

OUR NEW STORY.

We will begin to-morrow another of those very popular stories which during the past few years have appeared in the Mercury. The tale is entitled "For The King," and relates to incidents transpiring at the time "Bonnie Prince Charlie" attempted to regain the kingdom which his father's folly had lost to the Stuart Family. It furnishes many interesting facts in relation to the Scottish Rebellion of that year; and it is full of daring adventures, instances of heroic courage and endurance, and descriptive scenes which charm the reader with their beauty and graphic power. This tale when first published created a great sensation in Britain, and it cannot fail to afford equal interest to all readers on this side of the Atlantic.

How Best to Fix the Tariff.

The Monetary Times, whose views on questions of finance and other matters affecting trade are generally sensible and practical, refers in a late article to the difficulties which beset a Government when adjusting the tariff, and makes a suggestion with the view of remedying the evil, which is worthy of attention. It says:—"It is not always that we are so fortunate as to find our Cabinets a man who has had the political influence to command a place there, and at the same time the needful acquaintance with the commercial requirements of the country to grapple with the duties devolved upon a Finance Minister. The commercial interests of Canada have long been, in some measure, subjected to the vicissitudes of chance; and instead of adopting a settled policy in regard to foreign trade, our tariff has been shifted about in a manner that does little credit to our intelligence. Of course we have the right to send deputations and protests, but only after the mischief has been partly done. Some means must, therefore, be found by which the knowledge of the commerce of a community can be brought to bear upon our tariff legislation. That there are difficulties to be encountered in carrying this object into effect, we cannot deny; but they are not insuperable. Why could not a Committee of the House, sworn to secrecy, be empowered to deal with the tariff and make its report to the House? Such a Committee, if properly constituted, would give us something intelligible at least, would be much more likely to reflect the general opinion of the country, and would relieve the Government of the day of one of the greatest embarrassments to which it is now constantly exposed."

MR. MACKENZIE AS A MINISTER.—The Ottawa correspondent of the Hamilton Times says:—"Mr. Mackenzie's extensive knowledge and able administration of public affairs astonish his most intimate friends. In the conduct of the Public Works Department he is never at a loss for an answer. Every canal, harbor, bay, light-house, or railway, from the Atlantic to the Pacific—to quote a favourite phrase of Tupper's—is as familiar to him as to the inhabitants of the several localities. He knows the exact requirement of each work, and has the estimates and the methods of application of each sum at his fingers' ends. When a subject comes up for debate, and is talked about by half a dozen members, the Premier replies briefly, but pointedly, without notes, taking the arguments of the several speakers one by one, without confusion, and answering them by plain references to authorities and precedents. In matters not connected with his own department he is also well posted, and frequently he answers questions on behalf of an absent colleague, or on matters of general policy. His voice is always heard distinctly, and he seldom utters a word that could have been spared."

MOTLEY, the historian, mourns over the fact that a language was never perfect until it was dead. While a language is growing there is no accounting for the grotesque forms which words will take. Pocket-handkerchief, for instance, is an absurd mass of syllables for a little thing in common use. It began growing centuries ago. Kerchief is *couperchief*, a head-covering; then it began to be carried in the hand, for obvious purposes, and at last was put in the pocket, gathering cumbersome additions to its name all the way. How much more sensible to call it as the French do, a *mouchoir*, or *wiper*? The only objection to this would be the temptation afforded to low punsters, who would warn you whenever you put your mouchoir in your breast-pocket, not to take a wiper to your bosom.

Mr. Jenkins, agent-general for Canada, whose relationship to our Government has been the subject of a lively parliamentary debate, has taken magnificent rooms in King street, London, W. C., in the very centre of that region of official and ambassadorial grandeur surrounding Downing street. The structure in which these offices are contained is to be called Canadian Buildings.

It is rumored that rich gold findings are being made on Lake Winnipeg. Several parties are out prospecting.

The native wine produced in the United States are estimated in round numbers at twenty millions of gallons. California, the largest producer, yields one-fourth of this amount, five millions; Ohio about one-sixth, three and one-half millions; New York, three millions; Missouri and Illinois each two and one-half millions, and Pennsylvania two millions. In these six States are produced all the wines of the country, excepting about one million and one-half gallons raised in smaller quantities in the other States. Wines are produced, however, in some quantity in nearly every State and Territory, 20,000 gallons a year being credited to New Jersey, and 5,000 gallons to Delaware. The annual value of the wine crop is about \$14,000,000.

THE ORIGIN OF STEAMBOATS.—Mr. Wm. A. Mowry of Providence read an interesting paper before the Rhode Island Historical Society on the question: "Who invented the first American steamboat, and when and where was its first trip made?" Mr. Mowry showed that Robert Fulton was not the pioneer in steamboat building, but that about 1790 Capt. Samuel Morely, of Hebron, N. H., constructed a rude vessel propelled by steam, and made a successful trip on the Connecticut river, between Oxford, N. H., and Fairlee, Vt. Capt. Morely came to New York with a model of his boat and it is claimed by the lecturer that he had interviews with Fulton and Livingston, and that Fulton, aided by wealth and influence, built a steamboat on the principle of Morely's.

A JURY in Lindsay has given a young woman named Dwyer \$1,000 from her employer, a farmer in North Emily named Gargatt Guir, for breach of promise.

THE BEAUTIFUL BY-AND-BY.
By the shining shores of life's beautiful river
Where the morning gleams on its bright
waves quiver,
A bark lay rocking upon the tide;
We stood on the white sands, John and I,
And he whispered, "Dear heart, shall we
sail together,
All the long, long day, with its changeful
weather,
Till we land by and by on the other side?"
My heart and my voice made swift reply,
"We will cross together, love, you and I,
Over the tide to the other side,
To that beautiful 'by and by'!"
Through all the day, with its sweet, bright
morning,
Its darkening noon with its clouds of warn-
ing,
Its evening of lulling, dreaming rest,
We have breathed the billows, John and I,
And I whisper, "Dear heart, we shall land
together,
Unharm'd and unchilled by the changeful
weather;
See, our sun goes down in a golden west!
The spray of the storm that beat so high
Has but frosted the hair and dimmed the
eyes,
And lo! on the sands of your nightless lands
Is our beautiful 'by and by'!"
—From The Auldine for May.

THE TAKING OF THE CHILD.
BY THOMAS MACRELLAR.
We heard no knocking at the door,
There was no stealthy tread
Of vagrant feet upon the floor,
To all our souls we drew,
We heard no voice within the room,
Nor saw a stranger's face,
And yet a trembling and a gloom
Crept over us apace.
Without the night was wild and drear,
Within was woe and care;
All silence magnified our fear
Till broken by a prayer.
The dying boy wist what I said,
For simple words were they;
He clasped his hand and, bearing his head,
Our Father heard him pray.
As on his mother's breast reclined,
Nestling his flaxen head—
His little hands in hers entwined—
In quick surprise he said,
"Say, mother! what is that I see?"
He pointed to the dim:
Sure something in the vacancy
Was beckoning to him.
Between the going out of night
And coming-in of day
His spirit, like a meteor light,
Stole suddenly away.
A tearful company we drew
Around the mother's chair,
And knelt in reverence, for we knew
The Lord himself was there.

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CHANCERY SALE
OF
Valuable Farm near Guelph.

In pursuance of the Decree and Order of the Court of Chancery in a suit of Blong vs. Crawley, and with the approbation of Thomas Wardlaw Taylor, Esq., Master in Ordinary of the said Court, will be sold by public auction by W. S. G. Knowles, Auctioneer, at his auction rooms, in the Town of Guelph, on Saturday, the 16th day of May, 1874, at 12 o'clock, noon, in one parcel, the following freehold land and premises, viz: The southwest part, otherwise known as the front half of Lot No. 19, in the 7th concession of the Township of Puslinch, containing by admeasurement one hundred acres more or less, of which 80 are cleared and under cultivation, and fifteen well timbered with good hardwood. On it are a frame house and large barn, with stone cellar underneath. It is distant from Guelph about five miles. The property will be sold subject to a reserve bid fixed by the Master. One tenth of the purchase money, at the time of sale to be paid to the vendor or his solicitors; a further sum sufficient with the deposit to make one-half the purchase money to be paid within three weeks from the time of sale without interest; the balance to be secured by mortgage payable at the end of four years with interest at seven per cent, payable yearly. Upon payment of one half and giving mortgage as aforesaid the purchaser will be entitled to his conveyance, and to be let into possession. The other conditions are the standing conditions of the said Court.
For further particulars apply at the law offices of Messrs. Rose & Macdonald, Toronto, and Messrs. Dunbar, Merritt & Bischoff Guelph.

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