. Willing	39,300	267 24
H. Ingersoll	60,800	413 44
WASHINGTON, D. C.		
Hon. G. Bancroft	37,800	257 04
HARTFORD.		
V. Beach	50,000	340 00
Mrs. H. N. Pond	20,900	142 12
Mrs. H. Colt	60,900	414 12
NEW ORLEANS.		
W. Jackson	32,000	217 60
CHICAGO.		
W. Phinney	20,800	141 44
H. T. Dickey	62,100	422 28
MARYLAND.		
Ex-Governor Swann	57,300	389 64
Thomas Winans	44,100	272 68
NEWPORT.		
Mrs. E. King	1,577,700	10,728 36

The following summer residents pay taxes on $10,000 and upward:—E. J. Anderson, Boston; Frank W. Andrews, Boston; R. S. Apthorp, New York; R. J. Arnold, Providence; C. B. Barclay, New York; Mrs. C. H. Blatchford, New York; Mrs. Jane P. Bott, Boston; Mrs. Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte, Baltimore; Edward L. Brinley, Philadelphia; Professor J. P. Cooke, Jr., Cambridge; Mrs. Sarah F. Dale, Paterson, N. J.; Miss Ida E. Deacon, Boston; estate of Mrs. E. A. Edgar, New York; Professor H. S. Eustis, Cambridge; Henry S. Flint, Providence; Dr. S. W. Francis and wife, New York; Mrs. G. G. Gray, New York; Dr. John P. Gray, Utica; S. G. Vanderpool, New York; Mrs. M. E. Gray, New York; E. J. Herrick, New York; Hamilton Hoppin, New York; Mrs. A. M. King, Hartford; Moses Lazarus, New York; Maturin Livingston, New York; J. N. Downing and wife, New York; A. H. Lowery, Washington; C. F. Lyman, Boston; estate of A. S. Macomb, New York; James E. Mauran, Providence; George Nugent, Germantown, Pa.; Harleston Parker, Boston; C. B. Parkinson, New York; General Innis N. Palmer, United States Army; Dr. J. C. Palmer, United States Navy; Mrs. Walden Pell, New York; Mrs. George H. Pendleton, Cincinnati; Mrs. E. I. Pennington, New York; E. S. Philbrick, Boston; Rev. H. C. Potter, D. D., New York; Samuel A. Pratt, Boston; F. W. Rhinelander, New York; Clarence Robinson, New York; Professor W. B. Rogers, Boston; Mrs. W. H. Russell, New York; Mrs. H. L. Schuyler, New York; Mrs. M. B. Sigourney, Boston; Henry J. Smith and wife, Providence; Francis Smith, Providence; Richard M. Staigg, Boston; George W. Wales, Boston; S. H. Whitwell, Boston; Miss S. C. Woolsey, Hartford; W. T. Richards, Philadelphia; Russell Forsyth and wife, New York; Mrs. Joseph G. Johnson, Philadelphia; General W. T. Sherman, United States Army; W. C. H. Sherman, Newburg, N. Y.

MIDDLETOWN'S VISITING TAXPAYERS.

The following summer residents pay their taxes in the adjoining town of Middletown:—Hamilton Hoppin, New York, $55,000; S. G. Arnold, Providence, $35,000; Eugene Sturtevant, Boston, $28,800; George F. Tyler, Philadelphia, $13,000; Alexander Van Rensselaer, New York, $25,000; W. H. Ashhurst, $20,000; Colonel W. E. Prince, United States Army, $14,000; S. H. Witherbee and C. A. Morse, New York, $26,000.

Several of the cottagers also reside in the town of Portsmouth, and, although numbered among the cottage people, are taxed, of course, where they reside.

MISCELLANEOUS GOSSIP.

The Rev. L. D. Beavan, D. D., of New York, is the guest of Hon. E. D. Morgan, of New York.

The wedding of Mr. S. S. Howland to Miss Belmont, daughter of August Belmont, will take place on the 12th, and just now it is one of the leading topics of conversation in fashionable circles.

An unusually large number of clergymen, from all sections of the country, are rusticating at this place.

Mrs. Von Hoffman and family of New York, have taken a suit of rooms at the Ocean House.

H. W. Halleck, son of the late General Halleck; Albert Gallatin, Dr. Dorson, T. C. Amrey and Captain W. Gore Jones, Naval Attaché of the British Legation, are among the recent arrivals of note.

Hon. Gideon Welles has rented one of the cliff cottages for the balance of the season.

Several bands of gypsies have pitched their tents in this vicinity, and they, together with the Indians, make frequent calls with their wares upon the summer residents.

Cardinal McCloskey, General McClellan and Mr. Hamilton Fish have taken their departure.

The Misses Hamilton, of New York, are in town, the guests of their sister, Mrs. General G. W. Cullum, wife of the late General Halleck.

Mr. J. S. Ward, the artist, of New York, and family, have arrived at Bateman's Point.

The Town and Country Club will meet on Friday next at the residence of Mr. Charles J. Peterson, of Philadelphia, to listen to a paper which will be read by Mr. Bayard Taylor.

The Rev. Father Malone, of New York, is the guest of Mr. T. A. Havemeyer, of New York.

The Earl of Dunraven made a brief tarry. He arrived Friday night and took his departure this afternoon.

Recent dinners, receptions, &c., have been given by Mr. John J. Carey, Jr.; Mr. Hamilton Hoppin, Mrs. General Cullum, Mrs. C. A. Wyeth, Mrs. John Jacob Astor, from New York; Professor William Gammell, of Providence, and Mr. H. H. Hunnewell, of Boston.

A grand concert will take place on Thursday, under the auspices of many leading ladies in the place. The gentlemen who will take part in the concert are all members of the Board of Directors of the Philharmonic Society of New York. Mlle. Rapozin Pohl, pianist, has volunteered her services, and it will without doubt be a brilliant affair.

The engagement of the daughter of a well known New York gentleman to a prominent member of the French Legation is rumored.

A fashionable picnic, where there will be dancing, &c., will occur every Friday during the remainder of the season. The first was held last week, and it was attended by at least two hundred. They are under the management of Mr. Ward McAllister, of New York.

One of the grandest receptions of the season took place to-day at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic W. Stevens, of New York, on Bellevue avenue. It lasted from four until seven and was attended by upward of two hundred and fifty persons. Pinard, from New York, was installed as caterer, and a large stand was put up in the rear of the house, where there was dancing. It was a brilliant affair.

Among the arrivals at the hotels are F. W. Poor, from Washington; F. E. S. Wolfe, J. Marshal Thomas, Hugh J. Keen, Baltimore; Mrs. E. Van Wyck, C. H. Van Wyck, Mrs. C. H. Van Wyck, Middletown, N. Y.; C. T. Goadley, W. H. Clinchy, D. F. Appleton, John Lawrence, William Van Antwerp, M. F. Thompson, C. G. Thompson, G. J. Forrest, W. S. Webb and family, New York; E. C. Amory, U. S. N.; E. G. Van Allen, Nassau; General Wilson and wife, St. Louis; E. J. Bousfield, L. Evans, F. P. Barlow and C. Buckmaster, from London.

PRESIDENT HAYES' RELATIONS.

A CORRESPONDENCE GROWING OUT OF THE CHARGES AGAINST COLLECTOR FREELAND.

Mr. Brooks, Special Agent of the United States Treasury Department, who has been authorized to investigate the charges preferred against Internal Revenue Collector Freeland, of the First district, visited Mr. Freeland's office, in Brooklyn, yesterday. He refused to divulge any of his plans of operation in the matter of the charges, but said he would make his report to Commissioner Raum. Deputy Collector Colonel E. H. Little, who tendered his resignation on the 17th inst., received a communication from Collector Freeland yesterday, which stated that the resignation was accepted with much regret. In connection with the rumored appointment of General Edwin L. Hayes as Collector, in place of Mr. Freeland, a recent conversation between Corporal Tanner, of Brooklyn, and President Hayes, will prove interesting. The former happened to mention the fact that there was quite a stir over the Brooklyn Collectorship. The President replied that he had noticed it, and asked Corporal Tanner if he could give him any information regarding General Hayes' relationship to him. The Corporal said that the first he knew of General Hayes was at a meeting in the Seventh ward wigwam last fall, at which time General Hayes was introduced to the audience as a cousin of the Presidential nominee, and that he arose and bowed to the audience in acknowledgment. Corporal Tanner said he had since learned that General Hayes' grandfather and the President's grandfather were brothers, thereby making the President and General second cousins. The President then declared it such were the case General Hayes would not receive the appointment, as he had not, so far, appointed any of his own or wife's relatives to government positions, and he did not intend to do so. The appointment of relatives, in his opinion, had been overdone. In one revenue district it had been found that out of the forty odd employes thirty-one were relatives of the Collector. In regard to the Brooklyn Collectorship, the first point made against Mr. Freeland was his age. To this the President stated he attached but little weight. Now, charges against his administration were being investigated, and it depended entirely on the testimony whether or not a different face would be put on matters there. The Rev. Mr. Beecher had spoken in Collector Freeland's favor.

A STATUE OF CUSTER.

NEW YORK, August 21, 1877.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

As the effort to raise a large amount of money for a monument to the memory of the gallant Custer appears to have failed, and as the time has passed when such moneys could be raised, would it not be a good thing to take what money has been raised and add enough to it to place a life size statue in bronze in the public grounds at West Point? A first class statue could be put up, including a fine granite pedestal, for about $4,500 or $5,000, surely not more than the latter sum. There is a fine life size statue of General Sedgwick now at the upper end of the parade ground at West Point, and I presume it would be satisfactory to the public and the friends of General Custer to see a statue of the same character and size of their heroic friend near that of the great John Sedgwick.

A small committee, composed of the Mayor of the city of New York, the Major General of this military department, the Commander of the post of West Point, William Cullen Bryant, and a well known artist, would be simple to carry out the project. Such a committee, with an actuary or secretary to do the work for it, could take the matter in hand, select a sculptor, make a contract with him for a satisfactory model and statue at a stipulated price, and the statue could be in its place within eighteen months from the time of giving the order, or if necessary it could be ready to unveil at the next examination or commencement at West Point. Something should be done before great events cover up even the memory of Custer. JUSTITIA.

ALLEGED FEMALE IMPOSTOR.

Mary McDermott was arrested at No. 212 East Forty-fourth street, yesterday morning, by Detective Price, of Brooklyn, charged with stealing some, three months since, from her cousin, Mrs. Horgan, residing at No. 20 Vanderbilt avenue, Brooklyn, a gold watch and chain. She is spoken of by the police as "a cute one," possessing numerous aliases. In her possession was found a list of ladies' names, with specified sums of money opposite each. It is said that Mary, by telling a pitiable tale, has succeeded in extorting money from a large number of persons in this city and Brooklyn, among whom is Rev. Dr. Stephen H. Tyng. She is now meditating in Raymond Street Jail, awaiting trial.

THE SELDENS.

A REUNION OF THE FAMILY AT FENWICK GROVE, CONN.

HARTFORD, Conn., August 22, 1877.

The representatives of the Selden family of New England and the Middle States held a grand reunion at Fenwick Grove, at the mouth of the Connecticut River, to-day. Nearly six hundred were present, bearing either the name of Selden or that of Warner, which is most closely allied with it in early New England history. Many of those present were gentlemen whose names are prominent in the land. Among these was Chief Justice Waite (presiding officer of the day), related by marriage; ex-Senator Trumbull, of Illinois, whose grandmother belonged to the New England Seldens; Rev. Leonard Woolsey Bacon, late pastor of the American Chapel in Geneva, Switzerland, related by marriage; Elias Selden Hawley, of Buffalo, N. Y.; George Selden, of Philadelphia; Elijah Selden, of Providence; Cornelius Waydell, of New York city; William H. and Colonel Charles Scranton, of Oxford, N. J.; J. C. and George Spencer, of Erie, and Henry P. Johnston, of New York city. The larger representation was of the Connecticut Seldens, the most prolific branch of the family descendants of Thomas Selden, who came from Boston to Hartford with John Hooker in 1636, and left a large family. A second Connecticut branch became extinct at Windsor, and the third branch located in Virginia where the name survives in the James River section. This was a small branch, however, and comes into no great prominence other than claiming a distant relationship with President Washington, through his marriage. The Connecticut Seldens, and the Warners, with which name they are related through the second marriage of the widowed Mrs. Thomas Selden to Andrew Warner, of Hadley, Mass., are most prominent to-day, and have thousands of relatives scattered throughout the Eastern part of the country and largely in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The family is of English origin and the derivation of the name is given "sel," meaning rare in the old Saxon, and "den," a valley. The first prominent name in the family is that of John Selden, a contemporary of Shakespeare, and one of the leading men of his day in literature and law. From him the American branches are directly descended.

INTERESTING FAMILY HISTORY.

At the reunion to-day Chief Justice Waite presided and biographical and other addresses were delivered as follows:—"Historical Outline," by Henry M. Selden, of Haddam Neck, Conn.; "John Selden, of England," by Rev. Theodore T. Munger, of East Hartford, Conn.; "The Old Selden Homestead in Lyme, Conn.," by Chief Justice Morrison R. Waite, of the United States Supreme Court; "Genealogical Studies in New England," by Elias S. Hawley, of Buffalo, N. Y.; "Colonel Samuel Selden, of the Revolutionary War, and Captain Ezra Selden, One of the Heroes of Stony Point," by Henry P. Johnston, of New York city; "Deborah Selden and Her Descendants," by the Rev. William D. Morton, of Hartford, Conn.; "Elizabeth Selden," by Professor Eaton, of Yale College; "Rev. David Selden," by Rev. Frederick Munson, of Haddam Neck, Conn.

THE HOMESTEAD.

The paper by Chief Justice Waite was of a generally interesting character, treating as it did of one of the oldest and best preserved family estates in the country. The "Old Sheldon Homestead," as it is usually termed, is now owned by Colonel Joseph Selden, of Norwich, and William E. Selden, of Lyme. It was formerly a part of the famous Fenwick grant on the Connecticut River, and on the death of the beautiful Lady Fenwick passed through several hands by will and otherwise until in 1695 it was purchased by Joseph Selden (one of the sons of Thomas Selden, of Hartford). From him it passed down from generation to generation, never going out of the hands of the family, and is to day, as the "Twelve Mile Island Farm," one of the finest properties in the State or in the country. Its location on the banks of the river, near Chester, is delightful; its soil is fertile and the family residence, a century old, is in a fine state of preservation. During his address Chief Justice Waite exhibited one of the family relics, the venerable parchment deed of 1695, by which John Leverett, a Boston merchant, then its owner, conveyed the property of 1,500 acres to Joseph Selden for £220. This covered the "settler's title," as it is termed, and the conveyance of the Indian title is found in a deed (an ancient copy of which was shown) by Owanacuo, sachem of the "Moheghans" to Joseph Selden for a "valuable consideration." The regular addresses were followed by remarks by George Selden, of Philadelphia, after which the assemblage sat down to a capital dinner, served beneath the trees by the ladies. This closed the reunion, and after discussing the bill of fare the party dispersed. The credit of arranging the affair is given to Henry M. Selden, of Haddam, Conn., who has devoted much time to compiling the family history.

STRIVING FOR A CADETSHIP.

A competitive examination, having for its object the selection of a candidate from the Twelfth Congressional district, composed of Westchester county and the two upper wards of New York, to fill a vacancy at West Point, was commenced at White Plains yesterday. Congressman elect Clarkson N. Potter having the appointment in his gift adopted the course indicated so that all who presented themselves, white or black, having the requisite physical and intellectual qualifications, might compete on an equal footing for the prize. The committee of examiners named by Mr. Potter, consists of Mr. Frederic Shonnard, of Yonkers, ex-Judge William H. Leonard, of New York, and Major H. C. Lyman, of Sing Sing, the latter being a graduate of West Point. The Orawanpum Hotel having been named as the place of meeting the candidates (all of whom are required to be between the ages of seventeen and twenty-two), presented themselves there to the number of fifteen early in the forenoon. One young man, not having had means to pay his fare to the county seat, arrived in a tired and travel-stained condition, having footed it some eight or ten miles on dusty roads and under the burning sun. He was kindly taken in charge, however, by Mr. Tracy, the clerk of the hotel, and was finally enabled, with the aid of blacking brushes and soap and water, to make a presentable appearance before the Committee. When all of the youthful competitors had arrived the committee of examiners concluded to avail themselves of the use of the public school in which to test the merits of the respective aspirants for the much coveted appointment. Before the examination commenced one of the candidates withdrew. The names of the remainder being as follows:—Dewitt Miller, Cross River; Walter Z. Evans, New Rochelle; Nelson T. Sherwood, Yonkers; Philip H. Lucas, Mount Vernon; Benjamin W. Atkinson, Fort Wadsworth; William V. O'Connell, Morrisania; Thomas B. Smith, Fordham; Frederick Van Liew, Sing Sing; James W. Shaughnessy, Yonkers; G. W. Butler, New Castle; George Ahern, Westchester; William J. Geraghty, Morrisania; W. D. Dachert, Fordham; Frank E. Hotchkiss, Dobbs' Ferry. During the forenoon the candidates were examined in spelling, writing and arithmetic, and in the afternoon on grammar. To-day the examination will be resumed, at the conclusion of which the committee will go into secret session to determine the merits of the respective candidates preparatory to making their report.

SWORDFISH VS. SHARK.

On Monday morning the yacht T. B. Asten, belonging to the Olympic Club, Bay Shore, L. I., started on a trolling trip off Fire Island, having on board the crew and members of the club, Andrew J. Dam, Richard Moore, D. Walter M. Fleming, John P. Smith and others. About three miles off Fire Island Light a bloody contest was discovered close to the yacht between a huge swordfish and a shark. Both were on the surface of the waves and the sea for yards was red with the gore of the shark, the swordfish having his sword through the vitals of the former, and both lashing the sea into a foam. The yacht came within four feet of the monsters, when Mr. Smith plunged a boat hook into the wounded shark. Dr. Fleming seized the end of the staff, when suddenly both fish sank into the deep, dragging both Smith and Fleming into the sea. The swordfish darted away under the keel of the yacht, and the greatest anxiety prevailed lest he might return to the bloody surface and disembowel one or both of the men in the water. Both were expert swimmers, and through the prompt exertions of Messrs. Dam, Moore and others were hauled on board. Soon after the swordfish again attacked the helpless shark, killing him and covering the surface with his blood and vitals.

CATTLE IN HARLEM TUNNEL.

AN EXPRESS TRAIN KILLS FOUR OF THEM AND IS THROWN FROM THE TRACK.

Yesterday afternoon, as the Boston express (mail) train, due in this city at twenty-two minutes past four, was passing through the Harlem Tunnel, and when near Seventy-sixth street, the engineer discovered four Texan steers on the track moving toward him. It was a critical moment, as the train was running at the rate of thirty miles an hour. Quickly as possible the engine was reversed, but too late to save the train, which ran upon the cattle, killing the four outright, horribly mangling their bodies, and throwing the engine and the entire train from the track. An examination of the premises after the train came to a standstill showed one carcass under the engine, another under one of the drawing-room cars and portions of the others scattered the entire length of the train. The accident, which fortunately resulted in the injury of none of the passengers, caused a delay of nearly two hours. The cattle belonged to a herd which was moving through one of the streets near the Grand Central Depot. Espying an open gate leading to the track, they darted in and ran with great speed into the tunnel. They were pursued by the man in charge, who, provided with a lasso and mounted on a horse, gave chase but failed to capture the truants.

CRIMINAL ARITHMETIC.

Frederick Whytal, a decent looking young man, was charged at the Tombs Court yesterday, by O. R. Ingersoll, of No. 259 Front street, a former employer, with having so altered an order as to receive improperly $22 from the person paying. The order was produced in court and the alterations shown. It consisted of the prefixing of the figure seven to the figure five, making it read $75. The prisoner pleaded not guilty, and was remanded until to-day.

SEVENTH AVENUE.

A HALF-MILLION DOLLAR PAVEMENT WORN OUT IN FOUR YEARS—THE THOROUGHFARE TO REMAIN IN ITS PRESENT CONDITION FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

In the palmy days of the Tweed Ring—the year of plenty, 1868—an ordinance passed the Common Council authorizing the repaving of Seventh avenue from Fourteenth to Fifty-ninth street. This ordinance set forth the prices to be paid, and they were as follows:—For paving, per square yard, $6 50; for new bridge stone, per square foot, $1 40; for old bridge stone, relaid, per square foot, thirty-five cents. There was a "big bonanza" for the successful applicant for the contract, and it is one of the mysteries of the Ring that *no contract* for this ordinance was completed until November 29, 1870. It was ultimately awarded, under the signature of William M. Tweed, to James Everard, the sureties on the bond being ex-Alderman Monheimer, Francis M. Bixby and Thomas Stafford. The pavement was to be the "patent Stafford wood pavement," and a royalty of twenty per cent a square yard was allowed Judge Whiting, the president of the company. The contract charges 61,771 square yards of Stafford pavement, 8,594 square feet of new bridge stone, and 6,051 square feet of bridge stone reset. The total cost was $433,603 84. The contractors received the usual percentage payment for their work, and when it was completed there was a balance due to them of about $133,112 45. This balance ex-Comptroller Green refused to pay, and the contract was made a matter of State Senatorial investigation in March, 1873. Mr. Everard, a witness before the Senate committee, testified that a stone-block pavement could have been laid at $2 50 per square yard. The result, however, of all efforts both in the courts and in the Senate was that the balance had to be paid, for the contracts were too binding on the city for their provisions to be in any way avoided.

THE PAVEMENT TO-DAY.

This pavement that cost the city nearly half a million of dollars has been worn out for two years past. It has become too dangerous for travel; it abounds in sunken holes, that would jeopardize the lives and limbs of any occupants of carriages driving thereon. It is a receptacle for all the filth of the avenue, and the frequent holes in the pavement furnish resting places for dirt and rubbish that the Street Cleaning Department take no trouble to dislodge. Lately an attempt has been made to repair and patch up the defective portions of the surface of the avenue, and from Fourteenth to Fifty-ninth street layers of dirt, building rubbish and fragments of trap block have been thrown down to give the appearance of a smooth and solid surface. From Twenty-third to Twenty-sixth street there are breaks in the pavement that would make the driving of vehicles in this neighborhood a very dangerous occupation. These are now being repaired, and yesterday might be seen three or four old men amusing themselves and earning their day's pay by putting into these holes a few fragments of bricks and then throwing over them a layer of dirt. Another gang of old men are similarly occupied at Twentieth street. An ordinarily intelligent observer must be somewhat at a loss to ascertain what benefit is to be derived from the labor of these men. The Seventh Avenue Railroad people have evidently foreseen the evil day and are busy repairing any defective places in the stone pavement between their tracks. The drivers of the cars say that when the winter comes pedestrians will not be able to cross from side to side of the avenue, that the rain and snow will turn this layer of dirt and rubbish that is now laid down into an embankment of filth, and that the whole length of the avenue where this under pavement has been laid down will be nothing else but a succession of mud holes. This is what the citizens have got for their four and a half million of dollars.

WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

Seventh avenue can be repaired the entire length with a stone block pavement for about $150,000. This would, if properly done, last as long as the Bowery pavement, which was paved twenty years ago and has not been relaid since. This present pavement cost nearly half a million of dollars, and was worn out in four years.

A reporter of the HERALD called yesterday at the Department of Public Works. He saw, in the absence of Commissioner Campbell, Deputy Commissioner Thompson. When asked about the Seventh avenue pavement Mr. Thompson said that he was not surprised that the public complained about Seventh avenue. It was in a very bad condition and the present repairs were only considered by his department as temporary—just enough to tide over until next year. "This is our condition," explained Mr. Thompson. "We asked the Legislature for $500,000 for the repair of streets; we got only $200,000. We are trying now to make that money go as far as we can. Our plan is to repave one street or avenue in the neighborhood of another street that needs paving, so as to relieve the traffic on the worn-out street or avenue that we are obliged to leave undone. This is the course we have adopted as far as Seventh avenue is concerned; we have just completed the contract for the repaving of Sixth avenue. This when finished will relieve Seventh avenue from much of its present traffic. Our present repair of that avenue will last until we can get another appropriation from the Legislature next year. The avenue at the present time does look in a bad condition, but when the trap-block and the gravel we have put on sink into their proper places the grievances complained of will not be felt. To have repaved Seventh avenue would have cost us about $150,000, and we did not think it right to take the greater part of the Legislative appropriation for one avenue. We have divided it, and are repaving, as you doubtless have perceived, several downtown streets that have long needed repairs.

DOLAN'S FOUR DOLLARS.

HIS STORY OF THE DISPUTE WITH SIMPSON, THE LIQUOR DEALER.

In explanation of the dispute between himself and Mr. L. H. Simpson, particulars of which appeared in yesterday's HERALD, Mr. John Dolan makes the following statement:—

Three or four weeks ago I went into the country and took some orders for liquors for my friends. On my return I found a letter from S. L. Simpson, requesting me to call at his office in relation to an advertisement inserted by him for a salesman. He wanted to employ me, but I declined working for a liquor house, except to sell to my friends on commission when opportunity offered. I informed him that I had some orders, and handed him one to fill. He said he would give me the usual commission of ten per cent as soon as the goods were delivered. The order was filled. Mr. Simpson up to last Friday denied to me that he had received an acknowledgment of the reception of the goods, although they were delivered on the 15th of August. Several times I called for my commission. It was refused on the above grounds. On Friday he admitted he had just received a letter from New Haven saying that the buyer was satisfied with the goods, and he would pay me next day at nine A. M. I called Saturday morning. He was not there. I called later; he was still out. I was informed that he was out of town and would be home in the evening. I went near to his house and sent in a note asking him to come out and see a gentleman on business. His father came out, met me near the corner of Eighth avenue and Thirtieth street, and on seeing me remarked, as he put his hand to his pocket, "You damned Irishman, is it you?" "Is that the way the Jews pay their debts?" I asked; "If so I am going to be Jewed." I then went in search of an officer and Simpson entered his house. I got a summons on Monday from Justice Duffy, and on the same day I met Simpson on Broadway and served it upon him. He turned around, and, calling an officer, had me arrested and locked up over night in the station house. The Judge wouldn't give me time to explain my case, and held me in $300 to keep the peace for sixty days, although I had committed no breach of the peace. I propose to take proceedings against the parties for false imprisonment.

ARREST OF A DETECTIVE.

Milton C. Lawden, a private detective, of Hancock avenue, near Congress street, Jersey City, was arrested yesterday by Detective Gallagher, of the Hoboken police force, on a charge of living in criminal intercourse with Mrs. Julia C. Sherman, the wife of Mr. James A. Harper, of this city. Mrs. Sherman, who is a very prepossessing woman, and who was found residing in the detective's house, was also arrested by Officer Gallagher. When before Recorder McDonough, at Hoboken, the injured husband, stated:—"I was married on the 7th June, 1865, and my wife and I lived together until May, 1876, when she deserted me and went to live with Lawden." The accused pair denied their guilt, and the Recorder set down the further hearing of the case till the 10th of September. While these proceedings had been going on Mr. James A. Harper had recovered possession of his boy, a handsome lad of eight years of age, and had him