

Another Case of Oppression.

The Bradford and London cases have been called in this country, which from its Chief Justice and specimen of Ministerial rectitude must disgust all lovers of British liberty and fair play. The late Government of Ontario appointed a Mr. Brodie a valuator of public lands in this County. He appeared on the 11th and commenced operations, sending in most satisfactory reports to the Crown Land Department. He had barely commenced work when the Guelph Mercury on the authority of more gossip, published a malicious article, stating Mr. Brodie was a snake in the grass, and many other things, according to him, of course, through the North Riding for Mr. Drew, and even went so far as to say that the latter gentleman had accompanied Mr. Brodie from house to house, endeavoring to intimidate the poor settlers into voting for him. This was promptly contradicted in the columns of this paper in every particular, daily denying that Mr. Drew had been in the riding, for months previous, and at a personal interview with the editor of that paper pointed out to him the absurdity of the story, giving every assurance of its falsity. Still our honorable cotemporary allowed the slander to go uncontradicted, he would not turn his finger to undo the injury he had inflicted on Mr. Brodie. The informant of the Mercury was discovered—a Mr. Hannah of Luther, he was visited, when he signed a letter addressed to the Mercury expressing regret that he had ever given credence to the report, stating that he had been misinformed and had every reason to believe the charge was false. Although Mr. Hannah signed this letter and requested its publication the editor of the Mercury refused to comply, and thus afforded Mr. Brodie the means of defence through the same channel he was attacked.

Well, no sooner was the Blake Government formed than Mr. Brodie received information that he would be sent about his business. Some short time after he was summoned to Toronto when that high gentleman, Mr. Goss, at once charged him with being a snake in the grass. This was denied by every citizen of the County, and even a number of the County Council, who were of the opinion that Mr. Brodie was a man of honor and integrity. Mr. Brodie was charged to underhandydom, his fate was sealed, solely on the evidence of a malicious article published for sensational purposes in an unscrupulous sheet headed by a lying duke and a friend of Mr. Melton's. The Duke's friend, Mr. Goss, differed in this from the Duke, in ascribing their misadventures to the Duke's own fault, but he was clearly proved against him, but he was found to be a reward and money in the same name of Mr. Brodie, while Mr. Brodie is a devoted man to his country. We have no doubt the editor of the Mercury and the party who sent him the letter, will now be in the hands of the law, to be tried in company with the Bradford partner.

(Remarks by the Mercury.)

The Times, which publishes the above, and the Guelph Herald which copies it, no doubt find much consolation in ventilating this new case of oppression, as they are pleased to term it. We will give the real facts of the case, from which it will be seen that there is no foundation whatever for the charge made against us and the Government, and that the oppression exists only in the fertile imagination of the Tory organs.

In the early part of last December, Mr. Peter Hanson (not Hanson of the Times has it) then Reeve of Luther, made a positive statement to us as well as to other parties in Guelph, that this Mr. Brodie was employed by the Sandfield Macdonald Government to value the Crown Lands in Luther and other Townships in the North Riding, had, while performing this work, endeavored to influence Mr. Hanson in favour of Mr. Drew with a view to securing his vote for that gentleman at next election. On such positive information we complained that Mr. Brodie, an employee of the Government, should in any way interfere in politics affecting either the Province or the Dominion. We stated also on what we considered good authority that Mr. Brodie had been accompanied in one of his journeys by Mr. Drew. This we found out afterwards was incorrect, but the fact nevertheless remains uncontradicted that Mr. Drew and Mr. Brodie met in Elora more than once and were in consultation together. Some short time after we charged Mr. Brodie with electioneering, our statement was contradicted by the Times, but this contradiction coming from a partisan paper, and well known as the organ of Mr. Drew, we waited for stronger proof before taking any notice of its version of the affair.

Time went on the Local Legislature met, the Sandfield Macdonald Government were defeated, and Mr. Blake and his colleagues assumed the reins, Mr. Brodie, no doubt, in the hope of getting an appointment under the new Government similar to the one he had under the previous one, and afraid that such statements would militate against either personally or through a third party—we don't know which—waited on Mr. Hanson, and endeavored to frighten him into making a retraction. On the 13th of February we received a note from Mr. Brodie, enclosing this so-called retraction, purporting to come from Mr. Hanson and with his name signed to it, but both retraction and name were in Mr. Brodie's handwriting. We also understand that copies of the same letter were sent to the members of the Government and to the members for the North and Centre Ridings. On the receipt of this letter we at once wrote direct to Mr. Hanson, telling him the nature of the document we had received, and also that inasmuch as he made the statement deliberately to us, we would not insert this contradiction unless under his own signature. No answer was received to this and so we took no notice of it. On the 1st of March we received another letter from Mr. Brodie, in which he referred to the one sent previously, containing Mr. Hanson's so-called retraction, in which he threatened all sorts of things if we did not publish it. One of these threats, especially, was such as no honourable man would be so mean as to mention. We at once wrote Mr. Brodie a brief reply, to the effect that as Mr. Hanson had made a verbal and deliberate statement to us, we would insert no contradiction or retraction unless made personally or under his own signature, but if he

chose to do this we should gladly make Mr. Brodie all the reparation in our power by giving it instant and prominent publication. No answer was received to this, and so the matter remained as it was till some time in the early part of April when Mr. Hanson came to Guelph. We at once informed him of the circumstances, and in the presence of a number of gentlemen he disavowed the statements made in the letter of retraction sent to us by Mr. Brodie, with his (Hanson's) name attached to it. And not only did he do so, but after returning home he sent us a letter in which he said he would hold the party who sent that letter of retraction responsible for it.

Under such circumstances we felt we were fully justified in adopting the course we did, and we have since seen no reason to change our opinion. Mr. Brodie and his friends complain that our statement made respecting his interfering in politics was the means of depriving him of an appointment. There can be nothing farther from the truth. He was employed by the late Government, and his work was over. The present Government knew nothing of Mr. Brodie. They never employed him, and would not, even though he had never been referred to at all by the Mercury or any other paper. The gentleman who has received the appointment was picked out before Mr. Brodie was thought of at all, or had brought the matter before the Government. He tried very hard, of course, to get it. He sent those so-called letters referred to, and afterwards loved every member of the Government nearly to death ere he gave up all hope.

These are the simple facts of the case, and we leave it to the public to say whether the Mercury did wrong in the premises, or the Government in giving the appointment to another gentleman without reference at all to Mr. Brodie, who had no claim on them, and who had never been in their employment. We hope the Times and Herald will both copy this exposure of their trumped up and childish case of oppression.

Dr. Hall has written a long article to prove that it is unhealthy for a man and his wife to sleep in the same room; but the editor of the New York Commercial knows some wives who would make it decidedly unhealthy for him to sleep anywhere else.

Joseph Howe says the Treaty is bad. Sir Francis Hincks says it is bad. Sir John A. Macdonald says it is bad. The whole Privy Council say it is bad. They tell us that the Parliament of Canada can reject it if it chooses. And yet Sir John A. has introduced a bill to put that Treaty into effect!

In the last fiscal year the product of the Dominion fisheries was \$7,573,290 being nearly one million dollars in excess of the previous year. About fifteen millions of capital and 87,000 persons are employed in the business—figures which show that the trade in fish takes a prominent place among the productive industries of the Dominion.

We understand that the Council of the Board of Trade, at a recent meeting, memorialized the Dominion Government in favor of granting a subsidy to a line of steamers to ply between Canadian and West India ports. It is stated that such a line would be organized with little delay if the needed public assistance can be obtained.

St. Mark's assessors report this year a population of 3,501. Stratford has a population of 5,233, according to the last assessment. Mr. Matheson of the Clinton North Star, has sold out to Edmund Holmes, the former proprietor.

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Bird Cages, several varieties; Garden Tools and Flower Baskets; Clothes Wringers and Mangles; Floor Oil Cloth and Mats, elegant new patterns; Furniture, Stove, and Picture Varnish; Whitewash and other Brushes; Fishing Tackle, etc.; Family Groceries, a useful little article, should be in every house, quite cheap, at

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PARTIES BUYING

Books, Stationery, Wall Paper, or Fancy Goods

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The Goods are at the old low prices, but to reduce the stock before stock taking, I will give a dollar with each purchase of one dollar or over.

The Book given away is not an old shop worn book, but a new nice good fresh book.

Now is the time to buy your Wall Paper, Books, Stationery and Fancy Goods.

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Large stock, low prices, quick sales, and small profits.

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LARGE SALE

—OF—

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The Newest Materials!

Commencing to-day, and

CONTINUING

FOR 10 DAYS

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Especially Bargains Given.

WM. GALLOWAY.

Guelph, May 1, 1872

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FISHING TACKLE!

A Splendid Assortment.

JOHN M. BOND & Co.,

DIRECT IMPORTERS.

Guelph, April 27, 1872.

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J. T. KNIGHT

Sells every description of Feed cheap and good; also

FLOUR, MEALS AND OFFALS

Cheap as other People. dwlm

POSITIVELY A FACT!

Mustard's Catarrh Specific

Cures Catarrh, Cold in the Head, Neuralgia, Toothache, Nervous and Sick Headache, Weak and Sore Eyes. The Specific is a new remedy, prepared from Medicinal Barks, Roots, Gums, and Flowers. Free from poisonous drugs. It is harmless, novel, and efficacious in its operation. Try it if you are afflicted with the above diseases. It is also one of the best Cough and Croup Remedies extant.

Mustard's Vegetable Pills should also be used in connection with the Specific for Sick Headache and Catarrh; and those who are afflicted with Rheumatism should try Mustard's King of Oils.

Sold in Guelph by McCullough & Moore Druggists.

Manufactured at Ingersoll by N. H. Mustard, Proprietor.

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1 case New Dress Goods
1 case Hosiery
1 case Parasols and Silk Umbrellas
20 doz. American Hats, latest styles,
4 doz. Sailor Hats,
50 doz. Sine Hats,
50 sett Lace Curtains,
600 pieces French Cambric,
to be sold at 15c. per yard, regular price in town 20c.

Our Stock is now fully assorted in the various departments with the newest and best Goods for the season, and ladies are invited to examine our new arrivals.

A. O. BUCHAM

Fashionable West End Dry Goods Store, Alma Block.

Guelph, May 10th, 1872. dwy

PERRY'S GROCERY STORE,

Higinbotham's Block, Guelph.

Maple Molasses.

West India

Portland Syrup.

Honey

Golden

Amber

Oranges and Lemons.

Table Apples very fine—to arrive;

New Teas. of all grades;

A very fine Black Tea, at 50 cents;

Sugars, a new stock of different kinds.

PERRY'S GROCERY STORE.

AUCTION SALE.

As we have to close up our business to fill other engagements, we will sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION EVERY EVENING

Commencing to-night, Monday, May 6th, the whole of our stock of

Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Crockery, Glass-ware, Wines and Liquors, &c. &c.,

without any reserve.

Private Sales during the day at Greatly Reduced Prices.

This is no sale got up for the purpose of clearing off old stock, but a GENUINE

CLEARING SALE, as the store must be closed in two weeks. All the

Shop Furniture for sale, including a FIRE-PROOF SAFE.

The Ladies are respectfully invited to attend this sale; seats will be provided for their accommodation. Sale on Saturday at 10 a.m. Terms cash. No reserve.

T. H. TAYLOR & CO.,

Day's Block, opposite the Market.

Guelph, May 6, 1872. dw

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BOTTLED ALE

IN PRIME CONDITION

QUARTS AND PINTS.

J. E. McELDERRY,

No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

DIRECT IMPORTATIONS!

100 boxes Messina Oranges.

500 Cocoa Nuts.

1000 lbs. fresh Dates.

100 boxes Fire Crackers.

Will be offered to the trade below city prices,

HUGH WALKER,

WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

Guelph, May 1, 1872 dw

TO CONTRACTORS AND OTHERS.

The subscriber keeps on hand Fresh Lime, Stone, Sand, Posts, Lumber, &c., which he will sell at reasonable prices to all who may favor him with their patronage. He also keeps teams on hand, to be let by the day or otherwise, at his residence near the G. T. station, where he will see to this new business in person in the usual way, and hopes to be patronized hereafter as he has been in the past. Orders promptly attended to.

DENIS COFFEY.

Guelph, April 11th, 1872. dwlm

SEED POTATOES

NOW IN STOCK.

Garnet Chillis,

Early Rose,

Early Goodrich;

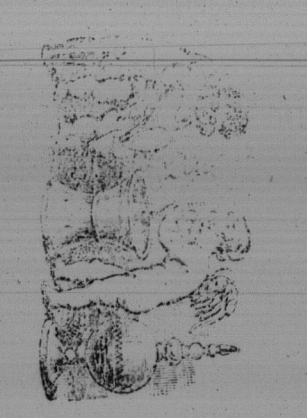
Also, Good Potatoes for table use delivered to any part of the town.

MOULTON & BISE,

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

Guelph, April 19, 1872 dwlm

THE MEDICAL HALL GUELPH



A large and well selected stock of

HAIR, NAIL, AND TOOTH

BRUSHES

FOR SALE BY

E. HARVEY & Co.

A very superior quality of

SPONGES

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A large and varied assortment of

TOILET ARTICLES & PERFUMERY

AT THE MEDICAL HALL.

Also a fresh supply of Carbolic Glycerine Jelly.

E. HARVEY & Co.

Family and Dispensing Chemists.

Guelph, May 9, 1872. dw

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Fancy Spring Goods,

UPPER WYNDHAM STREET.

The subscriber begs to inform the ladies of Guelph and surrounding country that she has just received a large and carefully selected stock of Spring Goods, comprising

All the Newest Styles and Patterns!

A SPLENDID STOCK OF

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Braids, Switches, Chignons, General Fancy Goods, and Toys.

STAMPING DONE.

Lock-stitch Sewing Machines for sale.

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Guelph, April 13, 1871. dw

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Carriage Works,

Macdonnell St.,

Near the G. T. R. Station.

Now on hand a splendid assortment of

Carriages, Buggies,

&c., made of first-class material, of the best workmanship, which he will warrant to any purchaser as second to none in the Province.

Repairing, repainting and retrimming at usual, at low prices. ROBERT PARKER.

Guelph, April 23, 1872. dw

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A Large Lot of

BOYS' TWEED SUITS,

Knickerbocker

Sailor

Highland Kilt

Tweed

Also, a fine lot of

CHEAP TWEEDS

For Children's Wear at

JAMES CORMACK'S

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Guelph, April 25, 1872. dw

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A Fair for the sale of Live Stock, will be held at the

CRYSTAL PALACE GROUNDS

City of Hamilton, on

The First Thursday of Every Month

Under the management of the City Council.

No fees will be charged at these Fairs.

By order. THOMAS BEASLEY.

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Hamilton, April 17, 1872 dw

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