

Presbyterian Union.

The auspicious union which has been consummated between three of the most influential Methodist bodies in Canada, will shortly be followed by a no less auspicious union of the Presbyterian bodies in the Dominion. We have already noticed the steps which have taken place for a union of the Canada Presbyterian Church with the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, and we have lately had some particulars respecting the movement now in progress for even a still larger union which will embrace not only these bodies but the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, and the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Lower Provinces. We are in receipt of a circular from the editor of the Presbyterian, which refers in fitting language to this most important movement, to the strong feeling of unanimity which prevails in all the churches mentioned in favour of union, and to the very satisfactory results which the delegates from Ontario had accomplished in the Lower Provinces in favour of union. The circular also furnishes some very interesting statistics in regard to the standing and influence of the Presbyterian body in British America, when united. These show that the number of Presbyteries are as follows: Canada Presbyterian Church, 19; Church of Scotland in Canada, 11; P. Church in Lower Provinces, 10; Church of Scotland in Lower Provinces, 6; total 46. Latest returns show in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church, 329 ministers, with an average stipend of \$700; 643 congregations; 78 vacant churches; 1,987 elders; 49,315 communicants; 43,536 Sunday school scholars, with 5,094 teachers. Church of Scotland in Ontario and Quebec, 122 ministers with an average stipend of \$842; 179 congregations; 17 vacant churches; 609 elders; 17,247 communicants; 1,193 Sunday school teachers, and 11,487 scholars. Presbyterian Church in the Lower Provinces, 124 ministers with average stipend of \$947; 138 congregations; 17 vacant churches; 832 elders; 18,082 communicants; 1,710 Sunday school teachers and 13,401 scholars. Church of Scotland in the Lower Provinces, 31 ministers, with average stipend of \$874, including manse; 41 congregations; 9 vacant churches; 228 elders; 4,662 communicants; 474 Sunday school teachers, and 4,970 scholars. When the union takes place the Ministers of the United Church will therefore number 606; congregations, 1,003; vacant churches, 121; elders, 3,656; communicants, 89,266. The Church will have six Colleges; one, Queen's, having University powers. In order to legalize this union, notice had to be given in the *Official Gazette*, setting forth the object and desire of the petitioners. This has been done, and the Act of Union proposes to unite in one Church under the designation of "The Presbyterian Church in Canada," to hold, after the union, the property of the various congregations, collegiate institutions, and the trusts connected with the said churches, in the same manner as now held by the respective churches. And further notice is given by the same medium to the effect that in view of the proposed union of these churches into one organization, the Legislature will, at the same time, be asked to pass an Act to amend the Act passed in 1874 incorporating the Board for the management of the Ministers', Widows', and Orphans' Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, to enable the Board to continue the administration of its funds after the said union until the General Assembly of the proposed United Church shall have agreed upon a plan for the equitable establishment and administration of an efficient fund for the benefit of the widows and orphans of ministers.

The above notice has been published in the *Gazette* of the different Provinces, and after the customary legal formalities, no obstacle will remain in the way of a final and harmonious consummation of the union between all the Presbyterian Churches in British North America. This event will be hailed with satisfaction by all true Presbyterians, and it will consolidate these different denominations into one strong, powerful and influential body. The supreme courts of each of these bodies meet in October or November, to arrange details and prepare for consummating the union. Committees are now at work preparing measures for the different Local Legislatures, with a view to bringing the property of the negotiators' bodies into the united church. In all probability the union will be consummated in Montreal in June, 1875. The united church will form the largest Protestant denomination in the Dominion. According to the census of 1872, the members and adherents of the four churches number 609,000. The church of England numbers 494,409, and the Wesleyan Methodists, 378,543. May they all grow in numbers and influence.

The Detroit *Free Press* man has just returned from Saratoga. He says "The Saratoga belles merely taste food at the table, but for the water to bring

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY

The Sultan's Son and the Army

International Postal Congress.

French Elections.

Favorable Reports from India.

Chicago and the Insurance Companies.

MADRID, Sept. 24.—The Republican troops in the Province of Alicante have defeated the Carlists at Alcoy and Villen.

VIENNA, Sept. 24.—The *New Free Press* says that the Sultan intends to appoint his eldest son to the chief command of the army, and that this is a step preliminary to declaring him heir to the throne, contrary to imperial precedent for order of succession.

BERLIN, Sept. 24.—The Postal Congress has approved a plan for an International Post Office. The Congress has resolved to meet every three years, and has selected Paris as a place for its next session in 1877.

PARIS, Sept. 24.—The elections for members of the Assembly are ordered to be held on the 18th of October, in the departments of Alpes Maritimes, Pas de Calais, and Zaine Etoise. Eight other vacant seats remain to be filled.

CALCUTTA, Sept. 24.—Heavy rains have fallen in India and the prospect for crops continues most satisfactory.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—The *Times* announces Disraeli's visit to Ireland postponed on account of a severe attack of bronchitis.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—It is stated that 50 insurance companies are pledged to retire from business in Chicago. The general agent of the National Board of Underwriters states that the authorities of Chicago have utterly ignored the requirements of the Board. Their fire department lacks discipline and is controlled by politicians. He states that nearly all the English companies and the leading American companies will adhere to the determination to withdraw from Chicago.

CATHERINE E. Beecher publishes a letter in defence of her brother, saying that the originator of the scandal was the proprietor of the *Independent*.

LONDON, Sept. 24th.—The members of the Austrian Polar Expedition declare that the explorations in the direction of the North Pole are hopeless of any satisfactory result, and the reports of the existence of an open Polar sea are untrue.

From Toronto.

Toronto, Sept. 25th, 1 p.m.

A meeting to protest against Popish innovations in Protestant Churches is to be held in the Agricultural Hall this evening, Mr. D'Arcy Boulton, M.P., in the chair. Rev. Mason Gallagher and Mr. Windeyer will offer addresses.

Major Irvine of Kingston, will be here on the 9th October, to inspect the Toronto Garrison Battery. The Toronto Field Battery will be inspected on the following day, on their return from camp at Holland Landing.

Stanley's Expedition to Africa.

A new boat, built from Mr. H. M. Stanley's own designs, and intended to accompany his expedition to Central Africa, was launched from the building-yard of Mr. Messinger, of Teddington, lately, where she was constructed. She is forty feet from stem to stern, and has a beam of six feet. The depth amidships is two feet six inches. She is provided with a double bank of fourteen oars, seven on each side. She is built of cedar wood, with mahogany bulk-heads, and is so constructed that she can be divided into five sections, weighing 120 pounds each. The sections are each furnished with poles, and can be carried after the fashion of an Indian palanquin—two men shouldering a section. The boat will carry about fifty persons. Her tonnage is between six and seven tons, and she draws one foot of water when fully loaded. Mr. Stanley has paid several visits to the yard during its construction, and expressed his approval. The boat has been called "The Livingstone." A short trial trip was very satisfactory.

BIRTHS.

LEWIS—In Minto, on the 14th inst. the wife of Mr. Jonathan Lee, jr., of a daughter.

PATRICKSON—In Mount Forest, on the 15th inst. the wife of Mr. J. W. Easton, of a daughter.

STREPHEN—In Rockwood, on the 17th inst., the wife of Mr. W. G. Stephens, cooper, formerly of Fergus, of a daughter.

OLIVER—In Garsfrank, on the 17th inst. the wife of Mr. Robert Oliver, of a son.

HEMLEY—In Harrison, on the 19th inst., the wife of Mr. Alex. Hemley, of a daughter.

SLOAN—In Etanross, on the 19th inst. the wife of Mr. Wm. Sloan, of a son.

CUNNINGHAM—In Fergus, on the 19th inst., the wife of Mr. George Cunningham, of a son.

McMAHON—In Fergus, on the 19th inst., the wife of Mr. B. McMahon, of a daughter.

IRONSIDE—In Fergus, on the 21st inst., the wife of Mr. John Ironside, merchant, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

WENGER—PHILIP—In Luthin, on the 3rd inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. Mr. McLennan, Mr. Noah Wenger, Elmhurst, to Miss Isabella, daughter of Mr. H. Philip.

DOUGLAS—At the Wellington Hotel, Guelph, on the 24th inst., by the Rev. Dr. Hogg, William Douglas, to Margie E., daughter of Wm. Fraser, Esq., of Glenora, Canada.

DEATHS.

EMSLIE—At the residence of Alex. Emalie, London, on the 24th inst., John Emalie, aged 80 years, formerly of Nichol.

The funeral will take place from the residence of James Emalie, Cambridge street, Guelph, on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this invitation.

SMITH—At Aylton, on the 29th inst., Mary Elizabeth, the beloved wife of Mr. H. Smith, merchant, aged 38 years and 6 months.

WYLLIE—In Fergus, on the 21st inst., Mr. George Wyllie, aged 33 years.

Stoves, Stoves.—Mr. John Horsman, the enterprising hardware merchant of this town, has added stoves and tinware to his establishment making it the most complete in Ontario. Stoves of all kinds can now be had of him. Farmers and all others requiring any wood to do well to call at Mr. Horsman's and see his immense stock of superior stoves with all the latest improvements. He assures us that he will keep none that cannot be fully recommended as the best to be had in this country or elsewhere. He has also engaged careful and experienced workmen and is prepared to execute all orders for stoves, pipes, and every other kind of tinsmith's work.

FARM FOR SALE.—

Parts of lots 3 and 4, 4th concession of Etanross, containing 140 acres—more or less—about 112 cleared and in a good state of cultivation, balance good hard wood. Good comfortable frame house, with a hand and water, bank, frame barn, with root-house and stable underneath, and outbuildings. Well watered, two orchards—planted fruit. Farm is situated close to the village of Rockwood, on the Grand Trunk Railway. Apply to Matthew

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PEREMPTORY AUCTION SALE

THOROUGH-BRED Cattle and Sheep,

Grade Cattle, Horses, Pigs, Poultry, Farming Implements, Steam Engine, Dairy Utensils, and Household Furniture. W. Wass has been honored with instructions from John Weatherstone, Esq., to sell by Public Auction at his Bronte Farm, Lot 25, in the 3rd Concession, South of Dundas street, Trafalgar, County of Halton, on

Friday, October 2nd, 1874.

The following mentioned valuable property, viz: Short-horned Cattle, with Registered Pedigrees—1 yearling bull, Crown Prince, calved April, 1873. 1 bull calf, Crown Prince 2nd, calved March 1874. 1 cow, red and white, Louis, calved May, 1871. 1 cow, red and white, Lily Dale, calved March, 1872. Hilda, red and white, calved May, 1871. 1 bull, calved February, 1874. 4 excellent Grade cows, 3 years 2 years old, 3 steers one year old, and 6 excellent Grade calves. Pure bred Leicester Sheep, from imported stock—1 Ram two shear, a shearing Rams, 13 Ram lambs, 1 pure bred Cheviot ewe, lately imported from the Elliott family; 24 pure bred Leicester ewes, 12 shearing ewes, and 20 ewe lambs. Horses—1 drab horse 7 years old, 1 yearling filly, and 1 spring colt. Pigs—2 pure bred Suffolk sows, 8 sows, Berkshire and Duroc, and 2 small pigs, same breed. Poultry—2 pairs geese, 6 pairs ducks, 20 couple barn-yard fowls, and 2 pairs Pea fowls including 1 male and 1 female. 2 new lumber wagons with frames, snow hay racks, 1 new Democrat wagon with pole and shafts, 1 other Democrat wagon, 3 Cape carts with frames, full mounted, 1 liquid manure cart, long sleigh, one set bob-sleigh (new), one new iron plow, four wooden plows, 3 small cultivators, 2 large cultivators, 2 pair's harrows, 2 land rollers, 2 new cross-cut saws, 2 hand saws, and 2 bush saws. 1 New Chicagoa Press, and 1 other. Also, a general assortment of Dairy Utensils and Household Furniture, cooking and other stoves, the whole of which must be sold as Mr. Weatherstone has sold the farm and must relinquish possession forthwith. The Auctioneer respectfully invites the attention of Purchasers to the above sale, as the stock is first-class, and the implements nearly all new, of the best quality and on the most improved principles. Terms—\$10 and under, cash; over that amount 12 months credit by furnishing approved joint notes. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock sharp, as the whole must be sold in one day. Lunch at noon.

W. WASS, Auctioneer, Bronte, Sept. 22, 1874.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

WM. NOBLE, Opposite the Market, Guelph

Great inducements will be offered for this season at Wm. Noble's shop, opposite the market.

He has now opened out his fall goods, which he will sell at the lowest prices, all new goods, no old stock in his shop, the greatest attention will be paid to the quality of the material, and the workmanship, that favour him with a call. My motto is "quick sales and light profits." I am also prepared to make all ordered work, in the newest style and of the best material, no misfits. All sorts of little boys' work will be kept on hand. Repairing done on the shortest notice.

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- Ex. S. S. Scandinavian, 10 Kegs.
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WM. STEWART.

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