

THE LEGISLATURE OF ONTARIO.

The first Legislature of the Province of Ontario meets tomorrow in Toronto. The event is one of much importance to this Province, for it is the fruit of a long and persistent struggle by the Reformers of Western Canada in behalf of just and equitable representation. Viewed in this light, it is the victory secured after a hard-fought battle, and our hope now is that the system brought into operation under Confederation may realize the expectations of all who wish it well, and give a new impetus to the prosperity and progress of this and all the other Provinces composing the Dominion. Seventeen years have passed since the late Province of Upper Canada, baptised at the birth of Confederation under the name of Ontario, had a separate government of its own established at Toronto. Under the late legislative union, the seat of government shifted about from time to time; having been successively at Kingston, Montreal, Quebec and Ottawa. But the legislative union served its purpose, and has now given way to Confederation; under which the General Government has its seat at Ottawa, and the Local Governments at Toronto, Quebec, Halifax and Fredericton respectively. Did not the Imperial Act enjoin that the Assembly of Ontario, as that of the other provinces, should meet before the close of the year, it is questionable if it would be called together for a few days yet—at any rate, till after the holidays, and the municipal elections. But that Act is imperative, and the 27th is the time appointed, being within four days of the legal limit. And though some may not look upon the meeting with any degree of interest, yet it may be recollected that the population whose special legislation it will control is now nearly as large as that of both Upper and Lower Canada at the time of the union in 1840. Moreover, it is a population nearly as large as that of the three other provinces combined, and at the next census, it will, there is good reason to believe, be found to hold an equal place in the enumeration.

Parliament will be opened by Governor Stisted, with the usual ceremonies, and the House of Assembly will proceed to elect a Speaker. On Saturday the Speech will be delivered, and there will be greater parade than on Friday. It is said that all the Garrison will be out, regulars and volunteers, and the Judges and representatives of learned and religious bodies will be present in the House. Toronto has voted itself a half holiday on Friday, and everything gives promise that the opening ceremonies will come off amid great *clat*.

We believe it is now considered good as settled that the Speaker to be chosen will be a Reformer. This will of course disappoint the Conservatives greatly, who were counting some time ago of carrying everything their own way. But John Sandfield Macdonald is not so pliable as they imagine, and though since he became premier he has gone dead against the wishes of Reformers, he is now anxious to make friends with them, and to make them and the country believe that he is as good a Reformer as ever.

RECRUITING FOR THE PAPAL SERVICE.—It is announced by telegram from Montreal that a recruiting office has been opened in Montreal with the object of raising a regiment for the papal service. It is also publicly reported that Capt. Desilets, Military Instructor, Meleot College; Alfred Prendergast, Ensign in the Three Rivers Rifles, and one Henault of St. Cuthbert, left Montreal on the 19th inst., on their way to Rome, to enter the military service of the Pope. If these statements are true, then it is high time that the Government authorities had interfered to prevent any further proceedings of this kind. Of course it is impossible to prevent private individuals from leaving Canada to enter the military service of any foreign power they think proper, but the opening of a recruiting office in Canada to enlist men for the Papal or any other service, is an open violation of the Imperial Foreign Enlistment Act, which applies to all Her Majesty's dominions.

The *Journal of Commerce* publishes a prospectus of a joint stock company now in process of formation, to be called the Anglo-American Peat Company, with a capital of \$200,000 to be subscribed in 8000 shares of \$25. It further says:—It is proposed by this Company to purchase a large bed of peat in the County of Welland. It has been satisfactorily demonstrated, we believe, that a ton of the peat is equal to a cord of the best hard wood, and that it can be advantageously used, with a little adaptation in stoves and furnaces, for domestic and manufacturing purposes and for steam locomotion.

AMERICAN WATCHES. Recommended by Railroad Engineers, Railroad Conductors, Express men and others requiring the use of an accurate durable and reliable timepiece. See advertisement.

MR. HORSMAN has a Magnificent stock of Articles suitable for Christmas.

The Hurricane at Calcutta.

The arrival of the India mails brings us tidings from Calcutta to the 8th of November. These accounts increase the seriousness of the disaster. In Calcutta 109 deaths have been recorded, 101 brick built houses destroyed, and 2,338 tiled and thatched huts levelled with the ground. In the suburbs the loss of life is estimated at 285; and 62 brick-built houses, 1,945 tiled huts, and 25,148 thatched huts have been destroyed. On the river, 622 lives have been lost. In addition there have also been lost two ferry steamers, 67 sloops, 81 dinghies, 82 native boats, and 388 up-country boats. The greater portion of these boats, together with those lost in the canals, were laden with jute and grain. The grand total of lives ascertained to have been lost is therefore, 1,016; of brick built houses destroyed, 163; and of tiled and thatched huts, 20,231. Of the larger shipping in the river, only 26 ships have escaped uninjured, and three have sustained serious damage, one of them being a complete wreck.

The cyclone has occurred at a time when the rice crops were in the ear, and the whole Province, wasted by famine and pinched by high prices, looked forward to an abundant harvest. Where the ear was formed it was torn off; where the stalk had reached mature height it was snapped. On a low estimate at least one-half of the rice crop has been destroyed in the 10 miles to the south of the Hooghly, over which the cyclone extended. From Nuddea, still suffering from an inundation of the Ganges more severe than those of 1863 and 1866, we learn that vegetation which survived that calamity has been almost destroyed. Not only will the rice crop yield but half its tale, but of the cattle which had been sent to the high lands from the inundated tracts, a tenth has perished, for they had to withstand the storm for two days and a half without shelter or food. All the crops recently sown within the tract blasted by the whirlwind have been destroyed. The condition of Jessore is worse. Not 5 per cent of the brick houses in the district have withstood the blast.

A general system of relief was contemplated. The balance amounting to about 19,000 rupees, of the previous cyclone Relief Fund, has been made over for the purpose of affording relief; and Government had promised to contribute doubling the amount of subscriptions.

If you want Wine, Brandy, Rum, Gin, Extra Old Rye, Malt, Scotch Family Whiskies, go to Geo. Wilkinson's.

New Advertisements.

SPECIAL.

MR. HORSMAN is desirous to notify his customers that in future his store will not be closed till 7 o'clock each evening, and on Saturday until 9 o'clock, believing that 6 o'clock as formerly was inconvenient for many good customers.

Guelph, Dec. 26th, 1867. dwf

STRAYED PIC.

CAME to the premises of the subscriber, about the 10th December, a pig. The owner on proving property and paying expenses can take it away.

JOHN MACK, Lot 14, 1st Con, Erin. Guelph, 26th Dec, 1867. w3

Boarding and Day School for Young Ladies.

CHURCH-ST. - - GUELPH.

MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open (D. V.) on the 6th of January. Vacancies for two or three boarders. Guelph, 26th December, 1867. wly

New Saddlery Shop

Do you want a set of Harness, double or single, light or heavy, call at the new shop, next door to Coffee's Hotel.

Do you want a good Saddle? We can supply you cheaper than ever, 15 yards from O'Connor's Wellington Hotel.

Everybody in want of a good Trunk, Valise, or Travelling Bag, can be supplied at the new shop, two doors from the Post Office.

WHIPS, Horse Covers, Sleigh Belts

A very large and well-assorted stock of Whips will be sold at 25c. on the dollar of our former low prices, 50 yards north of St. George's Church.

We have a few pairs of imported made up Horse Covers, made to order, also a nice lot of common blankets.

What is more cheering than the merry Sleigh Bells? We can supply you. Call at the new shop, next door to Mr. Hoover's Livery Office.

We have on hand all kinds of articles, and will make up on the shortest notice anything you want in the Saddlery line, a few doors South of the Registry Office.

Brushes, Combs, Spurs, Bits, in endless variety. REPAIRING done as usual.

In consequence of the present premises being too small for our large stock, we will for a short time have to sell at a reduced price, to keep our present staff of superlative workmen.

SMITH & METCALF, Late occupants of the premises destroyed by fire, adjoining the Alma Block. Guelph, 26th December, 1867. dwf.

STORE TO LET.

A STORE to let on Wyndham Street. Apply to

MRS. CORDET. Guelph, Dec. 24th, 1867. (d t f)

MEDICAL HALL,

GUELPH.

ESSENCE OF

RONDELETIA!

AN ELEGANT PERFUME

for the Handkerchief and Toilet.

Prepared by Breidenbach,

Perfumer and Distiller of Flowers to Her Majesty.

N. HIGINBOTHAM.

Guelph, 24th Dec, 1867 dw

ATTENTION!

GUELPH ARTILLERY.

THE Quarterly Inspection of the Company will take place

Thursday, the 26th inst.

Instead of Friday the 27th, as was previously announced.

JAMES Y. Captain.

New Advertisements.

GREAT SALE BY AUCTION.

GREAT SALE BY AUCTION OF THE

GROCERIES!

Saved from the Fire at the Alma Block, on

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,

The 27th and 28th Instant.

All to be Sold in Lots to suit Purchasers, Without Reserve.

ON FRIDAY—THE UNBROKEN PACKAGES will be offered to the Trade, together with all the Goods bought at the time of the fire and in transit. TERMS LIBERAL.

ON SATURDAY—The balance will be PUT UP IN LOTS FOR FAMILY USE.

The Goods can be seen during the week at the Warehouse of Messrs. ROBINS & TOLTON, near the Grand Trunk Passenger Station.

J. MASSIE & CO. dw

Guelph 16th Dec. 1867.

CHRISTMAS.

GENERAL GROCERIES!

Wines and Liquors, Crockery, China and Glassware,

which he will sell as cheap as any house in the town.

Teas, Coffees, Sugars, Tobaccos.

Good Green and Black Teas from 50c. per lb., Green and Ground Coffees. SUGARS—Muscovado, Loaf, Ground and Crushed. First class Chewing and Smoking Tobaccos.

Fruits and Sauces for Christmas & New Year

ALL TO GO OFF CHEAP.

WINES AND LIQUORS

will be sold as low as the Tariff and Excise Laws of the Dominion will permit. Always good value for your money on Upper Wyndham Street.

JAMES MURPHY. dwly

Guelph, 21st December, 1867.

No. 2,

HEADQUARTERS.

IF YOU WANT TO BUY

Christmas Presents,

And New Year's Gifts,

that will be appreciated, you should call and see my Stock, which is the largest and most varied ever opened out in Guelph, including a large assortment of splendid

FRENCH GOODS

DIRECT FROM PARIS.

I don't intend advertising my **CAKES** and **CONFECTIONERY** as from the rapid manner in which they are moving off I find they are very extensively known without it.

227 Platt & Co's celebrated Oysters arriving daily. Oysters in Shell and Count Oysters shortly expected.

H. BERRY. dw

Guelph, 20th December, 1867.

A Merry Christmas!

PHOTOGRAPHS!

W. MARSHALL

HAS not time to write an advertisement for Christmas, and will only say that he returns his sincere thanks to his numerous Friends for their liberal patronage during the past year.

Everybody is particularly requested to call during the Holidays and leave their orders for Photographs. A large stock of everything required for every size, style and kind of Photograph constantly on hand, at prices to suit the times.

WM. MARSHALL, Artist, Day's Block. dw

Guelph, 21st Dec, 1867.

The Bound Vol.

OF THE

Sunday at Home,

Leisure Hour, for 1867,

NOW READY AT

DAY'S BOOKSTORE,

Opposite the Market.

Guelph, 20th December, 1867. dw

SHOOTING MATCH!

A SHOOTING MATCH will be held at the Wellington Hotel Range, Rockwood,

ON NEW YEAR'S DAY,

for Turkeys, Geese, Pigeons, &c. For the Turkeys and Geese shooting will be done against a target at a range of about 300 yards, and the Pigeons will be shot after being let go from a trap.

Every arrangement has been made for procuring a day's good sport. Refreshments served on the ground free.

WM. McHARDY, Wellington Hotel.

Guelph, 27th Nov, 1867.

Private Boarding.

EXCELLENT accommodation and comfortable boarding can be had for five or six gentlemen. The house is only three minutes' walk from the Market House. Apply to

WM. DYSON, sn., Waterloo-st. dw

Guelph, 27th Nov, 1867.

Four Corners' Hotel,

ERANOSA ROAD.

THOMAS ANDERSON, Proprietor. The best of accommodation for travellers. First-class accommodation and clean. Good stables and attention.

Guelph, 27th Nov, 1867.

Gift Books

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Very Cheap, at

Day's Bookstore,

Opposite the Market.

Illustrated Books

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Very Cheap, at

Day's Bookstore,

Opposite the Market.

Pocket Bibles

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VERY CHEAP,

At Day's Bookstore,

Opposite the Market.

Wesley's Hymns

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Very Cheap, at

Day's Bookstore

Opposite the Market.

Church Service

Church Service

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VERY CHEAP, AT

Day's Bookstore

Opposite the Market.

Hymn Books

Hymn Books

Hymn Books

Very Cheap, at

Day's Bookstore,

Opposite the Market.

Family Bibles

Family Bibles

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Juvenile Books for Boys

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Juvenile Books for Girls

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At Day's Bookstore,

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Untearable Books

Untearable Books

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Washable Books

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VERY CHEAP, at

Day's Bookstore,

OPPOSITE THE MARKET.

Books for Xmas

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VERY CHEAP, AT

Day's Bookstore,

OPPOSITE THE MARKET.

Ladies' Satchels,

Gents' Satchels,

Wax Dolls,

Fancy Goods, of every description.

VERY CHEAP, at

Day's Bookstore,

Opposite the Market.

DAY BOOKS

LEDGERS

CASH BOOKS

JOURNALS