Guelyh Evening Hlercury SATURDAY EVENING, OCT. 25, 1873

The Constitutional Question. This morning's Globe publishes the remainder of the important corre spondence between Earl Dufferin and Earl Kimberley, to which we referred on Thursday and Friday. The correspondence occupies altogether nearly twelve columns of the *Globe*, and the mere reading of it is consequently a task of no little labour-and a task which we have not found opportunity for in the few hours that have elapsed between the receipt of the Globe and the publication of to-day's MERCURY. We therefore defer any lengthy com ments on it until Monday.

Two voluminous despatches from Earl Dufferin open the correspondence. These despatches relate the whole circumstances preceding and attendant on the prorogation, from the Governor-General's point of view; review the circumstances connected with the Pacific Scandal; and give an elaborate explanation and defence of the prorogation. In glancing over the first of these des-patches we notice the following in-teresting incident :--

teresting incident:---"Mr. Huntington sent me a scaled packet, covered by an official communi-cation to my Secretary, which, as I un-derstool from the gentleman who brought it as well as from Mr. Huntington's letter, contained copies of the incrimi-natory documents in his possession. As the matters to which the papers referred had become the subject of a public inves-tigation before a House of Commons Committee, and as I was still uncertain what turn affairs might take, I did not consider it would be proper for me to take personal conjuance of these papers; I therefore returned the packet unopened to Mr. Huntington." Lord Dufferm's account of the con-

Lord Dufferin's account of the conditions of prorogation is also interesting :-

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It was, however, suggested that if ten weeks were named as the limit instead of eight it would be possible to get the pre-paration of the Estimates sufficiently ad-vanced to roll two seesions into one and dispense with the usual Spring session Although I was scarcely in a position to know how far this proposal was practic-able, I consented to the additional fort-night, upon the specific understanding, however, that if in the interval anything should occur which, in my opinion, re-quired Parliament to meet scouer, an ex-pression of my wishes to that effect would be at once acted upon, without comment or discussion.

 Tord Kimberley's reply to the despatches is a brief one. Here it 1s.
Downko STREET, 8th Oct. 1873.
"My Lond-Have received and laid before the Queen your Lordship's despatches, No. 107, of the 18th of August, and No 198, of the 18th of August, siving an acthe 18th of August, giving an ac-count of the circumstances connected with the recent prorogation of the Dominion Parliament, and the issue of a Commi-sion Parliament, and the issue of a Commi-sion to inquire into the charges brought forward by Mr. Huntington. Her Majesty's Govern, ment have read these clear and able state ments with much interest. It is not their duty to express any option upon the partic-ular measures adopted on the advice of your responsible Ministers, but they fully approve of noun-hering acted in these mutters in your having acted in these matters in sordance with constitutional usage. (Signed),

"To the Governor General the Right Hon. the Earl of Dufferin."

It is upon this despatch that the Mail grounds its rejoicings about the



ascribed to it, qualifies its remarks WAR HAS COMMENCED on the second, and tries to get out of the third by a miserable quibble We shall effectually dispose of this quibble by reprinting our former

remarks with a slight alteration The Mayor did not " hurriedly de: clare the Council adjourned," for he stated his opinion that there was no quorum, at least three times, at in-COAL OIL DOWN tervals, and some conversation took place, before he left the chair.

We may add that the Herald's report concludes with the words, "The Mayor hurriedly declared the Council adjourned." This, of course leaves the inference that the Mayor hurriedly brought the meeting to an end-which he did not do.

BIRTHS.

SINGER — In Garafraxa, oo the 16th inst, the wife of Mr. Win. Singer, of a daugh-ter.
PAGET-In Elora on the 20th inst, the wife of A. H. Paget, M. D. of twin sons.
GERARE-In Elora, on the 23rd inst, the wife of Mr. W. Gerrie, of a daughter.
DEAN-IN Alma, on the 10th inst, Mr. Ben-Stand and the state of the state of the Alt Garafiel State.
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WAGGON WORKS.

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