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Business Cards.

F. STURDY,

House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter

GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.

Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. f27-dwly

ROYAL HOTEL LIVERY STABLE.

The subscriber begs to notify the public that he has purchased the above livery from Mr Geo. W. Jessop, and will continue the business as heretofore. Having made considerable improvements, he will be able at all times to meet the wants of the travelling public. First-class Turnouts ready at the shortest notice.
Guelph, 6th Dec. dtf W. J. WILSON.

O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL,

IN THE

QUEEN'S HOTEL, GUELPH, OPPOSITE THE MARKET.

Refitted in the latest fashion. Five latest styles Phelan Tables. do

DOMINION SALOON.

Fresh Oysters in every Style

The table supplied with all the delicacies of the Season in a first-class manner.
☞ At the Bar will be found the Choicest Brands of Liquors and Cigars.
DENIS BUNYAN,
Guelph, Nov. 21, 1871. do

SODEN'S PUBLIC CAB.

The subscriber having purchased Mr. D. Coffee's splendid Cab, begs to inform the public that it will be at their service at all times, either by the hour, the day, or any other way, at the most moderate charges.
It will attend all the regular trains, also Concert and Balls, and can be engaged for Marriages or Funerals on the shortest notice.
Order slates kindly permitted at Mr. Harvey's Drug Store, Parker's Hotel, and Hewer's Western Hotel.
A careful and steady driver always with the Cab. A share of public patronage respectfully solicited.
Orders may also be left at the Owner's Grocery Store, Upper Wyndham Street.
Oct. 19, 1871. dtf R. SODEN.

DUIGNAN'S PUBLIC CAB.

The Subscriber begs to inform the people of Guelph that he has purchased a handsome and commodious Cab, which will always be at their service.
He will be at the Railway Stations on the arrival of all trains.
Parties wishing to hire by the hour or otherwise will be charged the most reasonable rates.
As he will make it his study to see to the comfort of all passengers he hopes to receive a share of public patronage.
Orders left at the Express Office, Mr. Hugh Walker's, and at the Post Office will be promptly attended to.
Sept. 4, 1871. do JOHN DUIGNAN.

THE BEST HOTEL IN TOWN.

CASEY ALWAYS JOLLY.

The richest drinks best table, most comfortable beds, merriest company, and jolliest house in town at Casey's— The Harp of Erin Hotel, Macdonnell Street, Guelph. do

PARKER'S HOTEL,

—DIRECTLY—

OPPOSITE the MARKET, GUELPH

First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.
The best of Liquors and Cigars at the bar.
JAMES PARKER, Proprietor.
Guelph, Feb. 6, 1872. dwy

RAYMOND'S

SEWING MACHINES

Family Sewing Machine (single thread);
" Hand Lock Stitch (double thread)
" No. 1, Foot Power, " "
" No. 2, for heavy work;
Furnished with plain tables, half, or Cabinet Cases, as required.

CHARLES RAYMOND,

GUELPH, ONT.
July 12, 1871 dwly

PRIZE DENTISTRY.

DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL,

Licentiate of Dental Surgery. Established 1864. Office next door to the "Advertiser" Office, Wyndham-st., Guelph. Residence opposite Mr. Boult's Factory, Quebec Street. Teeth extracted without pain. References, Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph. Drs. Buchanan and Philips, Toronto; Drs. Elliott & Meyers, Dentists, Toronto. dw

W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S.,
SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH.

Office over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham and Macdonnell-sts. Guelph. ☞ Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) administered for the extraction of teeth without pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable.
References kindly permitted to Drs. Herod, Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Keating, Cowan and McGregor, Guelph; W. K. Graham, Dentist, Brampton. dw

ELECTRO AND 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 15 cents 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,
Guelph, Jan. 10, 1872 dtf

THORP'S LIVERY STABLE

STILL IN OPERATION

AT THE OLD STAND

First-class horses and rigs can be had at all hours by applying at the Stable, opposite the Grand Trunk Railway Station.
JAMES A. THORP.
Guelph, April 5th, 1871. yd

TANNERY FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

The subscriber will either sell or rent his Tannery, on Surrey Street, Guelph. Possession given on the 1st of March. Apply, on the premises, to JEHU CLARKE, Proprietor.
Guelph, Jan. 9, 1872. dw

New Advertisements.

SITUATION WANTED.—As salesman in a Dry Goods Store. Can speak both German and English. Twelve years experience. Testimonials can be produced, and security given if required. Address X. Y. Z., Ayton P O. dtS

F. H. PASS,

Painter, Glazier and Paper Hanger

All orders promptly attended to.
RESIDENCE—Two doors above St. Andrew's Church.
Guelph, Feb. 26, 1872 d3m

REWARD OFFERED.—The Subscriber offers a Reward of $10 for the discovery and conviction of the person or persons who broke my Boring Rods and Well digging tools, Crane, &c., on the Catholic Glebe Land on Thursday night last.
THOMAS BIRMINGHAM.
Guelph, Feb. 24, 1872. (2td)

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!

To lend, at reasonable rates, on security of real property, in sums to suit borrowers.
Apply to GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN.
Guelph, Dec. 27, 1871 3md

APPRENTICE WANTED.—Wanted immediately a good stout boy to learn the printing business. Must be a good scholar. Apply at this office. dw

BLACKSMITH WANTED IMMEDIATELY. — Good wages and steady employment to a competent man. Apply to James Laing, Blacksmith, Morriston. dwtf

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN.—Convenient to the Great Western station, Lots 53 and 54 being corner Lots well fenced and a good dwelling house on each lot, with stable and pump. For further particulars apply to JAMES McDONALD on the premises or at this office. Title perfect.
Feb. 22-1mdw

LOTS FOR SALE IN THE TOWN OF GUELPH.—Lots from 9 to 22, being the front, on the Elora Road of the Catholic Church Glebe, in lots to suit purchasers. For terms and particulars of sale, apply to Messrs. McMillan & O'Connor, Barristers, Nos. 8 and 9, Day's Block, Guelph. j19-dw

LOOK HERE.

Owners having horses suffering om Ring Bone, Bone Spavin, Blood Spavin, Curbs, Splints &c., can have these enlargments effectually removed in a very short space of time and at small expense by applying to
JOSEPH HIRSCH Union, Hotel.
Guelph, Jan. 31st, 1872. dw1m.

CASH FOR WOOL, HIDES, SHEEP-SKINS, CALF SKINS, and WOOL PICKINGS.
The highest market price paid for the above at No. 4, Gordon Street, Day's Old Block, Guelph.
Plasterers Hair constantly on hand for sale at D. MOULTON'S,
Guelph, Feb. 3, 1872. dwy

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the Partnership heretofore existing between Hugh Harley, Adam Murchy and Frank Harley is this day dissolved by mutual consent, Adam Murchy having sold out his interest in the said firm to Wm. Heather. All Parties indebted to the said Firm are requested to make payment to Harley & Heather, who will discharge all the debts of the said Firm and continue the business as heretofore.
HUGH HARLEY.
ADAM MURCHY.
FRANK HARLEY.
Witness—Jas. Dobbie.
Guelph, Feb. 26, 1872. (d6w1)

0000000 POOR

MISS FINCH AT DAY'S BOOK STORE.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY.

The sixth annual meeting of the Guelph St. Patrick's Benevolent Society, will be held at the Albion Hotel, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th inst., at 7:30 p.m., for the election of officers, and the transaction of other business.
By order of the President.
E. O'CONNOR, Secretary.
Guelph, Feb. 21, 1872. d4w1

DAMAGED RAISINS.

Special to the Trade.

We have another consignment of the Damaged Valencias coming in, which we expect to arrive about the 28th.
Some of our friends having been disappointed in not having their orders filled from the former lot, and this being the last lot we will receive, we would intimate that all orders will be filled in the order in which they are received, no precedence being given to any. All therefore who are desirous of securing any would do well to send in their orders early.

PATERSON & Co.

Guelph, Feb. 24th, 1872. d1w

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Fuhry & Coghlin, as hotel-keepers, is this day dissolved by mutual consent; and all parties indebted to the said firm are requested to make payment thereof to Jacob Fuhry, who will also discharge all the debts of the late firm.
JACOB FUHRY,
JOHN COGHLIN.
Witness—Michael Doran.
Guelph, Feb. 22, 1872.

IN reference to the above notice the undersigned begs to intimate to the travelling public that he intends carrying on the business of the "Bay Horse Hotel" in all its branches as formerly, and hopes by strict attention to business, the furnishing of superior Wines and Liquors, and excellent stabling accommodation, to secure a fair share of public support.
JACOB FUHRY.
Bay Horse Hotel, Guelph,
Feb. 22, 1872. 3d

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MONDAY EVEN'G, FEB. 26, 1872

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Grand Trunk Railway

Trains leave Guelph as follows:

WEST

4:22 a.m.; 9.50 a.m.; 6 p.m.*; 8:30 p.m.†.
*To London, Goderich, and Detroit. †To Berlin.

EAST

3:15 a.m.; 7:30 a.m.; 11:04 a.m.; 3:45 p.m.
The 1.55 p.m. and 6.50 p.m. trains are cancelled.

Great Western --- Guelph Branch

Going South—6.50 a.m., 1.05 p.m., 1.40 p.m. for Hamilton; 4.55 p.m.
Going North—11.45 a.m. for Clifford; mixed 1.15 p.m. for Clifford; 4.55 p.m. for Fergus; 9.05 p.m. for Fergus.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

IT is stated that the Government have given an assurance that the Granville canal improvements shall be completed by the opening of navigation.

THE RATEPAYERS of Oshawa are about granting a bonus of $5,000 to the projectors of a straw factory, to be started in that village.

RAILWAY MEETINGS.—The meetings in favour of the Southern Extension of the W. G. & B. R. at Reekie and Bervie on Friday were in the strongholds of the enemy, still the broad gauge was not without friends.

RAFTS.—Many car-loads of pine timber are going to Hamilton over the G. W. R. and W. G. & B. R., and are being dumped on to the ice in preparation for being formed into raft in the spring. This lumber is of excellent quality and very valuable.

ICE BRIDGE.—The Welland *Telegraph* says that there is another ice bridge here extending from about the American Fall nearly to the toll-gate. This makes the sixth "Natural Bridge" within a few years. The Falls themselves are very fine now, with the additional charm lent them by old King Winter and Jack Frost. The traffic over the new Suspension Bridge seems to be paying well.

FALSE REPORT.—A report was circulated in Hamilton on Saturday, to the effect that the employees of Messrs. Wilson, Bowman & Co., at their factory in Fergus, had struck for the nine hours movement. There is not a word of truth in the report. All the men employed there are content, and have shown no disposition to follow there "shop mates" in Hamilton.

A BOLD BAGGAGEMAN.—On Thursday last, one of the baggagemen employed on the Guelph Branch of the Great Western abstracted the Galt cash bag, containing $225, and succeeded in escaping across the Suspension Bridge, to Manchester, New York State, where he now is. The company offer a reward of $100 for his apprehension, but up to this time without the desired effect. The man had always borne a good name before this event. So says the London *Free Press*.

THE Fergus Easter fair and fat cattle show will be held on Tuesday, 12th of March. The last Fergus cattle fair was one of the briskest of the season. There was an unusually large quantity of good beef in, and it was nearly all sold at prices ranging from 3 to 4½ cents per lb. live weight. The demand was very keen, but there was but little or no advance in the prices at the last monthly fair.

HEAVY BEREAVEMENT.—The Orangeville *Sun* says public sympathy has been deeply moved by the great and sudden bereavement which has befallen the family of Mr. W. J. Middleton of that village. On Wednesday, his eldest daughter Annie, an amiable and intelligent girl about twelve years of age, died of scarlet fever; on Friday, Mary Jane, aged ten years, died of the same terrible malady, and on Tuesday, Willie, aged six years, succumbed to the fatal disease, and followed his sisters to a better world.

THE JOSEPH HALL MANUFACTURING CO.—We notice by the Oshawa *Vindicator* that the annual meeting of this Company was held on the 14th inst. Mr F. W. Glen, was relected President, Treasurer, and Managing Director; Mr. R. Wood, Secretary. The capital stock was increased to $300,000, the additional $100,000, all being taken by the present stockholders. This is now, we believe, the wealthiest manufacturing corporation in the Dominion. The sales the past year were nearly one hundred thousand dollars, and it is expected they will largely exceed that amount this year. We understand that the Company has one contract for machinery amounting to nearly one hundred thousand dollars.

ORANGEVILLE AND THE NARROW GAUGE.—As a set off we suppose to the article in the Orangeville *Advertiser*, pitching into the narrow gauge, we notice that a meeting of the merchants and business men of that village was held on Thursday night last, when a resolution was passed stating "that this meeting has entire confidence in the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway Company, which is greatly entitled to the thanks of the public for the energy and enterprise it has shown in constructing and equipping the road; that we deem the gauge perfectly satisfactory, and the power and capacity of the railway all that the trade of the country can possibly require; that under the influence of the road the trade of this town has been augmented ten-fold; and that when the line has been extended to Kincardine and Owen Sound and thoroughly equipped, it will, judging by our experience of its operation during the past six months, afford every facility for the transit of traffic and the accommodation of the public."

THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

VISIT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND ARTS ASSOCIATION TO GUELPH.

We stated on Saturday that, at the request of the Hon. Mr. McKellar, the Council of the Agricultural and Arts Association visited Guelph on on that day to look at some farms in the neighborhood of the town, which were considered much better adapted for the Experimental Farm, in connection with the Agricultural College, than the one selected by the late Government near Mimico.

After making a careful inspection of Mr. Wm. Hood's farm, and the Moreton Lodge Farm belonging to Mr. F. W. Stone, the members of the Council held a meeting in the Royal Hotel, but as the time at their disposal was too short for coming to any decision, they adjourned to meet in Toronto to-day (Monday), when they will report on the farm visited.

Without giving any opinion as to the result of their deliberations, or of the report which they will lay before the Council, we are at liberty to state that the members were most favorably impressed with the situation of the farms visited, the excellence of the soil and buildings, and all the surroundings connected therewith, also with the appearance of the Town, and the surrounding country, and from this we augur that their report will be in favor of locating the Agricultural College and Experimental Farm in the vicinity of Guelph.

After the Council had adjourned the members, on the invitation of the South Wellington Agricultural Society, were invited to partake of their hospitality at the Royal. There was only a short time before the departure of the train allowed, and that was taken advantage of. Accordingly the members met with the President and a number of the Directors, along with several members of the Town Council and other leading citizens, when a basket of champagne was discussed.

Mr. James Laidlaw, President of the Agricultural Society occupied the chair, and Mr. Stirton, M. P. the vice-chair.

Mr. Laidlaw in a few appropriate remarks proposed "The Agricultural and Arts Association of Ontario." He expressed the great pleasure they felt in having so many representatives of the agricultural interests of the country present, and hoped that they had from their short and hurried visit, gained a favourable impression of this part of the Province, and its agricultural capabilities. He was only sorry they had not had longer time at their disposal, and that they had not visited this section at a period of the year when they could form a better opinion of its appearance. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. White, President of the Council. The toast was drunk with all the honors.

Mr. White responded, and on behalf of his colleagues expressed the the pleasure he felt in visiting, along with his colleagues, this part of the Province. He was most favorably impressed with all they had seen to-day. He must confess that he did not find the land bought for the Agricultural College at Mimico equal to what they had seen to-day. A very responsible duty had been put on their sholders, and they would endeavor to discharge that duty in a way that would dojustice to the whole Province. They would have to consider their report carefully and in order to do so, had adjourned to meet at Toronto on Monday. He thanked them for the handsome way in which they had been received and entertained.

Mr. Stirton, in a few very suitable remarks, gave "Success to the Agricultural College," which was drunk with great enthusiasm.

Hon. Mr. Skead responded in a few humorous remarks. He remarked that they had an important duty to perform to the country. The Government, in selecting the farm, had made a bad choice. The soil had a clear grit bottom (laughter), and was not suited for the purpose. In making their decision the Council would endeavour to do their duty irrespective of locality. He hoped by and by to see an Agricultural College established in the Eastern section as well as the Western.

The Rev. W. F. Clarke, also responded. He was anxious that this College and Farm should be located in the most suitable place. If there was any other part of the country better adapted than Guelph, he was willing that it should go there. He pointed out several objections to having it located near Toronto, and considered that this County, from the high position it occupied in an agricultural point of view, was entitled to every consideration at the hands of the Council and the Government.

The company, after spending a few minutes very pleasantly together, then broke up, and accompanied the members of the Council to the train, who on their departure were greeted with three rousing cheers.

POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq.

February 26.

George Jeffery, on a charge of assaulting A. O. Bucham on Saturday, admitted the charge, and was fined $1 and costs. The difficulty arose out of some family matters.

SERIOUS ILLNESS OF REV. DR. MCCOSH, OF PRINCETOWN.—Many of our countrymen throughout America will be grieved to learn that the Rev. Dr McCosh, Principal of Princeton College, N. J. is lying dangerously ill with pneumonia. He has been ill for several days, and fears are entertained for his recovery.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Feb. 23.

Mr Clarke (Wellington)—From Robert Cochrane and others, against the repeal of the superanuation clause in the School Act.

On motion of Mr Blake it was ordered that the House do meet at one o'clock on Saturdays, for the remainder of the Session, and that on that day Government orders have precedence, but that there be no evening session on that day.

Among the bills which passed a third reading was a bill to legalize a certain by-law passed by the Corporation of the town of Galt, and to enable the said Corporation and the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada to obtain certain powers to construct a railway from the village of Doon to the said town of Galt, and to enable the said Company to extend their railway from Berlin to the village of Waterloo, and to legalize and give power to carry out an agreement entered into between the said Corporation and the said Company.

The debate on the railway aid resolutions was then resumed, when the Speaker put the amendment moved by Mr Grange, on Friday. Lost, 7 for, 57 against.

Mr McCuaig moved another amendment as follows:—That until the excess of the debt of Ontario and Quebec over $62,500,000 of joint debt, amounting to $10,500,000, has been apportioned between the Provinces, and the debt of Ontario definitely ascertained, it is inexpedient for this House to entertain any proposition towards granting $400,000 for Railway Aid Fund in addition to one million and a half already voted, and to pledge the credit of the Province to the extent of $100,000 a year for twenty years as proposed."

Lost, 10 for, 56 against.

Mr Rykert moved an amendment to the effect that it was not right to expend such a large amount on railroads, while no appropriation is made to the older counties. Lost, 19 for, 51 against.

Mr Rykert then moved that the following be added to the original resolution:—"That it be an instruction to the Committee to strike out the resolutions providing for a railway subsidy fund of $100,000 a year for twenty years." Lost, 21 for, 43 against.

The resolutions were then adopted and the Committee reported.

Feb. 24.

Mr Blake moved that till the close of the session there be two sittings of the House daily. Agreed to.

Mr Blake moved the reception of the report of the Committee on the resolutions respecting aid to railways. Carried 31 yeas, 7 nays.

Mr Blake introduced a bill founded on the resolutions. It was read a first time; second reading on Monday.

Mr Blake moved the reception of the report of the Committees on the Bill to render members of the House of Commons ineligible as members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario,

The report was received; and the Bill was ordered to be read a third time on Monday.

Mr Scott (Ottawa) moved the reception of the report of the Committee on the resolutions respecting settlers in the free grant townships. Carried.

Mr Scott introduced a Bill founded upon the resolutions.

Second reading on Monday.

On motion of Mr Mackenzie the House went into Committee of Supply on the supplementary estimates. The several items of which were passed.

The House then went into Committee of Ways and Means, and adopted a motion by Mr Mackenzie, granting $2,392,072 as a supply to Her Majesty. The Committee then rose and reported.

Mr Mackenzie introduced the Supply Bill. Second reading on Monday.

The Orange Resolutions anent the Scott Murder.

The following resolutions were passed at the recent session of the Grand Orange Lodge of Western Ontario, which met at St. Catharines last week:—

Moved and seconded, That the R. W. Grand Lodge, representing as it does, the Loyal Orangemen of Western Ontario, deeply regret that no effective means have been employed, either by the Dominion Government or the Government of Ontario, to bring to justice the murderers of our late Bro. Thomas Scott; and that, while the Grand Lodge thus expresses its regret at the inaction of the Dominion Government with reference to the atrocious outrage, as well as the effete means employed by the Government of Manitoba, it recognizes the action of the present Government of Ontario in proclaiming a grant of $5,000, to offer as a Reward for the apprehension of the dastardly murderers as a move in the right direction.

Moved and seconded in amendment—That, as doubt exists as to what Government, if any, in Canada has been to blame in not bring the murderers of our late brother, Thomas Scott, to justice, and, as this R. W. Grand Lodge has passed a Resolution asking that the opinion of eminent counsel as to what Government has the legal power to punish the murderers of Bro. Scott, and that as this R. W. Grand Lodge believe that the offer of $5,000 reward made by the present Government of Ontario is made mainly to catch the eye of and secure the votes of the Orangemen of Ontario, therefore, this Grand Lodge deprecates the attempts made to make political capital out of so grave and serious a matter.

The amendment was carried by a vote of 85 to 5.

The Late Bazaar.

To the Editor of the Mercury.

SIR,—In reference to the Bazaar lately held in this Town on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church, I must say that I think there has been some gross mismanagement (whether wilful or not I cannot say) on the part of those entrusted with the distribution of the prizes. I had a ticket —No. 650—and in the published list my ticket was entered as a winning number. I have applied no less than seven times, viz.: once at the Town Hall, three times to Mr. O'Connor, and three times to the Rev. Father Sherlock, but have failed to receive the prize or get any satisfaction respecting it. Hoping you will insert this in your valuable columns,

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

Guelph, Feb. 26. A TICKET-HOLDER

BY TELEGRAPH

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

Affairs at Antwerp.

Matters in Mexico.

The Alabama Claims Question.

The Prince of Wales.

Antwerp, Feb. 26.—There were some riotous demonstrations last night, but all the large assemblages of men were dispersed by the Gens d'Armes.

Paris, Feb. 26.—Thiers is understood to be opposed to the continued residence of the Count De Chamber at Antwerp.

London, Feb. 26.—After the thanksgiving ceremonies at St. Paul's the Prince of Wales will go on a tour to the Italian Lakes, staying abroad two months.

Paris, Feb. 25.—The counsel of the United States before the Geneva Board of Arbitration are engaged in preparing their reply to the case submitted by Great Britain. They think England will finally consent to the arbitration, but that Gladstone's Ministry will be out of power before she reaches that determination again.

Matamoras, Feb. 25.—A special courier arrived to-night from San Luis Potosi, with letters up to the 16th inst., confirming the previously reported death of Porforio Diaz, in the mountains of Queerretar, on the 12th inst., from dysentery. The followers of Diaz have proclaimed for Lerdo De Qejado or Juzman for President.

The Juarez Government is said to have published a new tariff, which abolishes Jora Libra on the frontier.

Gen. Correlia, with 4,000 Government troops, is inside San Luis Potosia, while Gen. Rocha has 5,500 men, with 24 pieces of artillery inside, supporting Correlia. Gen. Querra, with 11,000 revolutionists, is confronting Correlia and Rocha. Some severe fighting occurred, with undecisive results, however, both parties maintaining their ground.

New York, Feb. 26.—The *Herald's* Washington special says that our Government has authorized the American Banking Houses to make an offer to the Gladstone Ministry to settle all questions at issue, growing out of the Alabama claims, for ten million pounds sterling. It is believed this position will be well received, as Earl De Grey and Ripon said to Attorney-General Williams, while the Joint High Commission was in session in this city, that England was ready to arrange the whole matter, including a reasonable sum for consequential damages. If the question cannot be settled on the basis of this offer it is not doubted that the answer of our Government to Lord Granville will be a triumphant vindication of the position assumed in the American case.

The Nine Hours' Movement.

A mass meeting of workingman, under the auspices of the Nine-hour League, was held in the Mechanics' Hall, Hamilton, on Saturday night. The avowed object of the meeting was to express sympathy with the late employees of Wilson, Bowman & Co., who are now on a strike, and to assist them by money and otherwise, as well as to aid the progress of the nine hour movement generally. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. Pryke, President of the Nine hour League. On the platform were seated representatives of the various trades' unions of the city, and two representatives from Toronto. The hall was filled with a standing audience of sixteen or eighteen hundred men. After speeches from Messrs Jas. Ryan, Scott, Fahey and others, the following resolutions were passed:—

That it is the inherent right of every freeman to express his wishes and opinions fearlessly and without prejudice, and that any infringement of this liberty is highly dangerous to the constitutional privileges of all free citizens.

That whereas, under the circumstances in which they were placed, this meeting consider that the workmen of Messrs. Wilson, Bowman & Co., were justified in the course of action which they adopted, therefore resolved that this meeting pledges itself to contribute to the support of the workmen of Messrs Wilson, Bowman & Co., until a satisfactory arrangement be effected between the workmen and their late employers, or till they obtain work elsewhere.

The hands at Wilson, Bowman & Co's struck work between nine and ten on Thursday last. On Friday eighteen hands were at work, including two of the party which quitted the shop on the preceding day. On Saturday these same continued at work. Applications sufficient to fill the vacancies have been received, and from these sixty have been selected who are expected to start work on Monday, of whom about a dozen were old employees.

Reform Meeting in Bruce.

PORT ELGIN, Feb. 23.

A large number of the electors of the North Riding of Bruce attended the meeting of Mr. K. McKenzie, the nominee of the Reform Convention here, to-day. Mr. Thomas Greer, of Saugeen, was appointed chairman, and Mr. N. A. Ray acted as secretary. Mr. McKenzie made an able speech, condemning the policy of the Dominion Government; gave a history of the Reform party in Canada, and reviewed their motives and actions during several years. He referred to the recklessness of the Government at Ottawa in increasing the debt $2,450,000, in their management of affairs at Manitoba, and different other acts of corruption. Mr. McKenzie was well received by all present. A motion, pledging to support Mr. McKenzie if he became a candidate for the House of Commons at the next election, was carried by a vote of over three to one.