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### THE RED MILL.

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### FLOUR AND FEED

Guelph 19th December, 1867.

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NEW LAW OFFICE.

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mber 1867.

TO CONSUMPTIVES.

REV. EDWARD A. WILSON, No. 165 South Second Street, Williamsburgh, N. Y

# Evening Mercuny

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET FRIDAY EVN'G, FEB. 7, 1868.

#### Local News.

Charity.—The Milton Champion says: At the first meeting of the Nelson Coun-cil, \$444 was granted in charity, to be paid in monthly sums of \$2 to \$5 to each indigent person.

FIRE AT NEUSTADT .- A few days ag the flax mill of Mr Wm Hendry, of New-

UASTLE GARDEN SALOON man named Mrs Edwards, a resident of SUELPH, ONT. sustained the fracture of one of her legs.

ASSAULT.—On Mewday, the ord mac, Michael and David Scott, of Tiverton,

returning on Monday, the 27th ult., from have not learned who was the perpetrator fore the water was sent along FLOUR AND FEED STORE taken to secure the ends of justice in the matter. We are informed that the We are informed that the sufferer is a harmless, inoffensive person.

FIRE AT NEUSTADE.—A few days ago the flax mill of Mr Wm Hendry, of Neustadt, County of Grey, was totally, destroyed by fire. The origin of the catastrophe is said to have been the breakly of February. Members all present, the ground of a lamp. The loss is very heavy.

RUNAWAY.—A span of horses driven by a woman from the country took fright yesterday, at the train, and making a sudden tarn upset the sleigh, and threw the driver on the street. They then galloped flercely up Quebec street, but were arrested before they reached Wyndhamst. The lady picked up the buffalo robe, and followed quietly. complaining of being slightly injured in the side.

Another Runaway.—A runaway occurred this morning on Kent streetatem from the country taking fright as a train, and galloping off friously. A winan named Mrs Edwards, a resident of Guelph township, was thrown out and sustained the fracture of one of her legs. Dr Howitt attended to the case.

ACCIDENT AT THONNDALE—On Tuesday afternoon last as a train was nearing the station at Thorndale, a young mandrove up to the crossing being ignorant of his proximity to the trails of the trake. His skull was fractured, and he is not likely to recover.

ASSAULT.—On Menday, the 3rd inst., Michael and David Scott, of Tiverton, committed a brutal assault on Mr. J. Thorington, a very respectable residency for the township of Bruce. The parties were immediately arrested. brought before three of the Kincardine magistrates, and bound in sureties of \$400 to keep the peace and appear at the Quarter Sessions, McDenot's Assault.—The Bruce Reporter says:—Mr. Angus McLie, from a visit to friends in Bayfield. At Port Albert shoult one mile from Inverhuron, were returning on Monday, the 27th ult., from a visit to friends in Bayfield. At Port Albert shoult one mile from Inverhuron, were returning on Monday, the 27th ult., from a visit to friends in Bayfield. At Port Albert shoult one mile from Inverhuron, were returning on Monday, the 27th ult., from a visit to friends in Bayfield. At Port Albert shoult

a visit to friends in Bayfield. At Port Insurance Companies doing business in Albert, about ten miles this side of Goder. Quebec threatened to withdraw their poich, they stopped at Hogan's tavern to licies, on account of the length of time rest themselves. We learn that while required to furnish water after the alarm there a row ensued, occasioned as usual, of fire had been given. They were only Mr. McI ean was struck in the induced not to do so by a promise of the back of his head and has not spoken since. Council that water should be available in After receiving the blow he was brought ten minutes after the discovery of the fire. home and Dr. Douglass was sent for. At a conflagration last Saturday after-Slight hopes of his recovery are enter- noon, the hose reels were on the ground. tained. The exact particulars of the the hose payed out, the firemen in their affair are not yet well known, and we places, nozzles in hand, for an hour be-

fore the water was sent along.

A Barr Gaschi.—The case of the notorious Mrs. Jaggers, who farmed out
color in Mrs. Jaggers, who farmed out
close in New York, is still attracting attention, and Mrs. Benson Baker, one of
the Poor-law medical officers of Marycletone, has under his present charge
one of the children who have say, is something over three years old. This child,
three years old, was employed by the
propeletess as a gaffer and ganger over
they counger bables. His duties were to
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mouth, he was also to keep them quiet,
and generally to superintend them. This
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Mr McLeod moved for a return to
His Excellency, showing the indebtedness
on the 31st Dec., 1867, of corporations in
n each county, city, township, town and
village, in the manner required by secion 241 of the Municipal Act specifying
the original amount and eveything recarding it. At a time like the present
the hon, member said, when they appeared to be entering and an era of railway enterprise, it was very important
that the financial condition of the sevsral municipalities should be known.
Hitherto these returns had been imperfectly made. The motion was carried.

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the Whole on the bill to amend the Assessment Act. Mr. Rykart explained the changes the committee proposed to make. One of the first changes proposed to make. One of the first changes proposed by the committee was, that income from mortgages should be assessed. The next alteration was made in sub-section 19 (of clause 9) which was repealed. This allowed the assessor to tax all personal property, no mater where found; were although the person might have to debts hanging over him greater than the amount of such property. The next material alteration related to the exemption of income. Those living in incording the property of the next material alteration related to the exemption of income. Those living in incording that the amount of such property. The next material alteration related to the exemption of income. Those living in incording that the amount exempted in the such as a hardship that every man earning all a day had been taxed when in fact he could hardly live on his, \$300. In the committee, taking this view of the case, had decided on raising the amount to \$600—making that the amount exempted from taxation. The next alteration was that which exempted ministers of religion from taxation to the extent of \$2,000 so far as their houses were concerned. The change here proposed, he had no doubt, would meet the approval of the country. The sub-section 23 had been repealed, for the committee were of opinion these gentlemen having pretty fair salaries in the public service, should contribute in proportion towards the revenue of the country. That clause 10 of the Act, providing how the rates were to be estimated in countries, cities, towns, townships and villages, had been repealed. It had been found that in cities and towns the assessors were unable to arrive at a proper valuation in respect to properties situated say on two corners, and that under the present law valuable property frequently escaped taxation. The next section altered was one which would not probably affect cities or towns. It was sub-acc. 1 of s present Act. If there was one-thing more than another more generally demanded, he felt it was this scale of taxation. Now a man might own \$9,999 worth of property, and all he was assessed for was \$4,000. The next alteration was in subsec. 12 of sec. 61, where the committee proposed to give the Court of Revision power to examine parties on oath or witnesses and to decide on reducing or increasing the amount of assessment according to that testimony. The next alteration proposed a return to the interest on actual value, as capitalised. The committee felt that all property in towns and villages was too highly assessed. At present property was assessed according to its actual value, and on that the county rate was paid, whereas under the old law the assessment was on the annual value. Sec. 83 substituted two days for one. In sec. 104 this new sub-section was added at the end, with the view of compelling municipalities to pay taxation up to a certain day:—

"But it shall be imperative upon the collector to call upon the person liable to pay the taxes at least 14 days before the said 14th December; and it shall be the duty of the collector to return to the treasurer of the municipality a list verified of the mames of all persons who have not paid their taxes at the time hereinbefore mentioned and the amount due by them. Provided always that the municipality may pass a by-law relieving the said person so in arrear from the payment of the whole or any part of the said ten per cent."

He also proposed to alter the day of appeal to the Court of Revision to the 15th of June.

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REVIVAL OF AN OLD CUSTOM AT AN HIGH-

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE. The Tenant-house and Cellar Popula-

According to a survey made by the Sanitary Inspectors of the Council of Hygiene of the Citizens' Association of New York, and verified by a subsequent inspection made by the Metropolitan Police at the close of the year 1864, there was then in this city 15,511, tenant houses, containing 110,363 families, numbering

lice is the close of the year 1894, there was then in the city 19,11, tensal colors, 189,000 scales. The number of cellars in this city which at that date were in labit-less than 1812, and the number of cellars in this city which at that date were in labit-less than 1812, and the number of persons and color and it could collar and it can all tones of the condition of the city 501,224—a number sufficient to make a city as large as Boston, Washware the condition of things three years ago, in a time of great presperity. What the increase has been during the last the lates of the condition of things three years of the condition of things three years ago, in a time of great presperity. What the increase has been during the last clined, because no complete census has been made. In the Twelfith Ward, complying that privation of New York, northwest of the condition of

## BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

a general dissatisfaction and even consternation at the ramors of Scnor Pugol's mission to the United States for the sale of Samana.

The Hindel'sSt. Domingo special says, people and public officials were protesting against the negotiations for the alienation of Samana. All decrees since June last his been pronounced null. A provisional riumvirate had been proclaimed; its powers we to last until the return of Bazz.

The Herald's Kingston, Jamaica, special says the assent which the Presbytarians manifested towards ex-Governor Eyre's policy is represented as having prevented a mutiny among the blacks threatened at Christmas.

New York, Feb. 7—In the Nova Scotia Lower House of Parliament yesterday, notice was given of a resolution favoring the withdrawal of Nova Scotia from the Canadian Confederation.

Mem. Feb. 6—Considerable eventement prevalus over the failure of Gayoza Bank among the working classes. Six depositors attempted to hang the cashier. Nashville, Feb. 6—An accident occurred on the Chattanooga and Nashville Railroad yesterday, by which a portion of a freight train was destroyed and 200 feet of the road torn up. Several of the employees were severely injured, but no lives lost.

New York, Feb. 7—The Times' special says the reported intention of the Reconstruction. Committee to pursue charges against the President in the Grant correspondence, to the extent of presenting articles of impeaciment, are greatly exaggerated. It is said the President will also remind deneral Grant that his language smicks strongly of insubordination, and is disrespectful in character, tending to the distinguished head.

THE ORGAN QUESTION—A moderation of the strending the distinguished head.

Brockville Presbytery at its regular meeting at Prescott, on the 4th inst., Only one retired minister voted

year ending October 31, 1867, for drunkenness and petty crimes.

The distress in Paris just now is terrible. More ann 8,000 families are unable to pay 1 to gent. Still the fetes and masquerad. So an as gaily as ever.