

THE VICE-REGAL SPEECH.

Paucity of material from which to form the Speech from the Throne has often been the great difficulty with Ministers in Canada. But on the occasion of the opening of the first Parliament of the Dominion of Canada this cause of complaint in former times cannot be preferred. Confederation is a fruitful theme on which His Excellency and advisers may safely descend to any length, and also make it the text for innumerable promises. The programme of legislation got up by the government is in truth most comprehensive, which we feel sure they will never, as a government, be able to see accomplished. Indeed the people of Canada may be thankful if the Federal Parliament be able to compass all the work sketched out in the next three years.

His Excellency begins by expressing his deep feeling of gratification that Confederation has been secured, and that his official position gave him an opportunity of assisting at every step of its creation. We believe him to be thoroughly sincere in what he says. Lord Monck since the first day when Confederation was proposed has labored unwearingly to have it accomplished, and it must be no less a source of pride than of satisfaction to him to be privileged to inaugurate our new political system by opening the first Parliament of the new Dominion. And while he sincerely congratulates the assembled wisdom on the auspicious circumstances which favor their first meeting, he expresses the no less sincere and fervent wish that the boundaries of the new Dominion will ere long extend from ocean to ocean. After touching on the powers and privileges which the new Constitution confers on the Legislature, he indicates the measures which it will be necessary for them to frame in order that it may be successfully and effectively worked. These are of the first importance and comprehensive in their nature. There is the amending and assimilation of the laws existing in the several Provinces relating to the currency, customs, excise and revenue; measures for securing a uniform postal system throughout the Dominion; for the management of the public works therein; for devising and carrying into effect a proper and well-considered system of military organization and defence; for the administration of Indian affairs; for assimilating and amending the patent laws, the criminal laws of the different provinces, and those relating to bankrupts and insolvents. These questions are all of paramount importance to the new Dominion, and its prosperity in a great measure will depend on the way in which they are treated.

The early construction of the Intercolonial Railway, and the beneficial results which will assuredly follow in connecting geographically and commercially the different parts of the Dominion, and thus strengthening the legislative bond which now unites the Provinces, receive prominent notice. Parliament will also be called to take into consideration the best means for opening up the North-west to immigration and settlement. It is to be hoped its deliberations will lead to some practical result, and that ere long the rich and extensive Red River territory will become part and parcel of the Dominion. Our marine interests and fisheries are also pointed out as important subjects for legislation, besides the question of the privileges of Parliament, the election laws, and laws relating to contested elections.

The Commons have a paragraph specially addressed to them, in which they are asked to legalize the expenditure of the Government since July—since which time they have been spending the public money without the sanction of Parliament. His Excellency also adverts to the improvement which has taken place in the organization and efficiency of the Volunteers, and to the fact that by the liberality of the Imperial Government they are now all armed with the Snider breech-loading rifles. The abundance of harvest is referred to in terms of congratulation and thanksgiving, and the Speech winds up with the fervent hope that the new nationality may prove a blessing to us and our posterity, and form a fresh starting point in our moral, political and material advancement.

RUMORED APPOINTMENTS.—Mr. Patteson, a lawyer of Toronto, has been appointed Assistant Secretary of the Province of Ontario. Mr. Tarbut, of Quebec, has been appointed keeper of the House. John Sandfield's government is determined to pursue an economical policy. The Sergeant-at-arms will probably be a gentleman from the old Niagara District. So says the St. Catharines Journal.

A BAD SEASON.—Sportmen—"I can assure you, what with the rent of the moor, and my expenses, and what not, birds have cost me—a—a sovereign!" Keeper—"A'weel, sir! 'Deed

Financial Reform. The idea is gradually forcing itself upon the minds of the public that Mr. Galt's plan of a national currency, or some modification of it, is necessary to the development of trade, the avoidance of gold panics, and the general prosperity of the people. Even the Witness—usually conservative on matters of finance—admits that something must be done. In a late issue it says: "The week has been an eventful one, owing to the failure of the Commercial Bank. Money was in great demand after that event, and in view of a probable panic, was very difficult to be had. Had a run on the Western banks been established, as appeared likely at one time, they would have had to suspend, and the business of the country would have been brought almost to a stand-still. This would have seriously affected merchants all over the country; the prices of produce would have gone down, and no one can say where the trouble would have ended. Such a danger seems to point to the extreme desirableness of a National banking system, in which government stocks, at market value, shall always be deposited with the government, sufficient to cover all the bank notes issued by each bank, and ten per cent. more. On these stocks, the banks would draw interest, and in case of any bank failure, the government would at once realize the stocks and redeem the bills of said bank.

A SEAT FOR MR. RICHARDS.—A day or two ago we copied a paragraph from the St. Catharines Constitution to the effect that Mr. Richards was to be provided with a seat in that district. Later information showed that John Sandfield Macdonald had been trying to induce Mr. Donald Robertson, member for Niagara Town and Township in the Ontario Legislative Assembly, to retire, and allow Mr. Richards to run for that constituency. Negotiations went so far that Mr. Robertson proceeded to Ottawa, no doubt to arrange the terms and fix the solatium for his retiring. It turns out, however, that no agreement has been come to, for the Globe's Ottawa correspondent says Mr. Robertson has returned without resigning his seat, and it is not expected he will do so. Mr. Richards must therefore look in another direction.

THE GEORGIAN CASE.—This case which has been the subject of great public interest for some time past, was finally heard before the Chancellor at Hamilton last week. A decree was made in favor of the plaintiffs, giving over the propellor Georgian absolutely to the United States. As against the defendant Jacob Thompson, the bill was dismissed without costs, as his Council at the hearing disclaimed all interest in the vessel.

A "BULL" ON THE BENCH.—An Irish "bull" was perpetrated at Cork recently. After the grand jury of the quarter sessions had finished their business, it was suddenly discovered that they had sworn their witnesses on a copy of Thomas Kemp's, instead of the Scriptures. The whole proceedings were gone over again in consequence. "Thomas-a-Kemp's" is a very good book, nevertheless.

OPEN-HANDED.—The London Era mentions, to the credit of one American manager at least, that Mr. T. W. Robertson received, a few days ago, from Baltimore, the payment of fees to a considerable amount for the performance of his comedy "Caste" in that city. Such a spontaneous acknowledgment of an author's claim which could not be enforced in the present state of international copyright, deserves to be recorded.

The Cleveland Herald says: "James Gordon Bennett, late manager of the New York Herald, was arrested on Broadway on Friday morning for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. He resisted the officer, and fought all the way to the station. It is said he has quarrelled with his father, been dismissed from the Herald and has 'gone to the bad'."

PRUNING TREES.—Most people have more time to prune in the fall than in the spring. Choice kinds of vines should always be pruned in November, laid on the ground and covered with a little earth just before hard freezing begins. Apple and other fruit trees may also be trimmed with good effect immediately after the leaves drop off.

ORIGIN OF THE NAME OF GUTHRIE.—Once upon a time that "sair scanter for the crown," King David, came to Dervie. His servants desired a fisherman to get a fish for the King's supper. "Gut twa," cried his Majesty. "I'll gut three," cries the loyal fishwife. "Gut three, for ever thou shalt be!" cried the grateful monarch.—Names and Surnames. Honorable Mr. Justice Hagarty, in addressing the Grand Jury at Kingston on Friday, after the presentment had been read, expressed a hope that the Ashburn treaty would yet be so amended as to facilitate the giving up of a certain class of criminal fugitives to justice, without having to go through the many forms at present required by the law, and which cause so much delay and disappointment. He instanced the prompt delivery of Ethan Allen and the three others as one of the benefits arising from speedy action and hoped that the time was not far distant when like action would be taken in every case.

A COOL FRIEND.—Charles James Fox, the English statesman, being once at Ascot races with his intimate companion, General Conway, missed his snuff-box. The General was lucky enough to discover the thief, and seize him before he got clear. Upon this the man fell on his knees, and with many tears besought Fox to pardon him and not to expose him to ruin, for he was a poor weaver in great destitution. Fox was greatly affected and not only let the offender go, but gave him a guinea. Shortly after this he missed it again, and turning to the General he said, "My snuff-box is gone again?"—"Yes," replied the latter. "I saw him take it the second time, when you gave him the money, but I thought I wouldn't interfere again."

BIRTHS. FRASER.—At Guelph, on the 7th inst., the wife of Mr. G. B. Fraser of a son.

New Advertisements.

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Our BULBS have been imported

Direct from HOLLAND

THIS SEASON, and are in excellent condition.

As most of the varieties require planting this Fall, an early call is directed.

C. & A. SHARPE. Guelph, 7th November, 1867. d2w

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Parties calling for any of the above letters will please say they are advertised.

W. KINGSMILL, Postmaster.

COW STRAYED.

STRAYED from the Fair Ground yesterday, 5th, a good sized FAT COW, marked with the letter L on the right side, between the hip and rump. Any person giving such information as will lead to her recovery, or bringing her to O'Neil's Angle-American Hotel, Guelph, will be suitably rewarded. Guelph, Nov. 7, 1867. 95 d3

FOX HUNT.

THE Wellington Hounds will meet at Wells' Bridge, Guelph, on Saturday, the 9th Instant.

At 2 1/2 p.m., sharp. A Wild Fox has been secured, good ground selected, and a splendid run is anticipated. As this will be the last meet of the season a large turn out is expected. Guelph, Nov. 7, 1867. d1

CONFECTIONERY!

EVERY description of Confectionery Wholesale H. BERRY. Guelph, Nov. 7, 1867.

TAKE NOTICE

CORDWOOD WANTED.

TAKE NOTICE, that TENDERS will be received at the Office of the Clerk of the Peace in Guelph,

On SATURDAY, 16th NOV, 1867

for the supply of good, sound Beech and Maple Firewood for the use of the Jail and Court House, as follows:

200 Cords Green Wood, to be delivered on or before the first day of March next.

30 Cords Dry Wood, to be delivered on or before the 1st January next.

10 Cords of Cedar. The wood to be piled and measured in the Jail Yard. Two good and sufficient surveys will be required to fill the due bill next of the contract. B. Order. THOMAS SAUNDERS, Clerk of the Peace. Office of the Clerk of the Peace, Guelph, Nov. 7, 1867. d1-w3

To Night DRILL SHED, GUELPH ARTS' EXHIBITION!

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

THE Committee of the Mechanics' Institute respectfully intimate that they will hold an Arts' Exhibition for the display of

Oil and Water Colour Paintings, Engravings, Ladies' Fancy Work, Articles of Vertu, Rare Books, and other suitable objects, in the DRILL SHED, commencing on

Monday, 4th of November,

and continuing during the following Five Days, supplemented by

Promenade CONCERTS, or REUNIONS in the EVENINGS.

In order that the local public generally may have an opportunity of attending the Exhibition, the price of admission has been placed at

TEN CENTS.

From the large number of articles promised for the occasion, the Committee are persuaded that the forthcoming Exhibition will be one of the best ever held in Guelph.

GEORGE PIRIE, President. E. NEWTON, Secretary. Guelph, 6th November, 1867.

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Prices of the above Goods are as low as the LOWEST.

GEORGE WILKINSON.

Next door to Telegraph and Express Office. Guelph, 25th October, 1867. daw-tf

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AT THE

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A. THOMSON & CO.

Guelph, 5th November, 1867. dw1

NEW

Pork & Sausage Shop

THOS. MILLAR

BEGS to inform the people of Guelph that he has opened a new Pork and Sausage Shop in

DAY'S OLD BLOCK,

Gordon Street, next door to Cull's Hotel. The Sausages are all of first-rate quality, and of his own make, from pork carcasses bought on the market.

Always on hand superior corned beef, salt rounds and pickled tongues. Poultry of all kinds on hand.

The above are all of first-class quality. I purchase no meat from any Packing House, but buy the best carcasses in the market. Guelph, 20th October, 1867. dw-1m

OYSTER NOTICE

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HUGH WALKER.

Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Guelph, 31st Oct. 1867. (dw)

NOTICE TO FARMERS.

Farmers that are fond of Devonshire Cider had better come right away

On the West Market Square, And see JAMES GAY.

As he has purchased an improved Cider Mill. He will furnish them with Cider at their will. Send your barrels and apples right away, and he will fill them without delay.

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D. SAVAGE,

WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH,

Guelph, November 4, 1867. dw

CREDIT SALE OF STOCK

WILL be sold by public auction, on the farm occupied by Mrs. Richard Henderson, Lot No. 6, 3rd Cog, Division B, Guelph Township,

On Thursday, 21st November,

at 12 o'clock, noon, the following Stock, Implements, &c.: 1 mare, 2 good cows (one in calf), 4 head of young cattle, 7 sheep, 1 breeding sow, plough, harrows, &c. Also, a quantity of Household Furniture.

Also, will be sold at the same time a quantity of HAY and TURNIPS. The Turnips are out of the ground.

Terms.—For hay and turnips, Cash; for other articles, \$5 and under, Cash; over that amount 12 months' credit on approved endorsed notes. Guelph, Oct. 30, 1867. daw-tf

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October 12, 1867. daw-ly

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