Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET

WEDNESDAY EV'G, JULY 29, 1868.

THE ISSUES AT STAKE.

The lull in matters political has been broken by the din of preparation for the West York election. This is the first occasion since the general election (except that of Lincoln) on which the present Coalition Government has been put upon its trial, and great importance necessarily attaches to the result. The Reformers of West York never were called upon to exercise the franchise under circumstances of greater responsibility. They are suddenly required to give their verdict on the present government, and at a time when the mask has just been torn from the deception and hypocrisy by which the people were deceived last summer—when the treachery of their late representative has been made conspicuous by its price—and when, if they falter in their duty to themselves and their country, a serious state will be given to political morality.

At the approaching contest, the electors of West York have two great duties to perform. The first is: to condemn Mr. Howland's betrayal of the Riding into the hands of Sir John A. Macdonald; and the second, to give their verdict on the reckless and dangerous policy which the Coalition has thus far pursued.

The unpopular appointment of Mr. Howland to the Lieutenant-Governorship of Ontario, has exposed the objects and aims of the chief actors in the combinations of last July, and a more lamentable display of political trickery and human selfishness was seldom ever brought to light. There is no use in trying to gloss over or disguise the matter. At the recent general election the people of Ontario were deliberately cheated and deceived by our leading public men. Contrary to their past professions and principles, Messrs. Howland, Macdougall and Sandfield McDonald, joined Sir John A. Macdonald and the Tories in forming Coalition Ministries. They came before the people with loud-mouthed professions of patriotism; they declared that although the union of men holding opposite political principles was not unobjectionable, still their Coalition Governments were absolutely necessary to "preserve the Union," and that only the highest and purest motives induced them to act together! With these plausible professions on their lips, they pleaded for "a fair trial," and hundreds of Reformers—not discerning the wolf beneath the sheep's clothing—were entrapped into sustaining the old and corrupt Macdonald-Cartier Combination, which they had consistently opposed for ten years.

Alas! for the honesty of Canadian statesmen—in what light does the vaunted Coalition of "the best men of all parties," now appear? Not, certainly, as the patriotic, disinterested "Union-savers" they proclaimed themselves; but, as we have remarked, as an unholy Compact, the offspring of political trickery, on the one hand, and human selfishness on the other.

Sir J. A. MACDONALD—ever shrewd and ever tricky—knew that the general election would bring punishment of his long sacrifice of Upper Canadian interests, unless he could contrive some artful political juggle which would overthrow Mr. George Brown and hoodwink the electors. A coalition of Parties was decided upon. The Walpole of Canadian politics, bent all his energies to his great task. Macdougall was easily caught by the hopes of becoming leader of a number of anti-Brown Reformers and a constitutional dislike to leave office; Sandfield McDonald consented (for the first time in his life) to become Sir John's political shadow for the Premiership of Ontario and *promises* of the Lieut.-Governorship; Mr. Howland hesitated day after day, apparently loth to betray the Reform party to which he owed so much, but at last the tempter baited his hook with a written promise of the office of Lieut.-Governor, and he, too, fell. Sir John's plot was now completed. The elections were hurried on. The sequel is only too well known.

The electors of West York are now called upon to pass their verdict upon these discreditable transactions. For the honor of our new Dominion we hope they will perform their duty fearlessly. It will be an unfortunate thing if that intelligent Reform Riding can be induced to stamp its approval at the polls of that system of political *legerdemain* by which Sir John A. Macdonald deceived Ontario last summer, and has managed for so long a period to cling to power. It will be doubly unfortunate, if the shameless betrayal of the Reform party by Sandfield McDonald, Howland and Macdougall into the hands of the Tories, be not unequivocally condemned.

The policy pursued by the Government since the elections, is equally deserving of reprobation. The people have much reason to feel alarmed about the future of the Dominion if their recent actions are approved.—Last summer they asked for support until they "brought down the policy." But what policy has Sir John ever submitted? The hollow cry "dont condemn us unheard," answered its purpose; but he has not now—nor ever had—any policy but how to keep office. They were going to preserve the Union, but their foolish measures have driven Nova Scocia nearly into rebellion. They were determined to turn over a new leaf and be economical, but create 13 Cabinet offices, votes of $5,000,000 for useless Fortifications, and an increase of the annual expenditure to nearly $17,000,000, attests how their promises have been kept. The selection of the long, costly and useless Robinson route, for the Intercolonial Railway, to prevent the Coalition breaking up and enable Sir John to continue to be Premier, shows that the Ethiopian still has his inky skin and the leopard his spots. Mr. Howland's unpopular appointment is worthy of the worst days of the Cartier-Macdonald *regime*, and when added to the other unpopular acts which the present Government has crowded into its short career, stamps it as utterly recreant to the professions made at its formation and unworthy of public confidence.

These are among the issues upon which the electors of West York are required to express their opinion.—They have in Mr. H. S. Howland a nominee of the Coalition and a supporter of its acts. Mr. Amos Wright stands before them as the Reform opponent of the Administration. The polls must decide which of them the electors consider in the right. The Gov't has evidently hurried on the contest in the middle of the harvest, to endeavour to steal a march upon the electors of the Riding, the great majority of whom are farmers. But from the past history of West York, we do not believe this device will avail Sir John and his candidate much. Alarmed at the extravagant and dangerous course of the Government, and disgusted by the recent developments in connection with the Lieut.-Governorship, there is reason to believe that Mr. H. S. Howland will be sent to the right about, and a rebuke administered to the Coalitionists, which, it is to be hoped, will check them in their mad career.

Since the the above was in type we learn by our Toronto exchanges that Mr. Howland has retired,

DIED.

SMALL—At Nelson, on the 26th inst., in the 77th year of her age, Catharine, wife of Mr. Francis Small, and mother of Mr. Francis Small, of Guelph.

New Advertisements.

SPECIAL ATTENTION.

THE Highest Market Price paid for,

Wool, Hides, Sheepskins, Calfskins, and Wool Pickings,

At No. 4, Day's old Block, Gordon Street.

Guelph, July 28 dw D. MOLTON.

REMOVING

Removing in a few days to the

Canada Clothing Store

NO. 40.

C. & T. MEREDITH,

NO. 10.

N. B.—The Canada Clothing Store will still be carried on in the same premises.

Guelph, July 29th. do

Great Western Railway.

CHEAP

EXCURSION

—TO—

WOODSTOCK AND LONDON.

A PUBLIC HOLIDAY

IN GUELPH.

On Tuesday 4th August,

AN EXCURSION TRAIN

Will leave Guelph at 7 a.m., for Woodstock and London.

Returning will leave London at 7.15 p.m., and Woodstock at 8.30 p.m., for Guelph.

Fare for the round trip,

ONE DOLLAR.

THOMAS SWINYARD, Gen. Manager.

Guelph, July 29th. dw

MEDICAL HALL!

Wyndham Street, Guelph, Ontario.

JUICE OF THE GRAPE

RECEIVED direct from the Vineyard a fresh supply of the celebrated

GRAPE WINE.

Manufactured expressly for Family and Medicinal Purposes.

IN BOTTLES AND ON DRAFT.

E. HARVEY & CO.

Chemists, &c., Wyndham Street.

Guelph, July 28, 1868. dl

Stilton Cheese.

FROM

CROSS & BALKWILL,

LONDON, ENGLAND,

ONE CASE

STILTON CHEESE

IN FINE ORDER.

GEO. WILKINSON.

Guelph, July 25. daw tf

SALT, SALT

Wholesale and Retail at

A. H. R. KENNEDY'S

FLOUR AND FEED STORE,

UPPER WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH

Guelph, July 24. dw-tf

LOOK OUT!

FOR YOUR OWN

INTERESTS.

ALL in want of

BOOTS & SHOES,

That are worth calling such, can get them

At Brown's Custom Boot & Shoe

STORE, GUELPH,

As all goods are made under his personal superintendence, and the material used the best that can be had in the market. With his lengthened experience in the business, together with his wonderful success in pleasing his customers, warrants him in saying without fear of contradiction that his goods are the

Neatest, Most Durable and Cheapest

That can be had in this or any other Town west of Montreal.

THOMAS BROWN,

No 2, Day's Block, Wyndham-St.

Guelph, July 27. daw-tf

Canada Clothing Store!

WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

BARGAINS

Positively selling off at

20 PER CENT BELOW COST

COUNTRY Merchants and Tailors are particularly invited to inspect the stock of CLOTHS, CLOTHING, TRIMMINGS, &c., which for quality and cheapness cannot be equalled in the Dominion. We challenge competition.

☞ A number of first-class Sewing Machines for sale at from $10 to $45, in good working order.

☞ Call before purchasing elsewhere and get a bargain.

RICHARD AINLEY.

Guelph, 29th July. dw

SERVANT WANTED.

WANTED in a small respectable family, where there are no children, a clean, tidy servant girl, who can do general housework. Apply at the MERCURY OFFICE, Guelph.

Guelph, July 24. dc w1

New Advertisements.

THE GREAT CLEARING SALE OF THE SEASON AT THE BRADFORD HOUSE, WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH,

COMMENCING ON THE 25th JULY.

THE GREAT

CLEARING SALE

OF THE SEASON

AT THE BRADFORD HOUSE.

PHILIP BISH

WILL COMMENCE ON SATURDAY, JULY 25th, TO SELL THE WHOLE OF HIS STOCK OF

FANCY & STAPLE Dry GOODS

☞ AT COST, ☜

To effect a speedy clearance, previous to purchasing FALL GOODS. The Stock being all bought this season, parties can rely on getting GREAT BARGAINS.

COTTON GOODS.

All kind of Cotton Goods will be sold at less than this season's price of importation.

Bargains in Dress Goods.

Dress Goods less than half-price. Another lot at 12½c, usual price 25 to 30c. These are the goods that have astonished everybody.

If you want to get a Dress call at once as they will be sold in a few days.

MILLINERY & MANTLES.

The balance of the MILLINERY AND MANTLE stock will be sold regardless of cost.

Great Remnant Sale.

During the Sale one counter will be used exclusively for REMNANTS, the accumulation of this season's business. They will be sold at prices which must astonish every one.

This is Positively the last Clearing Sale of the Season.

Parties studying their own interests, and wishing to get rid of Silver at par should call at once and satisfy themselves.

☞ No Goods charged during the sale, unless at regular prices.

PHILIP BISH,

Wyndham Street, Guelph.

COMMENCING ON THE 25th JULY.

THE GREAT CLEARING SALE OF THE SEASON AT THE BRADFORD HOUSE, WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH,

A CARD.

MR. HOGG intimates to the Ladies of Guelph and neighborhood his intention of commmencing a CLEARING SALE of all his Stock of Summer Dress Goods, Shawls, Jackets, Bonnets, Hats, &c. An alteration is about being made in his Store on the 10th of next month, and having determined to clear off all Summer Stock by that time, Extraordinary Bargains will be given in the above Goods, beginning on Monday, 20th inst. I may mention a few Goods, such as Grenadine Dresses at 50 cents, worth $1.50; Muslins at 8c. worth 12½c.; ditto at 12½c. worth 25c.; Prints at 12½c. worth 17c.; eight-quarter Bareges at 25c. worth 75c.; five-quarter Delaines at 10c. worth 15c.; Challie Dresses at $2, worth $4.50; Hats at 20c. worth $1; Trimmed Hats at 75c. worth $1.75; Trimmed Bonnets at half-price; Lace Shawls at $1.50, worth $2.50.

JOHN HOGG.

Guelph, 16th July, 1868. dw

CHEAP FIREWOOD!

THE Subscriber is prepared to enter into contracts to supply **Firewood,** consisting of Cedar, Tamarack, Hemlock, Pine and Balsam in quantities of not less than five cords. Price, if delivered, $2 25 per cord. Persons hauling the wood themselves will be supplied at $1 75 per cord. As the subscriber intends burning off underbrush in the fall, the timber must be removed during this summer.

CEDAR POSTS FOR SALE

Also for sale about 3,000 good cedar posts, cheap.

Apply to H. HATCH, at his office, or to Mr. Wm. Cooper, on the farm adjoining the residence of J. L. Lewis, Esq.

Guelph, June 15. d-3m

NOTICE

TO CRICKETERS

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

Bats and Wickets,

AT HALF PRICE,

AT W. J. McCURRY'S

Bookstore, Wyndham Street.

Guelph, July 24, 1868. d6t

ARRIVED.

JUST ARRIVED

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S

50 White Granite Toilets
25 Printed do do
Fancy Stone and Parian Water Jugs
Butter Dishes, with Strainers
Bird Fountains, Seed Boxes & Baths
Corn Starch and Jelly Moulds
Engraved Bar Bottles
Sherry Cobbler Tubes
100 dozen New Pattern Tumblers and Wine Glasses
25 dozen Lager Beer Jugs
Glass Bowls, Cream Jugs,
Water Jugs
Tea Setts, in China, White, and Coloured Ware,

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.

Guelph, July 18th, 1868. dw

CASH, CASH.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

FROM and after the FIRST of AUGUST I intend to do a strictly Cash business, and will positively open no more accounts with any one. I also propose to offer at all times the best stock of Boots and Shoes to be found in Ontario at the Lowest Cash Price.

☞ All parties indebted either by note or book account are requested to pay up before the 31st instant, and save costs.

JOHN McNEIL,

Montreal Boot and Shoe Store, Wyndham-st.

Guelph, 17th July. dw

American Cholera!

—AND

DIARRHŒE REMEDY.

An unparalleled Remedy for

Cholera Morbus, Diarrhœa, Dysentery and all Summer Complaints.

A bottle should be in every house. Prepared by

A. B. PETRIE, Chemist.

IF YOU WANT FLY PAPER

That will kill flies, buy it at

PETRIE'S Drug Store,

Market Square,

Guelph, 14th July. daw

SPECIAL NOTICE.

ALL parties indebted to the undersigned are hereby notified that if their accounts are not settled by note or otherwise on or before

The FIRST day of AUGUST NEXT,

they will be placed in court for collection. If paid before that time silver will be taken at par in sums not exceeding $30.

N. HIGINBOTHAM.

Guelph, 22nd July. dwtf

A CARD.

MR W. WARNER CLARK

TAKES this opportunity of intimating to the inhabitants of Guelph and its vicinity that he has rented the store fronting the Market Square lately occupied by Mr Day, and intends opening a

Music and Stationery Store,

Where he will be happy to supply all who may favour him with a call with

MUSIC BOOKS, SHEET MUSIC,
PIANOS, ORGANS, MELODEONS,
VIOLINS AND CONCERTINAS,
FLUTES, FIFES, ETC.

AND ALL KINDS OF

PLAIN & FANCY STATIONERY

Guelph, July 24. daw tf