

The New Town Hall.

We publish to-day another letter on the proposed new Town Hall, from an old and influential ratepayer of the Town, in which he makes some very sensible and reasonable suggestions about fitting up the Drill Shed, which could be made to answer all the purposes of a Music Hall for some years to come.

We notice that the Herald falls foul of Mr. Crowe for simply exercising the right which every ratepayer has of expressing in courteous language through our columns his opinion in regard to the new Town Hall. Instead of considering Mr. Crowe's letter on its merits, or attempting to answer his arguments, it gets personal as usual, and seeks to throw ridicule on the writer as well as on his communication.

The rumor that the Government intend to drop the insolvency question is untrue. They will bring in their measures in due time.

Mr. Costigan has given notice that he will bring up in the House of Commons the New Brunswick School Question.

BARONET BURDETT COATES has made an appeal which will go straight to the heart of the British public. It is on behalf of the children and aged sisters of the late Dr. Livingstone, who are understood to be in straitened circumstances.

It is said that the crusades in Ohio have not diminished the wholesale trade in whiskey, but that the brewers have suffered. The inference is, that the hard old toppers who get drunk on whiskey have not been driven off, but that the moderate drinkers, who consume beer, have been driven from their resorts.

Mexico has surprised the natives by condemning to death six of the mob that assassinated Mr. Stephens, a Protestant missionary residing in that country. Such an instance of stern and impartial discharge of duty on their part is rare and therefore astonishing. A priest named Ochoa has also been brought to trial on the charge of inciting to murder, but his case has not as yet been decided.

The prophecy is now that the session is to be finished in three or four weeks. A proposition is to be made to place Government orders on the paper every day, so that when the ordinary business is disposed of the measures of the Government may be gone on with. This will effect a great saving of time, and will tend to shorten the session.

A witness before the Post-Office Commission sitting in Montreal testified that an expert, after careful comparison of the address on the envelope addressed to Hon. John Young, and the slip of paper enclosed with the writing of the employees of the office, gave it as his positive opinion that the writer of the former was Joseph L. Palmer.

The Montreal Herald urges early and active cultivation of the West India trade, and strongly condemns the late Administration for negligence in this relation. It will be inferred that the Government will take the action that seems so very desirable in the matter. It appears that this trade is almost wholly monopolized by the United States at present, and that the exports of the latter can be more cheaply supplied by the Dominion.

RECIPROCITY.—A New York Journal says:—"The abrogation of the Reciprocity Treaty of 1866 has entailed much more loss upon consumers of Canadian products in the United States than upon Canadian producers.

Canada will be very glad to have an improved market for the fruits of her industry, and will make all reasonable sacrifices to obtain it. But she will not recognize reciprocal trade as being a vital necessity of her welfare, and will make no sacrifices on its account, which are not clearly balanced by the advantages to be gained. The experience of the last treaty is likely to enable the Canadian negotiators to secure much better terms than before.

PROMOTION.—The Ottawa correspondent of the Hamilton Times says: Petitions continue to come in shoals for a Prohibitory Liquor Law, both Nova Scotia on the East, and the more westerly counties of Ontario, being alive on the subject. Mr. Blake had an enormously large roll of names from South Bruce, and Mr. M. C. Cameron showed that a heavy army of temperance men can be found in South Ontario. For some reason, these petitions are received with ironical cheers, and there is a vast amount of levity displayed in the House whenever another temperance petition is read. The scene at the opening of the three o'clock session to-day was somewhat similar to that which occurred on the memorable day when the Parliamentary saloon was abolished.

Accident on the T. G. & B. R. Last Thursday afternoon as the up freight train was nearing the crossing at side road number 270, township of Melancthon, the engineer observed a woman on the track, walking towards the train, and at once whistled "down brakes." The woman threw off her bonnet, sat down on the rail, and covered her head with her shawl, and, though the engine was reversed and the brakes hard on, before the train could be stopped the locomotive and several of the cars had passed over her, breaking her legs, and otherwise mutilating her body. The train conveyed the body to Dundalk, and a coroner's inquest was held over it. The evidence went to show that the woman was deranged, and was seeking death. She was, at the time, fleeing from a constable who was in search of her, to convey her to the asylum. The jury fully acquitted the driver and conductor of any blame, they having stopped the train remarkably quick, considering that it was running on a down grade at the time. It was afterwards ascertained that the unfortunate woman's name was Smith, and that she had been deranged for several years, and had been a great source of anxiety to her brother, who lives in Melancthon, with whom she lived.—Owen Sound Advertiser.

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Dominion Parliament.

OTTAWA, April 10. Another crop of Prohibitory Liquor Law petitions was presented at the meeting of the House.

On motions being called for, Mr. Mackenzie moved for leave to bring in a Bill to vest the control of the Intercolonial Railway in the Government of the day instead of the Commissioners, as at present. He explained that it was thought expedient to make this change, so far as the completion of the work was concerned. The Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Walsh, had resigned some months since, and his place had been filled by the Deputy-Minister of Public Works as Commissioner pro tem.

The bill was then read a first time. The House then went, pro forma, into Committee of Supply, and the Committee having reported, it was resolved the House should go into Committee of Ways and Means on Tuesday next, when the Finance Minister will make his statement.

Mr. Cameron (Huron) moved a resolution relating to increase of departmental salaries in 1873, which was carried.

Mr. Charlton moved a resolution in favour of a Geological Survey of the North-west Territory, and the encouragement of immigration to that region. He showed that hitherto the North-west had been almost a sealed book, the works on the subject failing to give all the information needed. He then referred to the different branches of enquiry to be pursued. He did not urge the Government to make a detailed geological survey but would have them follow the model of the United States system, so as to secure good exploratory surveys similar to Colonel Fremont and others. He then alluded to the importance of immigration and to the want of efforts to promote immigration as energetically as the interests of the country required. He was glad to see, however, that in 1873 this unfortunate state of things appeared to have been altered, and he had received our fair share of the immigration to British North America. His speech, which showed a careful consideration of the question he had undertaken to advocate, was warmly cheered at the close.

Mr. Laird was glad the question had been brought up. The Government had already taken steps in the direction of the motion indicated, and he hoped, in the course of time, to push the investigation farther. They must proceed with a due regard to expense, but as rapidly as practicable. After a few words from Sir John A. Macdonald, Mr. Mackenzie suggested that the object of the motion was simply to call attention to the subject, and that object had been accomplished. He also referred to the discoveries of coal in the North-west of a very superior character, and assured the House that the Government had every desire to further the views expressed by the mover of the resolution.

Mr. Haggart moved for correspondence respecting the dismissal of a Postmaster at Lanark.

NEW GAZETTEER.—The agent of Messrs Polk, Murphy & Co. of London, Ont., is in town canvassing for a publication to be called the Great Western Railway Gazetteer and Directory for 1874-6, which will embrace sketches of all the cities and towns lying along the route of the Great Western Railway and its branches. It is compiled under the auspices of the G. W. R., and promises to be a most valuable work.

Ms. T. J. Day has sent us Grip for this week. It gives an excellent cartoon of Riel's next move, which is to arrest himself. He is represented as applying for the \$5000 reward, and saying "By gar, I shall arrest ye scoundrel myself." For sale at Day's.

SIR JOHN.—Mr. T. J. Day has sent us a cabinet-sized photo of Sir John Macdonald, by Notman & Fraser, Toronto. It is the best likeness we have yet seen and beautifully executed. Copies can be had at Day's bookstore.

Among the prohibitory law petitions presented to the House was one by Major Walker, from 4,705 citizens of London. The petition was 60 feet in length.

BIRTHS. HACKING.—In Guelph, on the 5th inst., the wife of Mr. Joseph H. Hacking, of a son.

Floor Oil Cloth, Floor Oil Cloth, Very Rich and Chaste Designs, Splendid assortment, Patterns Quite New.

FRESH LOT OF Door Mats, Door Mats, NOW OPENING OUT AT JOHN HORSMAN'S, HARDWARE MERCHANT, GUELPH.

VOCAL & INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT OF Classic and Miscellaneous Music AT THE TOWN HALL, On Saturday Evg, April 15th BY THE Mendelssohn Quintette Club,

Of Boston, organized in 1849, composed of the following artists: WILLIAM SCHULTZ, Violin. CARL HAMM, Violin. THOMAS RYAN, Viola and Clarinetto. EDWARD HEINZL, Viola and Flute. RUDOLPH ELENIO, Violoncello. Assisted by the distinguished Vocalist, Mrs. J. W. WESTON.

Tickets, with Reserved Seats, 75 cents. Seats may be secured at Mr. J. Anderson's store, on Saturday, April 12th. Tickets, without reserved seats, 50 cents. For sale at the door. Doors open at 7.15. Concert at 8 precisely. April 11, 1874.

SALE OF PIANOS

The Committee appointed to dispose of the Pianos at the Manufactory of JOSEPH F. RAINER,

WEST MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH, Will offer them at a considerable reduction on cost on reasonable

TERMS OF CREDIT. The stock consists of about 40

First-class Instruments! Similar to those shown at the last Central Exhibition, and for which he was awarded the first prize.

They are equal in compass of tone, finish, and durability to the best instruments of any of the celebrated manufacturers, and as such an opportunity seldom occurs, parties in want of pianos would do well to avail themselves of it.

An inspection invited. A competent person will be on the premises, near Mr. John Harris's, who will show the instruments. Guelph, March 18, 1874. dwt

VALUABLE Property for Sale IN THE TOWN OF GUELPH

In accordance with the last Will and Testament of the late John Mitchell, the residue of the estate is now offered for sale, viz: Farm Property.

About 200 acres of good land (west of the Eramosa Road in the North Ward) in quantities of one acre and upwards to suit purchasers; part of said land is well timbered, and the remainder under cultivation. There are 2 good two-story stone dwelling houses, 2 frame barns, &c. on the same. The above property is very suitable for building sites, market gardens, &c.

Also, Lot 15, in the 10th concession, Eramosa, about six miles from Mount Forest, containing one hundred acres of good land, improved and well watered.

Town Lots. Lots 23, 24, 25 on the Eramosa Road. 26, 27, 28, 29 on Queen Street. 32, 33, 34, 35 on Delhi Street.

Lot 8 on Pearl St., Lot 11, on King St., and Lot 12 on Derry St. East 1/2 Lot 9, on Macdonnell St., with 2 story frame dwelling. West 1/2 do do with Livery Stable.

Lot 6, corner Eramosa Road and Mitchell St., with good 2 story stone dwelling house, 11 rooms, cellar, well, cistern, &c.

Lot 7, on Mitchell St., with frame building, 20 x 30, suitable for a workshop. TERMS—One fourth in cash; balance in from 2 to 4 years as may be agreed upon, with interest at 8 per cent. A large cash payment will be required on the timbered land. For further particulars apply to ANN MITCHELL, RICHARD MITCHELL, Executors. Guelph, March 27th, 1874. dwt

Tomatoes, Green Peas, Sugar Corn, JOHN A. WOOD'S NEW ENGLISH WALNUTS JOHN A. WOOD'S GOLDEN AND AMBER SYRUP JOHN A. WOOD'S

JUST RECEIVED, A CHOICE ASSORTMENT OF BIRD CAGES

John M. Bond & Co. Hardware Importers, Guelph. DAY SELLS CHEAP. DAY SHOWS THE FINEST STOCK OF WALLPAPER IN GUELPH.

Golds, Satins, Grounds, Marble, Oak, For Dining Rooms, Parlors, Drawing Rooms, Libraries, Halls and Bed Rooms. It will pay you to examine the splendid stock before buying AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Co-Operative Store. DIVISION OF PROFITS SPECIAL CHEAP LINES! A PRETTY DRESS OF 15 YARDS FOR \$1.50 UNION TWEEDS (purchased by auction) ONLY 35 CTS PER YARD. A SPLENDID LINE OF FELT HATS, ONLY 75 CENTS EACH BOYS LINEN FACE COLLARS FIVE CENTS PER BOX DUNDAS COTTONS 10c. BLEACHED COTTONS 9c. DARK FANCY PRINTS 10c. LIGHT FANCY PRINTS 10c. CALF SLIPPERS 50c PER PAIR PRUNELLA BOOTS 75c PER PAIR A BOX OF 75 CENT TEA, TEN LBS., FOR SIX DOLLARS. CLOTHING MADE TO ORDER. J. C. MACKLIN & Co. GUELPH, April 10, 1874. dw

FRASER'S AUCTION SALE DRY GOODS TO-NIGHT Saturday, 11th inst. G. B. FRASER. A LARGE STOCK OF NEW China, Crockery, and Glassware, NOW OPENED AT J. E. McELDERRY, 2 DAY'S BLOCK, THE NOTED TEA HOUSE GUELPH CLOTH HALL. SHAW & MURTON OUR SPRING STOCK Is now fully assorted in every department. CLOTHS, HATS AND CAPS, GENTS' FURNISHINGS, READY-MADE CLOTHING. We would inform our customers and the public in general that we never before offered such a complete and handsome assortment of Goods for Gent's Wear. Shaw & Murton, MERCHANT TAILORS GUELPH, March 21, 1874

Elephant Clothing Store. C. E. PEIRCE & CO. Have now on exhibition one of the Largest Stocks of READY-MADE CLOTHING For Men and Boy's Wear ever shown in Guelph. Well Made and Fashionably Cut. And at prices that cannot be beaten, being 25 per cent less than any other place in town. Hepburn's Old Stand, Wyndham-st., Guelph. C. E. PEIRCE & CO., GUELPH, April 10th, 1874.

William Stewart HAS NOW OPENED THE First Lot of New Goods for Spring! Piles of Plain Lustres, Lots of Striped Dress Goods, Fancy Goods The Newest Colors and Patterns. THE Print Department IS CROWDED With the Latest Productions in Colours and Styles, and at LOWER PRICES THAN LAST YEAR. WM. STEWART. Guelph, March 22, 1874. dw

1874 SPRING 1874 Per Steamships Hibernian and Phœnician 20,000 ROLLS OF WALL PAPER ALL The Newest Patterns. DECORATIONS, GOLD PAPERS, OAKS, MARBLES. The Largest and Finest Stock of New Wall Papers can be seen at ANDERSON'S Cheap Bookstore, East Side Wyndham-st, Guelph, Ont. NOTICE. Erb's Celebrated FALL WHEAT FLOUR For Bread and Pastry. ROBERTSON BROS. SOLE AGENTS Dealers in Goldie's and Armstrong's Flour, Graham Flour, Buckwheat Flour, Corn Flour, Cracked Wheat, Oatmeal, and Feed of all kinds. Delivered free to any part of the Town. Do not forget the stand—Red Mill Flour and Feed Store, opposite the Alma Block Wyndham Street, Guelph. ROBERTSON BROS., Guelph, Feb. 19, 1874. dwt

GREAT SALE OF JEWELLERY. ROBERT CRAWFORD Being about to relinquish the retail business, will dispose of his whole stock, consisting of Russell Watches, Waltham Watches, English Watches, Swiss Watches, Gold Chains, Silver Chains, Clocks, Jewelry, etc. At a Great Reduction in Price. IN thanking his friends and the public for their kind patronage in the past, would beg to inform them that he will give them a FINAL BENEFIT as the whole of his valuable stock must be turned into money. Call and see for yourselves, as bargains will be given such as were never before seen in Guelph. Store next the post office. R. CRAWFORD. Guelph, March 31, 1874. dw