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SPECIAL NOTICE

The subscriber in returning thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed on him in former years, begs to announce that he has erected a NEW OPERATING ROOM at considerable expense, introducing all the improvements of the day, as well as

New RUSTIC Accessories.

He is prepared to execute Photographs and Portraits of all kinds

From the Locket to Life Size

Equal, as regards finish and life-like appearance to any that can be obtained in the Dominion.—Copying of PORTRAITS in all its branches as usual, done in a satisfactory manner.

*In Large Photographs with Frames he intends offering Special Inducements during the coming Holidays.*

Parties requiring a large sized Photograph with handsome frame, or any other Portrait of themselves or friends, will find it to their advantage to call and examine specimens and prices.

Rooms: Directly over John A. Wood's Grocery Store, Wyndham-St.

WILLIAM BURGESS.

Guelph December 12. dw

THE MEDICAL HALL.

TICK

KILLER

USE HARVEY'S TICK KILLER FOR SHEEP.

PREPARED BY

E. HARVEY & CO.,

Chemists and Druggists.

Guelph, 10th June. dw

THE QUEEN'S HOTEL,

West Market Square, Guelph.

J. MILLER, Proprietor,

THIS FIRST-CLASS HOTEL has recently been opened and fitted up in a style to meet the wants of the TRAVELLING PUBLIC, and secure to his patrons all the comforts and conveniences of a home.

Particular attention is paid to the Table,

Which will always be furnished with all the delicacies of the season.

FIRST-CLASS SAMPLE ROOMS FOR COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS, with

LIVERY STABLE

Attached to the Hotel to meet the requirement of all permanent as well as transient customers.

Guelph March 5. do t

MAGAZINES FOR JUNE!

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Opposite the Market.

*Bow Bells*
*Englishwoman*
*Belgravia*
*People's Magazine*
*Popular Educator*
*English Mechanic*
*Boys of England*
*Boy's Own*
*London Society*
*Temple Bar*
*Family Herald*
*Good Words*
*Leisure Hour*
*Young Englishwoman's Journal*
*Young Men of Great Britain*
*St. Paul's Magazine*
*Leisure Hour*
*Sunday at Home*
*Sunday Magazine*
*Argosy*
*Cassell's Magazine*
*The Quiver*

Guelph, 17th June dw

GOOD NEWS FOR ALL.

PROF. HERMAN'S

NEWLY DISCOVERED

VERMIN DESTROYER

Which is known to be far superior to anything ever yet discovered for killing rats, mice, insects on poultry, ants, bugs, cockroaches, black beetles, fleas on dogs, tick or scab on sheep or goats, &c., in less than ten minutes. Sold in packets at 25c. per packet, or six packets for $1.25. The powder is warranted free from all bad smell, and will keep in any climate. It may be spread anywhere without risk, as it is quite harmless to cats and dogs for they will not eat it. Directions for use on each packet.

The above discovery has gained for Professor Herman a silver prize medal at the Intercolonial Exhibition for Victoria, Australia, of 1866, besides numerous testimonials.

Messrs. E. CARROLL & CO., Day's Block, Wyndham-St., Guelph, Agents for Guelph and vicinity. May 29. dwly

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,

Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law,

Solicitors in Chancery, &c.,

GUELPH, Ontario

D. GUTHRIE. J. WATT W. H. CUTTEN

Guelph, April 1, 1869 awt

New Crop Teas!

1000 Half Chests

NEW CROP TEAS

The subscribers are now receiving a large and well selected stock of NEW CROP TEAS (to which they beg to call the attention of the trade), comprising

Young Hysons and Hysons
Hyson Twankays
Twankays
Imperials
Gunpowders
Souchongs
Congous
Colored Japans
Natural Leaf Japans
Oolongs

REFORD & DILLON.

Toronto, 31st March. dw

ARCHIBALD McKEAND,

(Successor to John W. Murton)

Banking and Exchange

OFFICE,

No. 9, James-st., HAMILTON.

BILLS OF EXCHANGE, uncurrent Money and Specie bought and sold at best rates.

5-20 Bonds bought and sold at a slight advance on New York rates.

Agent for the National Steamship Company, Weekly line of Steamers between New York and Liverpool. Also for the London and New York Steamship Company, fortnightly Line between New York and London.

Tickets via the Michigan Central R R, and the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana R R, for all points West and South, Royal Mail Line to Montreal and intermediate ports.

Agent for the Kershaw & Edwards' celebrated Fire and Burglar Proof Safe

Hamilton Dec 1. dwly

UP IN A BALOON

NEW SONG,

—AT—

CUTHBERT'S.

STACKS OF

FIVE CENT MUSIC

AT CUTHBERT'S.

Guelph, 25th June. dw

UNFAILING EYE PRESERVERS

LAZARUS, MORRIS & CO'S

CELEBRATED

Perfected Spectacles!

AND EYE GLASSES.

The large and increasing sales of these PERFECTED GLASSES is a sure proof of their superiority. We were satisfied that they would be appreciated here as elsewhere, and that the reality of the advantages offered to wearers of our beautiful lenses, viz: the ease and comfort, the assured and readily ascertained improvement of the sight, and the brilliant assistance they give in all cases, were in themselves so apparent on trial, that the result could not be otherwise than it has, in the almost general adoption of our **Celebrated Perfected Spectacles** by the residents of this locality. With a full knowledge of the value of the assertion, we claim that they are the most perfect optical aids ever manufactured To those needing Spectacles, we afford at all times an opportunity of procuring the best and most desirable.

D. SAVAGE,

Watchmaker, Jeweller and Optician, Agent for the well-known Waltham Watches, Guelph.

Has always on hand a full assortment, suitable for every difficulty.

We take occasion to notify the public that we employ no pedlers, and to caution them against those pretending to have our goods for sale.

Guelph, 4th May. dwly

PIANOS.

THE undersigned having been appointed agents in Guelph for three prominent manufactories, and having selected therefrom several choice Pianos, at various prices,

From $250 and Upwards!

which we have now in stock. We would invite intending purchasers to call at our Warerooms,

EAST MARKET SQUARE,

and examine quality of tone, as well as terms and prices. A written guarantee given for five years.

CABINET ORGANS.

We would also invite lovers of music to test our own make of Cabinet Organs with Vox Humana or Full Tremolo. We are constantly manufacturing those superb instruments, as the demand for them is very cheering.

☞ Remember the Ware-rooms, East Market Square—sign of the Mammoth Melodeon.

McLEOD, WOOD & CO.

Guelph, 12th June. dw

CO-PARTNERSHIP.

The undersigned beg to inform the public that they have entered into partnership for carrying on the business of contractors and builders, and are prepared to execute all orders for building in stone or brick.

Any Quantity of Stone on Hand and Cut to Order,

To suit purchasers. All orders left at the store of Hirsch & Kennedy, Produce Merchants, West Market Square, Guelph, will receive prompt attention.

PIKE & DAVIDSON.

Guelph, April 1. d3m w6m

TAYLOR & MINTY,

BANKERS,

EXCHANGE AND STOCK BROKERS

Agents of the United States Lloyds, &c.

OFFICE—Corner of James and King-sts.,

HAMILTON, ONT.

Duncan Sherman & Co.'s Bills on Baring Bros. & Co., and the Union Bank, London, and on Ireland and Germany.

Drafts in Gold or Currency on Duncan Sherman & Co., New York.

Gold and Silver Coin and uncurrent Money bought and sold.

Interest allowed on cash deposits.

Liberal advances made upon Consignments to the United States.

Collections receive the most prompt attention.

Loans negotiated.

GEORGE TAYLOR,
Late Manager of the Bank of B.N. Am., Hamilton
FRANCIS MINTY,
Late of the Bank of Montreal, Hamilton
Hamilton, 14th June. dwly

FUNERALS

FUNERALS.

WILLIAM BROWNLOW

UNDERTAKER,

SHOP, in rear of the WELLINGTON HOTEL Douglas Street. House in rear of Mr. F. W Stone's Store, and fronting the Fair Ground.

The subscriber intimates that he is prepared to attend

FUNERALS

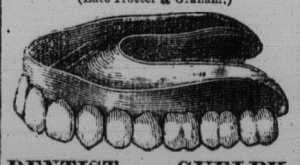
As usual in Town and Country. Coffins always on hand and made to order on the shortest notice Terms very moderate.

WM. BROWNLOW

Dec. 29, 1868 dawy

R. TROTTER

(Late Trotter & Graham,)



DENTIST, - GUELPH.

OFFICE—Over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, corner of Wyndham and Macdonnell-sts.

REFERENCE—A successful practice of fifteen years.

N. B.—The public will please not expect the subscriber to compete for, advertise, or expose "Prize Dentistry," as that is a means of advertising condemned by all Dental Societies, and adopted by few, if any, first-class Dentists.

Guelph, 29th April, 1868. dw

Undertakers!

MITCHELL & TOVELL

SIGN OF THE HEARSE.)

Having bought out Mr. Nathan Tovell's Hearse horses, &c., we hope by strict attention to business to gain a share of public patronage. We will have

A full ASSORTMENT of COFFINS always on hand.

Funeral furnished if required. Carpenter work done as usual. Premises, a few doors north of Post Office, and next D. Guthrie's Law Office Douglas Street, Sign of the Hearse.

JOHN MITCHELL. NATHAN TOVELL, Jr

Guelph December 1 dwly

LUMBER YARD.

Upper Wyndham-st, Guelph.

OLD PLACE IN THE OLD PLACE.

The subscriber begs to inform the public that he has commenced the lumber business in the old stand occupied by GOWDY & STEWART,

Opposite the Alma Block, Guelph

Where all kinds of Lumber will be kept constantly on hand. Bills cut to order on short notice.

Also, Water Lime and Calsine Plaster, and Flour and Feed

on all kinds cheap for cash as usual. By strict attention to business, he trusts to share a part of public patronage.

FRANCIS SMALL.

Guelph, April 3, 1869. dwly

PRIVATE RESIDENCE FOR SALE

In the West End of the

TOWN OF GUELPH.

For Sale, within ten minutes walk of the Post Office, consisting of a substantially built

Stone COTTAGE, dry & healthy

Containing eight rooms, with Stable and Driving House, all in good condition. Pleasantly situated in a respectable locality. A large garden planted with choice fruit trees, and plenty of excellent spring and soft water. Terms of payment, easy. One-half of the purchase money may remain on mortgage. Apply to the proprietor—

J. E. WORSFOLD.

May 19. d3m w4t Buckland's Survey

SUMMER DRINKS

AT THE

DOMINION SALOON.

All the favorite Summer Drinks made up in the best style at the "Dominion Saloon.

The first brands of Wines, Liquors, Ales and Cigars always on hand.

LUNCH between the hours of twelve noon and three p. m.

DENIS BUNYAN.

Guelph, 7th June. d

EDUCATIONAL.

MRS. WM. BUDD,

Organist of the Congregationa Church

Begs to inform her Pupils and friends that her School re-opened on MONDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1869. She will also be prepared to give Private Lessons on the Organ, Piano and Melodeon.—Residence: Norfolk Street, Guelph.

December 30. dolv

BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.

CHURCH-ST. - - - GUELPH

MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open on the 5th of April.

Guelph. 27th March, 1869 do

MONEY TO LEND.

The undersigned are requested to obtain Farm Securities for several thousand dollars, to be lent at moderate interest.

LEMON & PETERSON,
Barristers, Solicitors, etc

Guelph Dec. 9th, 1868 dwtf

FACTORY FOR SALE OR LEASE

A good Factory for sale or to let. Apply to

S. BOULT, Quebec-st., Guelph

Guelph November 19. 1868 daw tf

Evening Mercury.

WEDNESDAY EV'G, JUNE 30, 1869.

## The World Over.

A $30,000,000 embezzlement has just been discovered in the Austrian war office.

The London *Times* has been attacking the time-honored celebration of Derby day.

The wheat harvest has commenced in Tennessee, Kentucky and Southern Illinois, and the product in those States will be very large.

A great hail storm occurred at Woodstock on Sunday. Much damage was done. Over 700 panes were broken in the windows of the Baptist College.

Brigham Young says he never counted up his wives; he supposes he may have a dozen or fifteen that he takes care of, and perhaps a few others whom he doesn't know.

Sir Thomas Gladstone, elder brother of the Premier, was one of a delegation who waited upon the Earl of Derby to urge the House of Lords to reject the Irish Church Bill. He represented the Scotch constitutionalists.

The Vagrant Act came into force on Monday, and it is mentioned that a few gentlemen having no visible means of support have suddenly left Toronto, because, you see, investigation of their circumstances might lead to unpleasantness.

The Washington *National Intelligencer*, at one time the leading newspaper in the United States, has ceased to exist It was started in the year 1808, and had been issued as a daily since 1813. One of its editors, Mr. Seaton, was Mayor of Washington for twelve years.

It is pleasant to hear of continued musical activity in Scotland, where until lately the art was so little cultivated. Bigotry, too, is giving way before advancing civilization. Witness a recent performance by the Dundee Amateur Choral Union of Mozart's "Requiem," with the original text, and Shubert's "Song of Miriam," both efficiently rendered.

The new oxyhdrogen light discovered by Dr. Motay has delighted the chemists, and can be supplied for half the cost of the present illumination. A few weeks will decide the matter. Meantime everything seems to show that the world is benefited by another chemical discovery—one that may yet lead to some important changes in our social system of economics.

The New York *Times* says: "During the present heated term, several persons have been prostrated in the streets by the rays of the sun, and three of these have died from the effects of the stroke." The people of New York must have very different sort of weather from that which has prevailed here. We should like to see a specimen of "the heated term," for we have had but two or three moderately warm days for a month.

A cotemporary says of the fashionable watering places: They have now become nothing more nor less than the grand show cases of society, where our women flock every summer to display their dresses and their diamonds, the men to exhibit their horses and their waggons, and all to strive in a brainless and ruinous rivalry of vulgar magnificence. This exhibition is not confined to watering places; it is conspicuous in cities, at Saratoga, or Newport.

THE CYPRESS OF SOMMA.— This tree in Lombardy, Italy, is said to be the oldest tree in Europe. It is said to have been in existence at the time of Julius Cæsar, 42 years before Christ, and is therefore 1,911 old. Napoleon, when devising his plan for a great road over the Simplon, diverged from a straight line to avoid injuring this tree. It is 106 feet high and 20 feet in circumference, or about one-third the size of the greatest trees in the Calaveras Grove in California

MAIL STOLEN.—Two mail-bags which had been made up at the Kingston Post Office were stolen from the Grand Trunk Station, at that city, early on Monday morning, where they had been left to await the early train It appears that during the previous day the nuts had been removed from the staples of the bags, so that there was no difficulty in withdrawing them, and thus getting at the contents. The letters had no money in them, but were all opened. The contents of the bags were subsequently recovered.

IMPROVEMENTS IN WALKERTON. — Among the improvements going on at Walkerton, are a new Registry office to be be built of white brick 50 feet by 28 feet, with walls 15 feet high. The stone for the sills is to be furnished by the Messrs. Scott of Kincardine, and the wrought iron work by Mr. Ross of St. Catharines The contract was awarded to Mr. Alex. Thompson for $5,230, and the work is to be completed on the 1st of September. Mr. Saylor is building a three storey flour mill, mainly of stone. The Walkerton drill shed 144 feet by 80 feet, to cost $2,473 is also in construction, and will be finished by July.

☞ Great efforts are now being made to supply the Russian army with the American Berdan rifle. On the 22d ult., the Imperial Rifle Battalion was armed with it, and the men have begun to practice with it in the presence of Gen. Berdan the inventor. The projectiles from this rifle will penetrate an inch plank at a distance of 1,520 paces. The cartridges are made of thin sheets of brass, and large contracts have been entered into for the manufacture of them in the United States The warlike preparations of Russia, are, indeed, very far forward. About 60,000 rifles have been converted on various systems, and several hundred thousand of Berdan's needle guns are in course of shipment from America.

A German astronomer, probably evolving the fact from the depths of his inner consciousness, has discovered that this respectable old earth is soon to have another moon. What effect two moons will have upon human brains as well as upon tide-waters, we cannot undertake to predict; but it is reasonable to suppose with a pair of lovely Queens of Night, a brace of bright Empresses of the Starry Sky, that the production of poetry, lyric, elegiac, philosophical and amatory, will be immensely increased. To such a consummation, devoutly to be deprecated, we look forward with feelings of horror; and we hasten to announce that after the appearance of the supplementary moon, original poetry will have no sort of chance of publication in this journal; so that nobody need send it.

### Goderich Correspondence.

Since my last the long looked for dredge has come, and Goderich prospects were bright for a moment; but our hopes were short lived, for just as it was ready to work an order came from somewhere for it not to begin, and it was in consequence fastened up, and the hands al dismissed. Various surmises are afloat as to the cause of the stoppage. Knowing ones say that the Grank Trunk has trodden on John A's toes, and that the harbour of refuge is looking further east than Chantry Island. Perhaps the energy displayed by the W. G. & Bruce Railway company is opening the eyes of the Grank Trunk to the fact that if the new road is completed before the harbour of refuge is permanently established at Goderich we will lose it, and thus part of their railway become not worth the ties on which it rests. Besides they will almost, if not altogether, lose the western trade, for if a sufficient harbour is once established at Southampton the effect of it may be easily forseen. The Buffalo & Lake Huron Road from being a good paying institution will at once become a local affair, and not one of the outlets tor the produce of the mighty west, as it has been for a number of years.

Since seeding was finished grain of every description has been pouring into the town, but for all the prices are tending downwards. Wool is the only article that has taken a rise, and the highest price now paid for it is 35 cents. A few choice lots have gone as high as 40 cents. Wood and hemlock bark which erstwhile formed one of the principal items of our summer trade, seem to have vanished. Trade is exceedingly dull, and the universal cry is, "nothing doing; and no money."

Our surplus stock of salt has found a market at renumerative prices, consequently all the works will shortly commence operations again. From all quarters reports come that the crops never looked better, or promised greater abundance than at present. On Monday last Mr. George Jessup, a worthy and most esteemed member of the Masonic Fraternity was buried with the honors of the Order. He had been nearly three years master of the Union Lodge in this town. He was only thirty years old when he died, and leaves a wife and eight children to mourn his loss.

As John Story, tinsmith, and one of his apprentices were digging a tank they came upon a veritable pot of gold and silver, containing $81. There were three $20 gold pieces bearing date 1854, and the rest was silver. The finders divided the cash.

Yesterday being St. John's day was duly honored by the Masonic body, who observed it as a holiday. Union Lodge, No. 490, met at high noon and installed the following officers: Bro H Reid, W M; Bro A Johnston, S W; Bro D Fergusson, J W; Bro A Sands, T; Bro W Dickson, S; Bro G Lious, S D; Bro A Kenner, J D; Bro A Beck, J G; Bro T Huckstep, Ty. The Maitland Lodge installed the following officers: Bro J F Jones, W M; Bro W B Squiers, S; Bro E Hosker, T; Bro H Gardner, S W; Bro E Clefford, J W; Bro J Frederick, S D; Bro A Simmonds, J D; Bro R Carr, J G; Bro B Hazlehurst, Ty. After work they and some of their brethren who had been invited from Lucknow and Clifton sought the Maitland Hotel where a handsome spread had been prepared.

On Wednesday one of our fishing boats while on its way to the fishing ground was suddenly overtaken by a sharp quall, and in a moment it was upset and all hands swimming for life. Fortunately another boat saw the accident and picked up the crew. All the nets were lost, but the *Silver Spray* brought the boat in. D.D.

Goderich, June 25th, 1869.

### Funeral Extravagance.

Chinese funerals are marked by the most costly ceremonies and the lavish expenditure of money. For days before the burial the body is surrounded by candles, incense, and food. Numerous priests chant prayers around the remains for the departed spirit. Coffins are made of the most costly material, and wrought; inlaid, and trimmed in the most elaborate manner. Troops of women clothed in white garments proceed in procession to the grave. Men having white tassels braided into their queus, solemnly march in the procession, giving at each tread a deep sigh or groan. Before the coffin is deposited in the earth it is filled with an abundance of clothing. Following the burial day, various services and ceremonies are performed for several days, and on every subsequent seventh day for seven weeks. The expenses resulting from these customs are, a recent writer assures us, "almost intolerable." Very many families are burdened with debt because of the [illegible] one generation to another, in [illegible] furnish, for a few days, an ostentatious and empty display in honor of the dead.

These customs strike the civilized travellers as being absurd, and they consequently provoke criticism: but how closely do they resemble our own funeral rites and ceremonies in many respects.—How much more of wisdom and common sense do we exhibit than the idolatrous Chinese. The expenses attendant upon dying are becoming formidable to many while living. The funeral expenses of a gentleman who died in New York a few days ago were reported at $5,000, the wreaths, evergreens, &c., to deck his coffin, bier and grave, costing alone $500. In place of paying from $25 to $50, a few years ago for coffins, $150 and upwards are now paid. Heavy carriage bills have to be met, and other experses attending funerals are proportionately large. Many sextons, undertakers, grave diggers, liverymen, and others, are seemingly in league at such times to practice impositions. They take advantage of one's bereavement and grief to charge exorbitant prices, knowing, as they do, that bills are [illegible] liable to be disputed at such a time. And thus it is that the expenses of a funeral have come to be appalling to a person of moderate means. In burying a child, a father is perhaps compelled to undergo an outlay which consumes the earnings of a long period, or cripples him in the future. We recall a widow whose little all was consumed in making what is termed a respectable funeral for her son.

Eugenie's last nickname is 'La Rousse' (meaning the red-haired women). All the *gamins* shout "*a bas la Rousse!*" and the police, although well aware who is alluded to, cannot prevent the boys from uttering these shouts, the Empress being decidedly averse to having her name dragged into the police courts,

# BY TELEGRAPH

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

### GREAT BRITAIN

LONDON, June 29.—Telegraphic advices have been received from the steamship *Great Eastern*, up to Monday, noon. At that time she was in latitude 58, E. L. 22; longitude 25, E. L. 11; having run 883 knots from Brest, and paid out 916 knots of cable. The signals were good. All well.

The *Star* to-day, commenting on the reported departure from New York of Col. Ryan's expedition for Cuba, brings the circumstance to bear upon the question of the claims now pending between the United States and Great Britain. It says: We are interested in the conduct of the United States Government in this matter. America now stands in relation to Cuba exactly as England stood in relation to the Southern Confederacy. Her neutrality laws must be thoroughly and effectively enforced, or she will lose the hold she has gained on public opinion, which ensures a fair consideration of the *Alabama* claims. The *Alabama* escaped unarmed, with an ordinary merchantman's crew on board, and we are justly held to have incurred a high degree of responsibility for the consequence. The departure of a party of 800 men from New York harbour, as far as can be judged from present accounts of the affair, appears to be an infraction of neutrality just as flagrant as the escape of the *Alabama*, and one that could be much more easily prevented.

DUBLIN, June 29.—A meeting was held in this city last night to urge upon the Government the release of the Fenian prisoners. Nearly 4,000 people were present. Mr. Butt, a prominent lawyer, made a speech, in the course of which he said the motto of all true Irishmen ought to be, "Bide your time, trust in God, and keep your powder dry." If the English Government persisted in keeping these men incarcerated, all its professions of conciliation would be useless. Mr. Williams of Dungarvan, made an impassioned speech. He declared that the Fenian prisoners would not accept mercy; they demanded justice from the Ministers. If the latter refused it, let the blood be upon their own heads. He would not, however, advocate a resort to the sword, for that doctrine was now out of time.

## American Despatches

### Another Filibustering Expedition--News from St. Domingo --Another Aerial Ship--The Fenians in Session.

New York, June 30th. — It is now ascertained beyond a doubt that an expedition consisting of 400 men destined for Cuba sailed from this port on Saturday night.

Advices from St. Domingo up to the 8th inst. give particulars of the unsuccessful bombardment of Puerto Platte by the *Telegrafe* under Gen. Luberon. The bombardment was kept up for six days, but owing to the distance at which the *Telegrafe* was stationed, not much damage was done, Her officers and crew are to be treated as pirates when captured.

San Francisco, June 29th. — Recent successful experiments have been made in this city with the working model of a aerial navigation machine. It not only ascended in the air, but was propelled in any required direction by machinery. It is capable of carrying eight or 10 persons, and is constructed for the purpose of making a trip to New York. The inventor is confident the trip can be made in twenty-four hours.

Chicago, June 30th. — The Senate of the Fenian Brotherhood is in session here. It is understood they are preparing a programme of action on the *Alabama* claims as far as they effect the Irish question.

### A Parliamentary Incident.

Immediately after the vote was taken on the item on the Supply Bill, to increase the salary of the new Warden of the Penitentiary, which resulted adversely to Sir John A. Macdonald's pet scheme to reward his supporter, Mr. Ferres and while Mr Bellerose was speaking, the Minister of Justice rose in a passion, and moved that "the House do not adjourn." The Speaker ruled the motion out of order, the member for Laval having the floor. The irate Minister shook his fist at Mr. Bellerose and said "You shall pay for this," whereupon the manaced member roared out in belligerent tones, "Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Justice menaces me. I will not stand it. I have supported his measures against my conscience. I will not do so any more. I will not be menaced by that hon. gentleman. I will vote and will speak as I like." When Mr. Bellerose sat down, Sir John rose again with increased fury, and a second time moved that "the House do now adjourn." Sir Geo. E. Cartier laid his hand upon the arm of his titular Chief, and desired him to sit down. Sir John flung his colleague's arm off with passionate violence, and immediately moved a third time that "the House do now adjourn" which was carried. But when the Knight and Baronet afterwards met in the Speaker's room, a "scene" took place, Sir John stormed and raged, and threatened to resign and break up the Ministry. Sir George, however, took the matter quietly and coolly remarked, "whenever you wish to take that course, I shall be perfectly agreed. You may do so at any moment when it suits your convenience. I am prepared for such a step and shall be quite satisfied." Sir John then went off in a rage and next day appeared in the House only for a few minutes, having, in the meantime, soothed his anger with diluted water. Cartier is really the master of the situation and feels it, while Sir John knowing it, frets under the yoke imposed upon him. Cartier is really and practically the Premier. There is no genuine friendship between the two, simply because Cartier is the master.—*Hamilton Times.*

It is a singular fact that the Post Office of New York always sends a far greater number of letters to Europe than it receives thence. For the month of May, it sent away 420,553 letters, and received 391,062. This seems to show that the mass of foreigners settled in this country write home to their old friends oftener than the latter write to them. That rule however, is broken in a single instance. The Italians send home but 4,508 for 7,893 brought over to them.