

simply outrageous, and may well make every well wisher stand aghast at the extraordinary means adopted by the Dominion Government to sustain themselves in power.

Guelph Evening Mercury

SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 22, 1873.

Scheme for the Improvement of the Grand Trunk.

The Globe has a special despatch from London to the effect that a meeting of the proprietors of the Grand Trunk Railway was held there on Thursday, when the bold scheme of Mr. Alexander McEwan for dragging the Grand Trunk out of its financial difficulties was formally submitted for the consideration of the Company.

Mr. McEwan's scheme was adopted with some modifications. The Postal and Military Service Bonds are to be redeemed. The Preference Bonds are to become stock.

The proposed issue of Debenture Stock is to be deferred. But three dissentients to the scheme appeared.

The bill now before the Dominion Parliament for extending the Arrangement Act of 1862 (which expires this year) will be opposed. Mr. McEwan, it is understood, has deposited one hundred thousand pounds sterling (£100,000) in part payment of the two millions sterling he is to pay in each for ten millions sterling (£10,000,000) of new Grand Trunk Railway shares to be issued to him. He is to pay the balance of £1,900,000 as soon as the re-arrangement Act passes the Dominion Parliament.

It is understood that Messrs. Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co., Barron Grant, the Credit Foncier, and Mr. McEwan will form the Syndicate.

Public Accounts of Canada.

We have received the public accounts of Canada, contained in a blue book of nearly five hundred pages, for the year ending June 30th, 1872, and which have been laid before Parliament. The receipts from all sources amounted to \$20,714,813.68. The expenditure was \$17,589,468.82. Our gross public debt now amounts to \$122,400,179, against \$93,046,051 in 1871. On the other hand, it is claimed that the assets are now \$19,213,107 against \$17,317,410 at the time of Confederation. The net debt, according to this, therefore, stands now at \$82,187,072 against \$75,728,641 in 1871. A sum of over nine million is shown by the accounts to have accrued in the shape of surplus in five years, and to have gone towards meeting an expenditure of Public Works, amounting to upwards of \$16,900,000, the debt consequently having been only increased by from six to seven millions.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

March 21. On the question of the reception of the petition against the return of Mr. Wilkes for Centre Toronto.

Mr. Edgar took objection to its reception, on the ground that it was not presented within the proper time. After some discussion, the Speaker said that of course any decision of the chair was not binding on the House. The House might accept or reject it, although his own view had not changed at all since 1867, and he was prepared now to sustain it; yet hon. members might desire to inform themselves upon this important question, and perhaps, therefore, I would be better with the consent of the House, to defer the question till Monday. This was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Tilley moved the House into Committee on the resolution respecting Savings Banks in Ontario and Quebec. Carried.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell moved the House into Committee on the resolution declaring it expedient to make another provision as to amend the law respecting the carriage of dangerous goods on ships. Carried.

Resolutions were passed relative to the transfer of the functions of the Trinity House to the Harbor Commissioners of Montreal.

Sir John A. Macdonald moved for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the election law. The hon. gentleman, in describing the details of the Bill, said in many respects it was similar to the one presented last session. With regard to the franchise it assimilated with the several Provinces, it adopted some features from one Province, some from another. On the whole it was a very considerable extension of the franchise. With regard to the registration there was in the Bill under consideration that which avoided the objection raised last session. The matter would be left to a select committee, with the right of appeal to the law courts in the various Provinces. With regard to the machinery and conduct of elections, the hon. gentleman opposite would be glad to know that the Bill provided that no future general election should be held on any day. It would be remembered that, last Parliament, objection was taken by himself to that system, because it would practically prevent persons from voting in more than one place. By a great extension of the franchise in a contiguous constituency, a simultaneous general election would have prevented a man from exercising his franchise which might have been conferred upon him. In order to obviate this, and to meet the views of the House, and he believed it would meet the acceptance of the country, and at the same time to avoid inconvenience and injustice, the Bill provided a system in force in some parts of England, by which any elector having the franchise in more than one constituency, must vote personally in the constituency in which he resides, and he could by a properly authenticated voting paper give his vote wherever the law declared he had one. The nomination of candidates was simplified. He did not propose to discontinue that point then, but he thought he could show the House that there were substantial reasons for having a nomination day. With respect to bribery and corruption, provisions had been made and he thought the Bill would be found to be satisfactory in this respect. He did not in the Bill propose to deal with the question of the ballot. The Bill was drawn up upon the supposition that there would be open voting. The question of voting by ballot would, he presumed, come up in a substantive form, and if it should be the will of Parliament that a system of secret voting should be adopted, that system could be applied to the Bill.

The Bill was read a first time.

News From Ottawa.

(Special to The Mercury).

OTTAWA, March 22.

Sir John's new election law is the principal subject of discussion here just now, and has replaced the Dodge affair. A long debate is expected on the second reading.

Committees will get to work in real earnest next week, and will have their hands pretty full.

Tuesday being Lady Day, is a statutory holiday in the Departments, and Parliament will not sit.

Hon. Wm. McDougall's mission to Europe is for the organization of emigration from the Scandinavian peninsula. He is to get \$200 a month, and \$4 a day for travelling expenses. The appointment is limited to four months from the day of his leaving Canada. Mr. Edwards, formerly for many years Parliamentary reporter of the Toronto Globe, and now of the Congressional Department, Washington, has generously forwarded the sum of \$20 to the fund for the widow of the late Mr. Gregg, of the Toronto Mail. The case of the grant of a million to the Northern Colonization Railroad by the Montreal Corporation is to be argued by Counsel before the Privy Council this afternoon. The question is of a constitutional character. Alfred Larocque and others are arguing that the Quebec Legislature had no right to pass amendments to the Company's Act of Incorporation legalizing the By-laws of the Montreal City Council and other Municipalities, granting aid to this road. Korr and Deboellucille are Counsel for the Railway Company, and Judge Day and Mr. Barnard for Larocque.

Ontario Legislature.

March 21

Attorney-General Mowat introduced a Bill to establish the Municipality of the united townships of Thunder Bay.

Attorney-General Mowat introduced a bill to organize the Municipality of Muskoka for certain purposes.

The next order on the paper was that for the House to go into Committee on the Municipal Loan Fund resolutions.

Attorney-General Mowat said he was sorry to have to say that the Municipal Loan Fund tables had not yet arrived. They were promised him by three, and he requested that other business would now be gone on with, and this matter taken up after recess.

The debate was then laid over. Hon. Mr. Crooks moved that the House go into Committee on the bill to amend the Act respecting Taverna and Shop Licenses. Carried.

The Supply Bill was then taken up, when amendments were moved to several of the items.

The revised schedules in connection with the Municipal Loan Fund resolutions were distributed among the members before the House adjourned.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of JOSEPH P. KENT, an Insolvent.

The Subscriber will receive Tenders at so much on the dollar on inventory prices on the Stock belonging to the Estate, until Thursday, 1st of April next. It consists of Hardware, as follows:—

Iron and Steel \$300
Pockets and Tapes 120
Paints, Oils, Glass, &c. 160
Nails, spikes and Hinges 175
Carriage bolts, axle pins, hubs, &c. 375
Shelf and Miscellaneous goods, 1054 97.

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If time is required, security to be mentioned in Tenders. Inventory and stock can be seen on application to A. Mowkley, Esq., Barrister, and Inventory at Assignee's office. ALEX. DAVIDSON, Assignee. Hamilton, March 18, 1873. d3t

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ONE NIGHT ONLY

THE HOLMAN

ENGLISH OPERA TROUPE.

Miss Sallie Holman.

Supported by Fifteen First-class Artists.

MONDAY, MARCH 24th.

LA SOMNAMBULA

—AND—

JEALOUS WIFE.

Admission 25c; Reserved seats, 50 cents.

The piano used is from the celebrated manufactory of J. F. Reiner, Guelph. Guelph, March 21, 1873. d3t

NEW MUSIC.

LATEST and BEST.

Unparalleled popularity of the new SONG every body is singing—

Her Little Bed is Empty.

This is an answer to "Put me in my Little Bed" by the same author, and it is rapidly eclipsing it in popularity.

"Her Little Bed is Empty"

Is the prettiest song sung for years.

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Cheap Bookstore.

Opposite the Old English Church, East side

WYNDHAM STREET.

RAGS AND WASTE PAPER.

Wanted, must be had by the 1st of January, Fifty Tons of Waste Paper, old newspapers, old Pamphlets, or Waste Paper of any kind—for which the highest price in cash in the Dominion will be paid, at the Bag and Waste Paper Dept., corner of King and Queen streets. Address "RAGS or WASTE PAPER," 25 and 27 1/2 King Street West. Will receive from 11:30 to 10:00 P.M. D. MURPHY, d7

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NEW STOCK

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PAPER

—OF—

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—AT—

DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

IMPORTANT

Auction Sale of Household Furniture, &c.

The subscriber has received instructions from Arthur White, Esq., to sell at his late residence in the stone house opposite the G. T. R., and facing the Central School, the whole of his household furniture, consisting of the contents of

Parlor and Dining Rooms, two Bedrooms, Basement, Summer Kitchen, Hall, &c.; all the Crockery, Glass-ware, Cutlery, Pictures, Carpets, Bed Clothing, etc. etc.

Also, a Rosewood Upright Cottage Piano forte six and a quarter octaves. Persons wishing to inspect the furniture, &c., can do so on Thursday, and on the morning of the sale.

As Mr. White has already taken up his residence in Toronto, the auctioneer has received instructions to sell everything in the house without any reserve. Sale

On Friday, the 21st inst.,

AT ONE O'CLOCK, P.M. SHARP.

Terms cash. THOS. H. TAYLOR, Auctioneer. Guelph, March 17, 1873. d4

AUCTION SALE

Homestead, in Guelph,

ON

Thursday, 27th of March, 1873,

AT TWO P.M.

AT THE MARKET HOUSE.

Mrs. B. CORBET will offer for sale her residence, corner of Norfolk and Oxford sts., Town of Guelph, comprising one quarter acre of land, Stone Dwelling of two stories, having Drawing Room, Dining Room, Parlor, Library, and seven upstairs Bed Rooms (gas in 10 rooms); also kitchen, wood shed, &c. A stable for two horses; also a never failing well of pure water, and large cistern with pump. The Garden is stocked with choice Fruit Trees. These premises are in excellent condition, sufficient for a large family, and situated in the most pleasant part of the Town, within five minutes walk of all the Churches and Market. Guelph being widely known for its healthy situation, enterprise, and excellent market, an opportunity rarely equalled—is now presented to persons desirous of procuring a property not only of increasing value, but one which will prove a most agreeable investment. Terms—One-third cash, and the balance in five years at 7 per cent. Interest, paid yearly, secured by mortgage and fire policy. Possession given by the 1st May next, or sooner. This good. Intending purchasers are referred to LEMON & PETERSON, Solicitors, or W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer. N.B.—The premises may be inspected every Wednesday afternoon. Guelph, Jan. 17, 1873. dwd

GREAT SALE OF

Watches, Jewellery, etc.

CONTINUED

AT R. CRAWFORD'S

OWN STORE.

Having to remove the Bankrupt Stock of John R. Porte from his old stand, the great clearance of the same will be continued at my own store.

Next the Post Office,

FOR ONE MONTH LONGER.

As the balance of the stock must be cleared out in that time, the goods will be sold at

An Immense Sacrifice.

Guelph, March 4, 1873. dwim

AUCTION SALE

Household Furniture, etc.

The undersigned has received instructions from Mr. W. Porter, to sell by Public Auction, at the residence of Mr. John R. Porte, on Liverpool Street, opposite the Westeyrs, the household furniture, consisting of

Parlor Furniture—Very handsome Kopp set 7 pieces, walnut centre table, do, what-not, card table, trestle carpet nearly new, stove, curtains, cornices, etc.

Hall—Oil cloth, hat rack, tables, chairs, lamp, stair carpet, coal stove, etc., etc.

Dining Room—Extension Table, Walnut sideboard, 2 folding chairs, 6 Dining chairs, Stand of Flowers, Pictures, etc. etc.

Kitchen—Cooking Stove, Refrigerator, Chairs, etc. etc.

The contents of Four Bedrooms—Containing 4 Bedsteads and Mattresses, Enclosed and other necessaries, Dressing Tables, Chairs, Child's Cradle, Cot, Carpets, Bath Tubs, Curtains, Cornices, etc. etc.

Terms cash. No reserve. THOS. H. TAYLOR, Auctioneer. Guelph, March 20, 1873-d6

SUPERIOR FARM FOR SALE OR

TO RENT IN PUSLINC—Being the

best portion of the well-known Meades farm, being the old homestead, comprising 15 1/2 acres more or less, lying in the 7th concession of Puslinch; about 140 acres cleared, the rest covered with the best hardwood bush. The land is well watered. There is a dwelling house, splendid fence barn, also other large barns, stables, and outbuildings specially adapted for feeding stock. Large and valuable orchard, stocked with all kinds of fruit trees, grapes, &c. The farm will be sold or rented, and applications must be sent to the undersigned on or before the 25th of March, if by letter post-paid. CHAS. G. COCKBURN, Puslinch, Mar. 6, 1873. wif Abercrombie P.O.

New Advertisements.

GREAT SALE

OF BANKRUPT STOCK!

BOOTS AND SHOES

Belonging to the Insolvent Estate of John A. McMillan will be sold at a tremendous sacrifice. The immense stock, amounting to \$8,000, of the stock at a

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The greatest Bargains ever offered in Guelph!

Special inducements to retail Merchants and jobbers, who desire to secure job lots.

The sale is now going on at the old stand, Wyndham Street.

Guelph, Feb. 22, 1873.

WM. McLaren, Assignee. dw

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—IN—

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At HALF-PRICE.

NO DAMAGED GOODS!

Nothing but Seasonable Goods!

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GUELPH CLOTH HALL

An unusually attractive stock to select from.

SHAW & MURTON,

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Guelph, March 15, 1873.

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FOR \$1.00;

11lbs. good Musc. Sugar

FOR \$1.00;

20lbs. good Currants

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SMOKERS,

FOR A GOOD SMOKE

Use the "Myrtle Navy."

See T. & B. on each plug.

Price so low that all can Use it.

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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.

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Hamilton, Feb. 10, 1873. c3m

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FRESH FISH

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Sweet Oranges

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Guelph, March 15, 1873. do

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Also, a splendid assortment of

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The most elegant and fashionable Perfume of the day.

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