

THE PROTON AFFIDAVITS.

The Toronto Telegraph has for a week past been parading a batch of affidavits, sworn to by settlers in the Township of Proton, charging Mr. Lewis, who was employed by the late Government to value the unpatented lands in that Township, as an emissary of the new Government, and with attempting to coerce or induce the electors to vote for Mr. Dickey, on the promise that if they did so the price of their lands would be reduced. It also charges the Government, but especially Mr. Blake and Mr. McKellar, with complicity in the transaction, in their having instructed Mr. Lewis to go to Proton on this special errand, and what to offer to the settlers. The charges at first sight looked grave enough, and the fact that they were preferred in specific form, under oath, gave an air of reality to them which could not be otherwise attached to a series of vague charges. But a letter from Mr. Lewis himself, in Monday's Globe, put an entirely different face on the matter. He boldly meets and effectually answers these charges, and completely clears the present Government of any complicity in the affair.

Mr. Lewis states that he was employed by the late Government, but that his engagement had ceased before the present Administration was formed, and that in no respect was he acting for, or representing it. It is true, as he admits, that he was in Proton during the canvass, but he was not there either at the request of the Government or of Mr. Dickey. He denies emphatically that he had his valuation books there at the time. They were lying quietly in the Crown Lands' Office at Toronto. It is charged against him that he declared that unless the people supported Mr. Dickey the Government would not allow them any reduction in the arrears due on their lands. His answer to this is that the whole charge is an unmitigated falsehood, and that he never made any such declaration. But he says:—

"I found upon reaching the county, that Mr. Lauder and his friends had, before the fall of the late Government, been making threats of a similar character. I found that our valuations were being practically ignored by the late Government. I found that that Government had sent notices into the township of Proton, which were being distributed by the laundress by Mr. Lauder and his friends, for the purpose of making the people believe that all they had to do was to vote for Lauder, and send in their own valuations."

He told the poor people that they were being fooled, that the Government which made such empty promises was gone, and could do nothing for them, and that the new Government he was satisfied would deal fairly and honorably by them, but he never said that unless they voted for Dickey no reduction would be made to them.

As to the charge that he had seen, and was instructed by Mr. Blake to offer any inducements to the settlers in Proton, he says he had not seen Mr. Blake at all, had received no instruction of any kind from him, and had never passed a word with him on the subject. He goes on to say:—

"My visit to Grey was neither promoted or suggested by the Administration, nor by any member of it, nor by any one else. I went there on my own account and on my own responsibility. The only member of the Administration I saw previous to going was Mr. McKellar. I went to see him because I saw by the papers that he had recently been in the county, and I was anxious not only to get accurate information from the seat of war, but to know what were his views as to the Proton settlers. I asked him whether they were not, in his opinion, deserving of the consideration of the Government. He replied that their condition was far worse than he had any idea of—that his Government would certainly carry out the policy of the late Government as to the arrears due to the Department. He made no pledge to me as to my valuations, nor did I ask it. I desired to be in a position to state to the people that the present Government would not regulate the policy of the late Government; but would, on the contrary, carry it out; to tell them, in fact, that such was the policy of the members of the present Government when in opposition, and was so still."

We have scarcely ever seen a more complete refutation of monstrous and unfounded charges. They were preferred against the Government in the hopes that such disclosures and alleged attempts at coercion would damage it in the estimation of its friends. But the blow has recoiled on the Opposition and those who preferred them. The Government stands clear of any complicity whatever in the matter. The only fact which has come out is, that it was the late Government which tried to influence the electors of Proton in favour of Mr. Dickey by the distribution of the circular above alluded to from the Crown Lands Office.

THE HERALD AND THE TOWN DEBT.—Judging from appearances the Herald will keep pegging away at the Town debt till it is wiped out altogether. It wants us to give the exact report, after we gave it already in the report of the Finance Committee presented to the old Council at its last meeting. We don't want to please the Herald. But if it thinks that that statement is not correct, then by all means let us have its version of the story, and its figures.

The Ladies says that Mr. Bizar, civil engineer, has been appointed superintendent of the Welland Canal.

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES BY TELEGRAPH

Sentences of Communist Hostage Murderers.

Efforts to Reduce the Tariff on Cable Messages.

Raid on Concert Saloons in New York.

Pacific Railway Blocked with Snow.

The Progress of the Mexican Revolution.

Conflicting Reports.

Paris, Jan. 22.—The trial of the prisoners for the murder of hostages in Paris during the reign of the Commune has terminated, and their sentences pronounced. Genton is condemned to death, and three of the prisoners are sentenced to banishment to the penal colony of Cayenne for the following terms: Francois for life, Latour Fortin for 20 years, and Remon for 10 years. Eight others were sentenced to transportation from the country, the remainder of the male prisoners, on trial, together with all the women, were acquitted.

The National Assembly having voted against imposing a tax upon the raw materials the termination of the commercial treaties is now improbable.

It is believed that Grey, President of the Assembly, will be chosen Vice-President of the French Republic.

London, Jan. 23, 5 a. m.—The subscription books for the New York loan will be opened on Wednesday and closed on Friday.

The Liverpool Chamber of Commerce have addressed a memorial to the Post Office Department, asking for a reduction of tariff on cable messages.

Rev. John Selby Watson, the wife murderer, has been granted a respite.

Paris, Jan. 22.—M. Jean Barthelemy Arles Dufour is dead.

New York, Jan. 23.—Last evening the police made a descent upon three of the most notorious Broadway concert saloons. Sixty-five women, together with five men, proprietors and bar-keepers, were made prisoners. The women were discharged, but the men were held and will be sentenced this morning.

Cheyenne, Jan. 23.—The Union Pacific Railroad is blocked westward to an unknown extent. Three trains for the west are lying here awaiting the arrival of western trains.

New York, Jan. 23.—A special despatch from Matamoros, Mexico, based on information from revolutionary sources, reports the Government of Juarez as being in a most desperate condition. Diaz has not been crushed at Oaxaca as represented by the Government accounts, while Escobedo has declared in favor of Lerda. A battle is reported to be going on between the revolutionists under Quiroga and the Government troops commanded by Cortina, with the chances in favor of the former.

BIRTHS.

SHAW.—In Garafra, on the 14th inst, the wife of Mr. Edward Shaw, of a son. CAMPBELL.—In Fergus, on the 11th inst, the wife of Mr. E. Campbell, of a daughter. FAIR.—At Arthur, on the 12th inst, the wife of Mr. John Fair, of a son. FERRIER.—In Garafra, on the 13th inst, the wife of Mr. Allan Ferrier, of a son.

MARRIED.

CHRISTIE MORRISON.—In Mount Forest, on the 10th inst, by the Rev. W. J. Mackenzie, Mr. Wm. Christie to Ann, daughter of Mr. Hugh Morrison, all of Arthur Township. COOPER.—In Fergus, on the 17th inst, by the Rev. J. G. Laird, Mr. Robert Conlin, of Lathier, to Miss Sarah Goodall, of East Garafra. MICHELL.—In Fergus, on the 10th inst, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. John Briggs, Mr. Thomas Mitchell, of West Garafra, to Miss Maggie Noble, of Georgetown, Esquimaux.

New Advertisements.

ST. ANDREW'S SABBATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

THE Annual Anniversary of the Sabbath School in connection with St. Andrew's Church will take place

On Tuesday Eve'g, 23rd inst. Commencing at seven o'clock.

Guelph, Jan. 20, 1872. JAMES MASSIE, Superintendent.

Good Templar's Social.

THE I. O. of G. T. will hold a Social

IN THE TOWN HALL,

ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, 24th JAN.

TEA served from 6 to 8 o'clock, after which there will be

Speeches, Music, Recitations, Dialogues, &c.

The public are cordially invited to attend. TICKETS, 15 CENTS. Guelph, Jan. 23, 1872.

TEACHER WANTED.

A legally qualified Teacher wanted immediately for School Section No. 3, Erasosa. Apply personally, or by letter, to THOMAS CARTER, Erasosa P. O. j22-42-72

SITUATION WANTED as Salesman

in a Wholesale or Retail Store, either Dry Goods or Groceries. Would assist at the books and make himself generally useful. Is competent to take charge of a store in the country. Has the best of references. Apply to A. B. Mercury Office, Guelph. j20-46-72

WANTED

A GOOD COOK, who understands a Dairy. Apply at this office. j17-wtd

Tannery for Sale or to Rent

THE Subscriber will either Sell or Rent his Tannery, on Surrey Street, Guelph. Possession given on the 1st March. Apply on the premises to JEHU CLARK, Proprietor. j19-w

Wanted to Purchase,

FROM 2 to 10 acres of Land, in the immediate neighborhood of Guelph; if suitable for house and building, preferred. Address with full particulars to W. & F. Guelph. j20-t

COAL OIL

AT WHOLESALE

Splendid Quality and Cheap

AT JOHN HORSMAN'S

Country Merchants

Would study their own interest to purchase of

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KNOX CHURCH

Anniversary Soiree!

THE Ladies of Knox Church will hold their Annual Soiree

On Tuesday Eve'g, 23rd inst.

Every arrangement is being made to make the evening a profitable one. The following speakers are to be present: Rev. W. S. Griffin, Toronto; Rev. J. McColl, Dundas; Rev. A. D. McDonald, Elora, and the Ministers of the Town. Tea served from half-past 6 to 8 o'clock. Tickets 25 cents each, to be had at Mr. McCullough's Drug Store; Mr. D. Pringle, jeweller; A. B. Potter's Drug Store, and at Chance & Williamson's Guelph, Jan. 19, 1872.

TOWN HALL, GUELPH

Thursday Evening, Jan. 25, at 8 o'clock.

GRAND CONCERT

Sacred, Classic, Operatic and Ballad.

THE GREAT LYRIC STAR

ROSA D'ERINA

ERIN'S PRIMA DONNA, Has the honor to announce one of her Grand Concerts as above, when she will introduce her marvellous repertoire of the

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Including her celebrated "Marlborough House Programme," as performed by gracious command of the PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, all of which embraces selections in no less than seven languages. Admission 50 cents; reserved seats 75 cents, to be secured at Day's Bookstore. Doors open at 7.30; to commence at 8 o'clock. See press notices and programmes. N. B.—Miss D'Erina respectfully requests that the audience be in their seats at 8 o'clock.

BAZAAR PRIZES

ON EXHIBITION

PETRIE'S DRUG STORE.

THE

JANUARY

MAGAZINES

TO HAND AT

Day's Bookstore

West Side Wyndham Street, GUELPH

WHY ARE

LAZARUS, MORRIS & CO'S

SPECTACLES

LIKE

Brigham Young on Trial for Murder?

Notice.—Any person sending the answer to the above to the Agent, D. SAVAGE, GUELPH, within the next thirty days, will receive an order from L. M. & Co., for a pair of their superior new pattern Eye Glasses. Jan. 20th, 1872. dw

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Worm Powders

The safest and most reliable Worm Medicine now in use. Prepared only by

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WINE OF CALISAYA

A pleasant and gently stimulating tonic containing all the valuable properties of the best Calisaya or Yellow Bark united with other aromatics in a vinous menstruum. It is particularly adapted to females, children, and those with weak or delicate stomachs. PREPARED BY MCCULLOUGH & MOORE.

Also a superior quality of COAL OIL kept constantly on hand. MCCULLOUGH & MOORE, Dispensing Chemists, Guelph, Jan. 20, 1872.

Two Servant Girls Wanted

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At Rockwood Academy, Wages Liberal. Apply at this office, or to A. McMILLAN, Rockwood Academy.

New Advertisements.

You Know how it is Yourself

PEOPLE naturally go where they can get the Best Selection of Goods, the best value for their money, and the best attention and the consequence is that, while others are complaining about dull times, &c., we are as busy as ever, selling away at our Dresses, Millinery, Shawls, Jackets, &c. &c. THIS WEEK, we will show a remarkably cheap lot of Beautiful Silk Finished Black Lustres, bought at a great bargain about six weeks ago, the prices are 20c, 25c, 30c, and 40c, and they are not equalled in this town at a much higher figure. We are also clearing out this week another lot of Choice Fancy Dress Goods at 12 1/2c per yard. Still on hand, a good selection of PURE WHITE and Fancy Clouds, of every kind.

REMEMBER THIS, LADIES! Our stock is all new, and composed of First Class Goods of every description. We must have the best Goods produced in the British and Foreign Markets in order to give our customers satisfaction.

N. B.—The recent advance in Cotton Goods will not affect our prices for the present, as we have a large stock on hand. Come and see.

A. O. BUCHAM,

Fashionable West End Dry Goods Store, Alma Block.

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LINEN COLLARS

SHAW & MURTON

BEG to announce that they have Imported

Direct from the Manufacturers

A large stock of Linen Collars and Cuffs, in the following kinds:

- Marlborough Von Buest
Alexis Dickens
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Florence Jules Favre, &c.

SHAW & MURTON.

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AT

JOHN R. PORTE'S

- Fine Gold Sets Brooch and (Ear-rings)
Brooches Locketts
Earrings Finger Rings
Guards Studs
Alberts Cuff Buttons

AND A FULL ASSORTMENT OF

GOLD PLATED JEWELLERY

Silver Thimbles, Tea Spoons, Chains,

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Castors, Breakfast and Dinner Butter Coolers, Cake Baskets, Children's Mugs, Salons, Dutter Knives, Pickle Forks, Spoons and Forks of all kinds.

RODGER'S TABLE CUTLERY

Remember the name and place— JOHN R. PORTE, Wyndham-Street, Guelph.

LUMBER

NOTICE

WE, the undersigned, beg to inform the public that we have sold out our Lumber Yard on Upper Wyndham Street to

MESSRS. DOUGLAS & BANNERMAN,

And as they have been in our employment for a number of years we have much pleasure in recommending them to the public as our successors.

AND we also beg to inform our numerous customers that our business will hereafter be carried on

At the GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY STATION

Where we will as usual, wholesale and retail. Guelph, Jan 16, 1872 dw

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AT

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Choice Teas Choice Coffees
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—A VARIETY CONSISTING OF—

Potted Game, Potted Tongue, Potted Ham, Potted Beef, Potted Ham and Chicken, Strasbourg Potted Meats, &c. &c.; a variety of Jams and Jellies.

Groceries, Crockery, Glassware, Wines & Liquors

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IN ALL THE LATEST STYLES, and respectfully solicits an early call.

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OPPOSITE THE MARKET &c. Refitted in the Latest Fashion. Five Latest Style Pheasant Tables. do

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Delicately fragrant, and unparpassed for strengthening, cleansing, and beautifying the hair.

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XMAS NUMBER ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS
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In Jet, Vulcanite and Bog Wood, Gold, Plated, Marquise, and Silver.

A Great Variety of Small Wares

Fancy Woollen Goods,

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Carriage Plating Shop!

THE undersigned begs to inform the Public that he has purchased the business of the late E. J. Robinson, and that he intends to carry it on in all its branches. Prices, &c., as usual. Small articles plated from 15c and upwards. Country orders promptly attended to. He has also moved his

New Machine & Repairing Shop

To the same premises, where all orders in that line will be promptly attended to. JOHN KIRKHAM, dtf

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THE Richest Drinks, Best Table, most comfortable bed, interest company, and job best house in Town at Casey's The Harp of Erin Hotel, Macdonnell Street, Guelph.

To Carpenters

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