

Ottawa, March 27.

The Absorption of Poland.

We take the following from an article in the N. Y. Tribune:—It appears to be the general opinion in Germany and France that the recent visit of Prince Napoleon to Germany was made for a political purpose. No official or semi-official statement on the subject has been published, but it is naturally surmised that France is desirous to secure the friendship and co-operation of Prussia for some part of her foreign programme. If this supposition is correct, the visit of the "Red Prince" must have concerned the Eastern question, in which both France and Austria have for months been most anxious to enlist the sympathy of Prussia. The article of the Neue Freie Presse of Vienna, one of the best political papers of Continental Europe, which states the object of the visit to have been to hold a conference with the signers of the treaties of 1815, for the purpose of bringing about a joint protest against the absorption of Poland, is in itself very plausible, and probably not far from the truth.

But whatever the motive of this mission of Prince Napoleon to Germany may have been, we know that France and Austria do not hesitate even officially to attack the foreign policy of Russia, especially in the Eastern question, and the language of both Governments towards Prussia is invariably most friendly. One of the principal charges which Austria and France—and on this question they have the full support of England—bring against Russia is that of violating the territorial arrangements of 1815—a ridiculous charge, if we consider that the Emperor of France has more than once denounced these treaties as detestable, and that, in 1859, his aid alone enabled Italy to undo an important part of these treaties, and wrest a large province from the Emperor's present ally, the Emperor of Austria.

But though France, Austria, and England may have no right to remonstrate with Russia against violating a treaty for which neither of them has shown a great respect, a joint intervention, diplomatic or otherwise, in behalf of Poland, would be enthusiastically applauded by all parties in Europe, especially by the Liberals. The decree for the absorption of Poland into Russia is an act of monstrous iniquity which has hardly a parallel in the history of the nineteenth century. It is difficult to see how a Government, in many respects so far-sighted as that of Russia, and which, in the Eastern question, pleads in justification of its plans against Turkey the rights of the Christian nationalities of that country, should ever have conceived the idea of suppressing by decree, a nationality.

Russia, after defying the remonstrances of public opinion and common sense in this question, may be too proud to mind the protests of other European powers. In this case we should have another European complication, in which, however, the circumstance that Austria and Prussia are partners of the wrongs of Russia against Poland will, probably, be sufficient to prevent a European war.

EMIGRATION TO THE SOUTH.—Some days ago about 50 Germans of both sexes passed through Washington en route for the South, via the Richmond and Fredericksburg Railroad. They have just arrived from Bremen, and are going to work on farms in the South, many of them in Virginia. It is said that over 10,000 of these emigrants are to be brought by this line to Baltimore this year and sent over the Richmond and Fredericksburg road to their new homes in the South. The welcome promise is that thousands of these frugal and industrious people will follow in the footsteps of their brethren, and aid in making Virginia what she ought long ago to have been, the wealthiest of the sisterhood of the States.

DEPLORABLE STATE OF THE ITALIAN FINANCES.—At last, Italy seems to have a Finance Minister who is not afraid to speak the truth. Count Cambray-Digny, instead of like his predecessors, indulging in optimistic predictions, has told the Italian Chambers that even economy will not now save them; that it is absolutely necessary to impose fresh taxes; and that, if the country will not submit to them, a catastrophe is inevitable, which is nothing less than the failure of the Italian Kingdom. Things must have become very bad before a minister would make such a confession. Being thus bad, however, confession is the first indispensable step towards amendment.

THE QUEEN'S JOURNAL IN WELSH.—Her Majesty the Queen, knowing that there are still great numbers of people in the Principality of Wales whose ordinary speech is that of the ancient Cymry, has desired that her lately published "Journal" should be translated into that tongue. Sir M. Biddulph has, by her command, requested the Rev. J. Jones, rector of Llandissilo, near New Quay, Cardiganshire, and who is known as an eminent Welsh scholar, to undertake the work of translation. A cynical chap insists that the fewer relations or friends we have the happier we are. In your poverty they never help you; in your prosperity they always help themselves.

Mr. McKenzie moved the adoption of the 5th report of the Printing Committee, which recommended the publication of an official report of the debates—at an estimated cost of \$12,019 for a session of sixty working days. Mr. Shanly said he believed the estimate of \$12,000 for a session would be found far short of the actual cost. He saw no necessity for this official report, as he considered the newspapers faithfully and impartially reported the debates. The report was lost on a division.

Hon. Mr. Rose moved concurrence in the resolution of the committee of the whole, appropriating \$30,000 for Geological survey.

Mr. Mackenzie said that the resolution could not be allowed to proceed. The House ought to exercise the greatest vigilance in getting estimates in detail of the expenditure required for the public survey, and these estimates must be recommended by message. He read from the Union Act and from the work on practice of the English House of Commons, to show that this was a principle which could not be violated.

Sir John A. Macdonald conceded that the objection was a valid one, and said his hon. friend would move that the resolution be recommended.

The resolution was then allowed to drop. On motion of Hon. Mr. Rose, the house went again into Committee on the Currency resolutions.

After sitting some time the Committee rose and reported progress. Hon. Mr. Rose moved the second reading of the Bill respecting Insurance Companies.

Considerable discussion took place, after which the bill was then read a second time and ordered to be referred to committee of the whole on Tuesday.

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Hon. Mr. Rose, in accordance with the suggestion of the leader of the Government, then moved that the debate be adjourned till Monday—Carried.

Sir John A. Macdonald moved a second reading of the Bill respecting Penitentiaries and the directors thereof, and for other purposes.

The Bill was read a second time and ordered to be referred to Committee of the Whole on Monday.

New Advertisements.

BIRD CAGES. Just received a variety of Bird Cages, a better assortment than ever before offered in Guelph. JOHN HORSMAN.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

JACOB HESPELER & SON. And now and in future selling their

TWEEDS

TO THE RETAIL DEALERS DIRECT from the MILL

MANUFACTURERS' Wholesale Prices and Terms

ONE PROFIT. Hespeler, 28th March, 1868. 342w

AUCTION SALE

Of Farm Stock and Implements. THE Undersigned has been instructed by Mr. Mr. Robert Macdonald to sell by Public Auction, on his farm, Lot 73, 10th Con, Beverly,

On Tuesday, 7th April, 1868

At 11 o'clock a.m., the following Stock and Implements—1 span of horses, 8 cows in calf, 7 steers coming three years old, 2 steers and 1 heifer coming two years old, 3 steers and 1 heifer coming 1 year old, 20 sheep and two rams, 6 fall pigs and 1 thorough-bred Berkshire breeding sow, 1 lumber wagon, set of bob-sleighs, ox or horse cart with the harness, plough, 2 set double harrows, hand roller, cultivator, fanning mill, wheelbarrow, 4 set of whippetrees, 2 set double harness, grain cradle, and numerous other articles. Also, some household furniture. Will be sold at the same time about 34 acres of fall wheat, and some seed potatoes.

TERMS—Sums of \$5 and under, cash; over that amount 11 months' credit on approved joint notes. ROBT. HUNTER, Auctioneer. Guelph, April 2, 1868. w11

AUCTION SALE

Of Farm Stock and Implements. W. S. G. KNOWLES has received instructions to sell by public auction,

On Wednesday the 8th of April at one o'clock, at the Gourack Post Office, Waterloo Road, three miles from Guelph, the following property—1 span working horses, 3 cows in calf, 4 pigs, 1 new lumber wagon, 1 single horse sleigh sulky, plough, 1 set harrow, fanning mill, 1 set heavy harness, 1 set carriage harness, 1 set buggy harness. No reserve, as the proprietor is leaving the place.

TERMS—Sums of \$5 and under, cash; over that amount 9 months' credit on approved notes. WM. HEARN, proprietor. Guelph, 2nd April, 1868. w1

Spring Arrivals.

THE subscriber would respectfully thank his numerous customers for their liberal patronage since he re-opened in Douglas, and would be to intimate that he has just received a large assortment of

Fashionable Dry Goods

GARDEN and other SEEDS. Groceries, Crockery and Hardware suitable for the season, and by strict attention to business, fair dealing and reasonable prices, hopes to merit a liberal share of their patronage. Merchandise Produce taken in exchange. Cash for Hides. ANDREW LIGHTBODY, Postmaster, Guelph, Ontario. Douglas, 2nd April, 1868. w

GUELPH EVENING MERCURY.

DON'T fail to subscribe to the GUELPH EVENING MERCURY.

VERY latest Telegraphic, Local and other News in the MERCURY.

MORE and better selected Reading Matter appears in The Evening Mercury than any other paper in Guelph.

EVERY Merchant and Business Man should advertise in this paper.

REPORTS of all Local Proceedings up to three o'clock appear daily in this paper.

STEWART

NEW IMPORTATIONS OF DRY GOODS daily arriving, and will be the Cheapest Goods ever offered in Guelph.

STEWART'S

CARPET STOCK is the largest west of Toronto, and being all this season's importations the designs and colors are new.

STEWART'S

STOCK OF TAPESTRY is large and choice. Styles are new, and will be offered very low, commencing at 75 cents.

STEWART

HAS to hand this morning a lot of CROQUET SKIRTS. Styles new.

STEWART

HAS just opened a lot of Ladies' COLLARS, CUFFS and NECK TIES.

STEWART

HAS a lot of VELVET MANTLES from \$2.15.

New Cottons and Prints at new prices, and a great assortment of Hoop Skirts.

WM. STEWART.

Guelph, March 26, 1868. dw

SPECIAL NOTICE.

OPENED TO-DAY!

New Spring Dress Goods, New Hats and New Skirtings.

Guelph, March 17, 1868. A. O. BUCHAM.

JUST OPENING

AT THE BRITANNIA HOUSE

A Splendid Assortment of

SPRING FURNISHINGS

2 & 3 PLY CARPETS, Tapestry, Brussels, Hemp, Felt, &c.

Muslin and Lace Curtains, Damasks, Fringes, &c.

HEFFERNAN BROS. Guelph, 25th March, 1868.

A. R. McMASTER & BRO.

Are now opening out their

Spring Importations!

And will be glad to see their customers and friends at

32 Yonge-st., Toronto. Toronto, 26th March, 1868. dw-ly

GORDON, MACKAY & CO.,

Importers, Manufacturers, and General Warehousemen, Have now in stock one of the most magnificent assortments of

Staple & Fancy Dry Goods

In the Dominion, A large assortment of

Home and Foreign Woollens!

AND TAILORS' GOODS AND TRIMMINGS. They are constantly receiving Leading Styles from the various places of production—

Terms Liberal. Lybster Mills Sheetings 38 and 36 inches. Also, Lybster Mills YARNS and BATTING. Toronto, 26th March, 1868. dw-1m.

ESTABLISHED 1849.

JOHN MACDONALD & CO

TORONTO, Have now a very

Large and Complete Stock!

To which, throughout the Season, ADDITIONS WILL BE MADE WEEKLY

JOHN MACDONALD & CO. Nos. 21 and 23, Wellington Street, and Nos. 28 and 30, Front Street, TORONTO. No. 108 King Street, Manchester, England. Toronto, 25th March, 1868. dw1m

PARTNERSHIP NOTICE!

THE undersigned have entered into Co-partnership under the firm of BUCHANAN & CO., Hamilton, Ontario, and of PETER BUCHANAN & CO., Glasgow, Scotland.

ISAAC BUCHANAN, ANDREW BIRNY, PETER T. BUCHANAN. Hamilton, Ontario, February, 1868.

1868. SPRING IMPORTATIONS. 1868.

THE Subscribers have received and are NOW OPENING a portion of their

SPRING IMPORTATIONS

BRITISH AND FOREIGN DRY GOODS,

And will have an excellent assortment opened out by the 26th inst., as also of Canadian and American Manufactures.

BUCHANAN & COMPANY. Hamilton, 19th March, 1868. dw

DR. JAMES' NEW DISCOVERY.

GREEN MOUNTAIN OIL.

WARRANTED TO CURE Rheumatic Pains of all kinds. Diphtheria, Croup and Burns, Swellings and Sore Eyes, Rheumatic Pains, Stiff Joints, Pains in the Back, Dyspepsia, Asthma, Sore Throat

SPRAINS, Wounds and Bruises, NEURALGIA, Toothache and Headache, EARACHE and Stiff Neck, SALTBREATH, BRUISES, FROSTED FEET AND CHILBLAINS.

This Oil is mild and pleasant, and is a GREAT FAMILY MEDICINE for children teething. It will relieve Nervous Complaints. Ladies should use it, as it always leaves you better than it finds you, and one bottle often effects a cure.

Druggists, merchants and others supplied at the lowest price. For sale in Guelph by Messrs. N. Highbotham, A. B. Petrie and E. Harvey. Prepared by J. H. LEMON, Woolwich Street, in rear of the Old Alma Block, Guelph, to whom all orders must be addressed—Guelph, March 28, 1868. dw

TOILET SOAPS!

JUST received, a large consignment of English and other Toilet Soaps, At Apothecaries' Hall, Market Square, Guelph.

Yardley's, Benbow's, Trinder's Glycerine, Brown and White Windsor, in cakes. Honey and pure Curd Soap, in boxes. Also, Robinson's Silver Soap. A. B. PETRIE. Guelph, 27th March, 1868. dw

WALL PAPER!

WALL PAPER. SHEWAN'S BOOKSTORE! Next door to H. Walker's Grocery. Guelph, 27th March, 1868. dw

NEW BOOKS!

Spiritual Wives, By William Hepworth. Massacre of St. Bartholomew, By Henry White. The Irish in America, By John Francis Maguire, M. P. NORWOOD, By Henry Ward Beecher. Five Hundred Pounds, A NOVEL, By A. Barrister. DR. SMITH'S Smaller History of England.

At Day's Bookstore, Opposite the Market, Guelph. Guelph, March 27, 1868. daw tf

FURNITURE VARNISH!

Furniture Polish, Brunswick Black, Varnish and Paint Brushes!

PAINTS AND OILS

At Apothecaries' Hall! Market Square.

A. B. PETRIE

Guelph, 27th March, 1868. dw

Free Lecture!

In Old Masonic Hall. Entrance next door to Co-operative Store.

MR. J. EVANS

Will deliver a Lecture (D. V.) in the OLD MASONIC HALL, On Sunday Next, 29th Instant, At half-past two o'clock p.m.

SUBJECT: The Destiny of the British Empire.

The Daughter of Tyre and the Tarshish of the latter days, as revealed in the Bible—Her work in the restoration of the Jews, and her subjection to the Kingdom of Israel in the age to come shown by the Prophets. HEBREW—Isaiah 17th chapter, from 12th verse to 2nd verse of 18th chapter; 60th chapter, 9th verse; 66th chapter, 19th verse. EZEKIEL 28th chapter, 13th verse. Psalms 45th chapter, 13th verse; 72nd chapter, 10th and 11th verses. Isaiah 2nd chapter, 10th to 18th verses. Psalms 48th chapter, 7th verse.

The public are cordially invited to attend with Bible in hand. Guelph, 29th March, 1868. d3

NOTICE.

THE subscriber having purchased from the Executors of his late partner, Mr. Henderson, his share of the business, begs to notify his friends and the public that he will continue to carry on the business in all its branches at the "M" stand, Wyndham Street, Guelph, and would solicit a continuance of that patronage so liberally bestowed on the late firm. G. B. FRASER.

All outstanding accounts to be paid in bank—able currency to G. B. FRASER up to the 15th of April, any remaining unpaid then will be put into Court for collection, as the books of the late firm must be closed within 90 days after date. Guelph, 27th March, 1868. d