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IRON CASTINGS Of all kinds, made to order at **CROW'S IRON WORKS,** Norfolk Street, Guelph. 154w JOHN CHOWE, Proprietor

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SIX Boarders can be accommodated with first-class accommodation. Apply at the shop. **ROBERT CRAWFORD,** PRACTICAL Watch and Clock Maker, Jeweller Wyndham Street, Guelph. Gold and Silver Watches, Chains, Brooches, Rings, &c. Hair Plait and Device Work, Clocks and Time Pieces, Jewellery repaired and made to order. Plated Goods in variety. Guelph, Feb. 12, 1873. (dw)

T. MARRIOTT, Veterinary Surgeon, M.B.C.V.S., L.L., R.F.V.M.A., Having lately arrived from England from England, and taken up his residence here, intends continuing the practice of his profession. Orders left at the Veterinary Office, at H. A. Kirkland's, Paisley Street, opposite Howard's new foundry, will be promptly attended to. Having had great experience in all diseases of Horses and Cattle, all cases placed under his treatment will receive the greatest attention. Charges moderate. (dw)

IRON AND BRASS Castings of all kinds made on short notice at **THE GUELPH UNION FOUNDRY** We also keep on hand four qualities of **RABBIT METAL.** HARLEY & HEATHER, Huskisson Street, Guelph. (dw)

PRIZE DENTISTRY. DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL Licentiate of Dental Surgery. Established 1864. Office next door to the Veterinary Office, Wyndham-st., Guelph. Residence—Opposite Mr. Boulton's Factory, 95 Street. Teeth extracted without pain. References, Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Harold, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph. Drs. Buchanan and Phillips, Toronto. Drs. Elliot & Meyers, Dentists Toronto. (dw)

W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S., SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH. Office over H. Harter & Co's Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, Guelph. (dw)

MRS. PASS, Dressmaker, begs to thank the ladies of Guelph and vicinity for their liberal and very liberal patronage. Begs to announce that she is now prepared to undertake all orders entrusted to her care in the new and fashionable styles. Ladies desiring patterns can be supplied with the latest English, French and American novelties at moderate prices. Several apprentices wanted immediately. Residence—Norfolk Street, two doors above St. Andrew's Church. (dw)

New Advertisements.

WANTED—Servant, immediately. Good reference. Apply to Mrs. Horsman. (dw)

BOARD WANTED—By a young man of good character and regular habits, in a private family. Apply at this office. (dw)

ACTIVE MESSAGE BOY WANTED IMMEDIATELY, at the Fashionable West End. (dw) A. O. BUCHAM

FOR SALE a horse and new buggy and two sets of single harness. Apply to ROBERT TON, book binder, St. George's Square. (dw) A29-94-11w.

A HOUSE TO LET—Near the West Ward School House, with 5 rooms and kitchen. Apply to James Walsh, stone mason, near the Great Western Station. (dw) Guelph, May 1. MRS. ROSS.

BOARDERS WANTED—A few boarders can be accommodated at the house formerly occupied by the late Mr. Edward Carroll, Nottingham street. (dw) Guelph, May 1. MRS. ROSS.

WANTED a furnished bed-room with board or breakfast only, in a private house (not a boarding house) where the comforts of a home may be had. Address G. D. Pringle, Guelph. (dw) ml-dw1

MAPLE LEAF BASE BALL CLUB. The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Maple Leaf B. B. Club will be held on TUESDAY Evening, May 14, at 8 o'clock, at the Queen's Hotel. W. S. SMITH, Secretary. (dw)

\$5 to \$20 PER DAY. Agents wanted. All classes of working people, of either sex, young or old, make more money at work for us in their spare moments, or all the time, than at anything else. Particulars free. Address G. Silson & Co., Toronto, Ontario. (dw)

MONEY TO LEND. In sums to suit borrowers. No solicitor's fees or commission charged. Apply direct to the undersigned. GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN, April 24, 1873. (dw)

MONEY TO LEND. On farm security, at eight per cent. No commission charged. Apply to FRED. BISCOE, Barrister, &c., Guelph. (dw) April 4, 73-dwtf.

20 MILCH COWS FOR SALE.—The subscriber has for sale twenty first-class milch cows, all either newly calved or about to calve, at from \$25 to \$30 each. Apply to Gilbert Amos, stall No. 3, Guelph Market, or Springfield Cottage, York Road, Guelph, May 5, 1873. (dw)

DURHAM BULLS—Will serve cows this season at Springfield Cottage, York Road. Terms: 75 cents; to be paid at the time of service. GILBERT AMOS, Guelph, May 5, 1873. (dw)

RESIDENCE FOR SALE OR TO LET IN GUELPH.—Stone house, eight rooms, wash house, stable, &c., with 11 acres, planted with fruit trees, half mile from Government Farm. Apply to A. G. THORBURN, Guelph, April 9, dwtf. (dw)

BUILDING SITE FOR SALE—In town, well cultivated, well fenced, 41 acres, spring creek running across, 50 acres of fruit trees, frame stable, &c. Terms easy. For particulars, apply to Robt. Mitchell, No. 1, Day's Block. (dw)

BLACKSMITH AND APPRENTICE WANTED.—Wanted immediately a Journeyman Blacksmith. A good hand only need apply. Also, an apprentice to the Blacksmith business. Apply at once to J. LEUNG, Mooriston. (dw)

TO LET—With immediate possession, the stone cellars, rooms, offices, and upper story in Brownlow's Buildings, on Douglas street, near the Post Office. Apply to John Horsman, or William Day. (dw) Guelph, Feb. 12, 1873.

A HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE—At the west side of the Exhibition Ground, on the London Road, ten minutes walk from the Post Office. This good. Terms cash. (dw) JOHN KIRBY.

LAST CALL. Parties indebted to the undersigned are hereby notified that all accounts must be settled on or before the 9th of May, otherwise they will be put in court for collection. JOSEPH BRADLEY, (dw) Guelph, April 28, 1873.

MILLINERS AND DRESSMAKERS. Misses Gains and Jacklin, (Late from London, England.) Respectfully inform the public that they have commenced business, in McTAGUE STREET, second house from Chubb's Grocery Store, Elora Road. Having had long experience in the business, they feel confident in giving satisfaction. All orders promptly executed. (dw) A. UCTION SALE OF BLACKSMITH'S TOOLS, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c. The subscriber will sell by Public Auction, at the Market House, Guelph, on May 7th (Fair Day) at 10 o'clock, two anvils, bellows, vice, hammers, punches, tongs, the stocks, and taps; also, bedsteads, tables, chairs, and cooking stove. Terms Cash. W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer. (dw) Guelph, May 1, 1873.

TO CONTRACTORS. Tenders will be received by the undersigned for the building of a School House, &c., adjoining the St. Andrew's Church, Guelph. Tenders may be made for the whole, or for the Mason Work, Carpenters Work, Plastering, Painting, Glazing, and Tinsmith's work separately, until noon of THURSDAY, the 30th day of MAY, next. The Committee do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. Plans and Specifications can be seen at my office, Town Hall Buildings, Guelph. CHAS. DAVIDSON, Chairman of Committee. (dw) Guelph, May 1, 1873.

BUTCHER STALL NO. 7. J. T. WATERS, Thankful for past favors, begs to notify his old customers and the public that he has now closed his shop on Upper Wyndham Street, and that the business formerly carried on there will in future be done at the best style, will find this a rare chance of supplying themselves advantageously. Also at the time will be sold a number of second hand Carriages and Buggies, in good order. Some splendid bargains may be expected. Terms of sale, Cash, or approved endorsed notes. GEO. A. BRUCE, Auctioneer. (dw) Guelph, April 23, 1873.

DRESS and MANTLE MAKING

The Fashionable West End. To the Ladies: We have during the past two years contemplated the establishment of a Dress Making Department in connection with our other branches. The difficulty of obtaining a suitable person to take charge has, up to the present time, only prevented us from doing so. We have now great pleasure in informing you that we have secured the services of Miss Morrison, of Toronto, a lady of first-class abilities, highly recommended to us, and who believes eminently qualified to give complete satisfaction in every respect. Miss Morrison has for the past ten years occupied the position of cutter and fitter in one of the leading Fashionable Dress Making Establishments in the City of Toronto. Miss Morrison is also an experienced Mantle maker, and all orders entrusted to her will be executed in a style equal to anything that can be obtained in the largest cities. Orders for these departments will be received on and after Monday next, the 4th of May. A. O. BUCHAM, Fashionable West End Dress, Mantle and Millinery Establishment. (dw)

NEW AND SEASONABLE GOODS, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. NEW BUCKWHEAT FLOUR, ILLINOIS WHITE CORNMEAL, ILLINOIS RYE FLOUR, ST. LOUIS HOMINY, OLD PRUNES, DRIED APPLES, WHITE BEANS, PEARL BARLEY, PUT BARLEY, PATNA & ARRACAN RICE, Canned Peaches, Tomatoes, Corn, Peas and Cherries. At John A. Wood's, Alma Block and Lower Wyndham-street. Guelph, March 26, 1873. (dw)

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Town and County News. A new post office has been opened at Marsville, East Garafraxa. We learn from the Mount Forest Examiner that some unscrupulous persons are now and again discovered inducing children from Miss Rye's "Western Home" settled in the neighborhood, to leave the protection of their guardians. The Examiner mentions one of two cases which have taken place recently and justly condemn such reprehensible conduct. LUMBERING ABOUT MOUNT FOREST.—The Examiner says an extensive business has been carried on in this vicinity during the past winter by certain lumbering firms, prominent among whom were Messrs. E. Koach, of Quebec; A. Wilson, of Ottawa; A. Macaulay, of Lindsay; and Edsell & Smith, of Toronto. An immense quantity of squared timber has been got out and deposited for shipment by the T. G. & B. and W. G. & B. Railways. About 250,000 cubic feet will be removed by the Toronto road, the greater part of which is at or near the Mount Forest station. Shipment commenced on Monday last and has since been proceeding briskly. ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUICIDE.—On Saturday evening a young man named Alex. McGinnis made a sort of attempt to commit suicide—whether real or feigned it is hard to say. He had been drinking a little during the afternoon, but his effects were scarcely perceptible on him. Towards six o'clock he told a young man up town that he was going to drown himself, and that trouble was the cause of his taking this rash step. It seems that shortly after this he left, going towards the Dundas bridge. The young man referred to, thinking he might attempt to make away with himself followed at some distance, McGinnis when he got to the river near the bridge, took a rope he had with him, tied one end of it to a log and attached the other end to his body. He then got into the water, we suppose to try what drowning was like, for no one seriously bent on committing suicide would have fastened the rope to the stump. After splashing about in the water for a little the young man and some boys who were fishing near by, went to him, took him out of the water, and saw him on the way home. We are inclined to think from the foregoing that McGinnis had no serious intention of making away with himself, but on account of family and other troubles tried to frighten those with whom he is connected. POLICE COURT. Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., P. M. Monday, May 5. The Chief Constable charged Robert Emble, David Allan and Thos. Dobbie with a breach of by-law in not erecting a fence to guard against accident in a quarry near the Waterloo Road. The two former were fined \$2 and costs; the case against the latter was dismissed. Mr. Allan intends to appeal. The regular monthly meeting of the Maple Leaf B. B. Club will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) evening, at the Queen's Hotel. The Baltimore defeated the Athletics at ball on Thursday by a score of 12 to 10. It appears that the recent accident on the Grand Trunk, at St. Hilarie, was the result of culpable negligence on the part of the trainman who remedied the defect, but never made the affair known at St. Hilarie.

Local and Other Items.

So far 849 bodies have been recovered from the wreck of the Atlantic. Work has been again commenced on the Owen Sound extension of the T. G. & B. R. They are talking of erecting at Nanapanee this year 200 new buildings—120 being now under contract. The Directors, with the Engineers, of the Credit Valley Railway, have located the line as far as Streetsville. MITCHELL has a vigilance committee that keeps an eye open for the tavern-keepers on Saturday nights and Sundays. The first meeting of the season on the Hamilton Driving Park will be held on the 24th and 25th of June. Premiums \$3,000. The Milton Champion chronicles the death of Mr. Daniel McLean, who for many years held a prominent position in the County of Halton. The annual public examination of the French Canadian Missionary Society's School at Pointe-aux-Trembles was held last week, and was in every respect highly gratifying. The latest English wool shows a decline in prices amounting to 2d to 3d per pound on Australian wools, and 1d to 3d on Cape wools as compared with the closing rates of December. The dwelling house of Mr. McDonald, 9th line, Esquimaux, was on Wednesday totally destroyed by fire, together with all its furniture. The fire was the result of an accident. The contractors for the construction of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway between Wroxeter and Teeswater, Messrs. John & Thomas Robinson, have pushed the work with considerable energy. Since the 1st of February the road has been cleared out, and the principal cutting and filling done, with the timber and rails for fencing all on the ground. As an indication of the sudden rise in property in St. Thomas, the Home Journal says:—Two months ago Mr. James Hutchinson, of the Hutchinson House, bought Dwyer's Saloon, on the corner of Talbot and William Streets, for \$4,000. Finding that one house was as much as he could attend to he disposed of it the other day to Mr. Samuel Martin for \$6,000. Property is going up with rapid strides. ANOTHER DARING BURGLARY.—Another daring burglary was committed at Stratroy on Friday night. An entrance was effected into Pearce & Polley's dry goods establishment by means, it is supposed, of skeleton keys. The burglars drilled a hole in the door of a safe and then blew it open with gunpowder. Two hundred and forty-five dollars in cash were abstracted from the safe. The goods in the store were not molested, the object being money. No trace of the burglars yet. SUDDEN DEATH.—Mr. Geo. Rice, Manager of the Great Western Refreshment Rooms in London, died on Saturday from the effects of chloroform administered by Dr. Caldwell. The deceased had gone to the Teemah House on the Thursday previous to have tumors removed from his eyes. At his own request chloroform was administered. After removing one tumor the patient was, to all appearance, dead. He was, however, resuscitated, but after lingering till Saturday, expired. His remains will be taken to Detroit for interment. THE BRUCE MURDER CASE.—The trial of the five prisoners indicted for the murder of George Price, in the township of Bruce, on the 17th of March last, terminated on Saturday, and resulted in a verdict of wilful murder against James Johnston, and manslaughter against James Best, Arthur Best, John Kerr and Edward Johnston. James Johnston was sentenced to be hanged on the 3rd of July. James Best, three years in the penitentiary; Arthur Best, two years in the penitentiary; John Kerr, twelve months in jail; and Edward Johnston, six months in jail. The prisoners were defended by Hon. M. C. Cameron. TEMPERANCE IN MANITOBA.—In the House on Saturday Dr. Tupper said in acceptance of the suggestion of Mr. McKenzie, he would move an amendment to the consolidated Act for the Government of Manitoba "That no spirituous or vinous liquors shall be allowed to be manufactured in, or brought into, that territory from any of the Provinces of Canada, except by special permission of the Lieutenant-Governor, and if such spirituous liquors were brought into the territories in contravention of this Act, they should be seized by an excise or other officer of the Government, and that a sum of not more than one hundred dollars be paid as a penalty by the person upon whom such liquor was found, one half of which would go to the party prosecuting, and one half to Her Majesty." THE GLOBE OF TO-DAY.—The Ontario Government have determined to send Mr. Edwards, Secretary of the Public Works, to England, for the purpose of clearing up all difficulties in the Emigration Department in London. The attacks of the Opposition press here on Mr. Horrocks Cocks, originally instigated by rivals of that gentleman in the emigration business in England, have created confusion and hesitation in London. Mr. Edwards, who sails by the next steamer from New York, will enquire into all complaints made against Mr. Cocks, and ascertain whether Mr. Carling was in the right when he promised that gentleman an appointment in England. SONS OF SCOTLAND.—A publication has been laid on our table bearing the above title and is brimful of the melodies of Scotland. All lovers of Scottish song should have it. This is the Royal Edition, and both music and words are beautifully printed. For sale in Guelph by Mr. John Anderson. Price 75 cents.

GUILD'S SIGNAL.

AN INCIDENT OF THE STONINGTON RAILWAY ACCIDENT. Two low whistles, quiet and clear. That was the signal the engineer said—Gave to his wife at Providence, As through the sleeping town, and thence, Out in the night, On to the light, Down past the farms, lying white, he sped! As a husband's greeting, scant no doubt, Yet to the woman looking out, Watching and waiting, no serenade, Love song or midnight roundelay, Said what that whistle seemed to say: "To my true trust So love to you! Working or waiting, Good night!" it said. Brisk young bagmen, tourists fine, Old commuters along the line, Braken and porters glanced ahead, Smiled at the signal, sharp, intense, Pierced through the shadows of Providence "Nothing amiss! Nothing!—It is Only Guild calling his wife," they said. Summer and Winter, the old refrain Rang o'er the billows of ripening grain, Pierced thro' the budding boughs o'erhead, Flew down the track when the red leaves burned Like living coals from the engine spurned: "To our trust true, First of all Duty—Good night," it said. And then, one night, it was heard no more, From Stoughton over Rhode Island shore, And the folk in Providence smiled and said As they turned in their beds, "The engineer Has once forgotten his midnight cheer!" One only knew To his true trust Guild lay under his engine—lead. N.Y. Tribune. BRET HARTE.

News From Ottawa. (Special to The Evening Mercury). OTTAWA, May 5, 2 p.m. Sir George E. Cartier has taken his passage for Canada, with the full assent of his doctors. He is expected to arrive in two or three weeks. There is a rumor abroad, based upon apparently reliable authority, that orders have been issued for a parade of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, on Saturday next, the 10th, on the occasion of the prorogation of Parliament. It seems, however, utterly impossible that the Government business can be got through by that time. Some members from the Marine Provinces do not hesitate to say that Parliament will not be prorogued until the 20th, but will consummate the arrangements for union with Prince Edward Island before the close of the session. A delegation from the New Government of the Island is expected to arrive to-day to arrange final terms of union. The Select Committee, on charges made by Huntington in relation to the Pacific Railway charter, met this morning and decided to adjourn to July. Sir John Macdonald stated that Parliament would not now be prorogued but would simply adjourn. The Committee on re-assembling will probably sit in Montreal. In the Public Accounts Committee this morning the investigation into the irregularities at the Levis Camp was proceeded with. Col. Robson Ross, Adjutant-General, made a statement in which he said he was only responsible to the Governor-General for his conduct, and should demand a full enquiry into his conduct; and repudiated certain allegations made that he was the political tool of the Government. The Senators and members of Parliament from New Brunswick have this morning sent a message over the wires to Sir H. Doyle, bidding him farewell, on his leaving for England, on the expiration of his term of office as Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia. Beautiful weather.

Latest from Ottawa. (Special to The Evening Mercury). **Attempt to Choke Off the Pacific Railway Inquiry Committee.** The Corruption Committee met this forenoon. Sir John asked for an adjournment until July then to meet in secret, when convenient. A resolution to this effect was brought to the Committee out and dried, and carried. OTTAWA, May 5, 2:30 p. m. The Opposition are indignant at this disgraceful trick. A strong discussion will take place on the report to-day. **The New English Church, Guelph.** To the Editor of THE MERCURY. Sir,—Being a stranger in town, and having a desire to attend divine service, I went with other strangers yesterday to the English Church. Seeing no one at the door to show us to a seat, and after waiting awhile, our only alternative was to ask the bell-ringer if we could sit in a certain pew, in which there was only one occupant—a lady. He replied in the affirmative, and we took our seats. Having sat some time a gentleman came up to us, and enquired our names, which we gave, adding that we were strangers. He then ordered us out of the pew, and had we consulted our personal feelings, and not taken into account the sanctities of the place, we would have come straight out of church. When a mistake occurs, especially with strangers, it would surely be better instead of affronting them to show them a little kindness, to explain the mistake, and to give them a welcome by showing them to another and unoccupied seat. This is the custom in other Christian churches, special attention being invariably shown to strangers; and surely the English Church in Guelph does not profess to practise a different form of Christian procedure from other churches, for the course I have referred to is unquestionably the right one, and bears the stamp of true Christian fellowship. Yours, &c., Guelph, May 5, 1873.

THE BILL for the regulation and control of the Clergy has finally passed the Prussian Diet.

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

New Cables on the Atlantic. Review of the Russian Troops. Expedition against Khiva. New Republican Journal. Party disputes. Indian Troubles. Natural Bridge Formed. Railway Extension. Shooting Affray. Fall of an Iron Bridge—Thirty persons killed. London, May 4.—The steamer Hibernian leaves on Monday, the 5th inst., to repair the French cable. The Great Eastern and Edinburgh leave the latter part of the month to lay the cable from Valencia to Heart's Content. The Great Eastern will then return to repair the broken Anglo-American cable, and the Edinburgh will proceed to lay two new cables between Ploceatis, Newfoundland, and Syka, Cape Breton. It is expected that four cables will be working across the Atlantic, and five across the Gulf of St. Lawrence, before the 1st of September. The first report that a number of persons were killed and injured by an accident to a railway train from London to Chester was exaggerated. St. Petersburg, May 3.—Fifty thousand Russian troops stationed in and near this city were reviewed yesterday afternoon by the Emperor of Germany and the Czar. Last evening St. Petersburg was illuminated in honor of the Imperial visit. St. Petersburg, May 4.—Despatches from Orenburg report the column marching from that point against Khiva finds its progress difficult and makes only 20 versts a day. The vanguard arrived at Techkaskule on the 16th of April, and the main body was at Namaztan. Havana, May 5.—The announcement is made that a new Republican journal will soon be established here. The dispute between the Conservatives and Republican papers here is violent, and vexes hotter every day. San Francisco, May 4.—There are no new demonstrations against the Indians and none by Modocs against the troops. Lieut. Egan will probably leave San Francisco in a few days with batteries A and K. Mortars will be sent in future. New York, May 3.—A letter from British Columbia states that the recent earthquake threw the banks of the Columbia River near Fort Shepherd together in such a manner as to form a perfect bridge across. New York, May 4.—Arrived steamship Oceanic from Liverpool. New York, May 5.—The railroad on the west side of the Hudson River is being rapidly pushed forward, and will be completed to Rockland Lake in a few days. A plan is being considered for extending it further toward Albany. Lieut. Yeager, 12th Infantry, left for the Modoc War yesterday with 140 recruits. St. Louis, May 5.—On Saturday night John Zerliner, employed in a mill at Belleville, Ill., shot Jas. Lang with a shot gun, while the latter was in bed, blowing his head almost from his body. Lang was engaged to be married to Zerliner's sister, and the latter opposed the marriage. Zerliner fled and has not been captured. Dixon, Ills., May 4.—The Iron Bridge at this place fell with a terrible crash, this afternoon, while crowded with people to witness a baptism. Thirty-two bodies have been recovered, and many more are supposed to be under the wreck. PREVENTING DECAY OF SHINGLES.—Take a potash kettle or large tub and put into one barrel of wood ashes lye, five pounds of alum, and as much of salt as will dissolve in the mixture. Make the liquor quiet warm, and put as many shingles in it as can be conveniently wetted at once. Stir them up with a fork, and when well soaked take them out and put in more, renewing the liquor as necessary. Then lay the shingles in the usual manner. After they are laid take the liquor that is left, put lime enough into it to make whitewash, and if any color is desirable add ochre, Spanish brown, lamp-black, &c. and apply to the roof with a brush or old broom. This wash is renewed from time to time. Salt and lye are excellent preservatives of wood. It is well known that lead tubes, troughs and other articles used in the manufacture of potash never rot. They become saturated with alkali, turn yellowish inside and remain impervious to the weather.—Scientific American.

CANADIAN MONTHLY.—The May number of this popular magazine is now before us, and is as usual full of interest. The contributors are among the most prominent men of the day and their productions up to the standard in every respect. The contents are "Our New Provinces"—"British Columbia" by Lieut. Col. Coffin, Ottawa—"Manitoba" by Prof. Bryce, Winnipeg. "What is Culpable Luxury," by Goldwin Smith, M. A., besides poems, selections, the continued story and the usual contribution "Current Events" in which the author still harps upon the evils of party. The Pacific Railway Scandal Committee commences to take evidence on oath to-day (Monday) under the authority of the Act which received the Royal Assent on Saturday. Two short hand reporters will take the evidence in *extenso*, meantime it is understood that at the opening of the proceedings the chairman will warn all present that any publication of the proceedings until they shall have been laid before Parliament will be treated as a breach of privilege.