

Difficulties in the Cabinet.

Reports reach us daily from Ottawa that disensions continue to exist in the Cabinet, and that new difficulties, new complications and a new crop of troubles are daily springing up. The Intercolonial Railway difficulty has got the go-by for the present, but in its place springs up a new subject of difference in Mr. Cartier's Militia Bill. John A. and Cartier take opposite sides on this question, as they did on the railway route, and though no open rupture has taken place between the two leaders, they by no means regard one another with a friendly spirit. Sir John A. Macdonald and Mr. Rose are far from being fully satisfied with Mr. Cartier's new Militia Bill. In the first place, it is said the bill provides for the organization of only about 40,000 men, which is an increase of only 5,000 beyond the number provided for in Ontario and Quebec under the present militia law. In the second place, it departs entirely from the principle of the Lyson's bill, prepared in 1862. Sir John urged the difficulty of getting a portion of his friends in the House to support the bill, and Mr. Rose wanted time to consult his military friends in Montreal. The delay was of course granted by Mr. Cartier. In the new bill the Queen's name is substituted in the place of the Governor General's, and while the bill of 1862 allowed the Governor-General four Aides-de-Camp the present bill gives him none at all. Sir John A.'s bill gave the Governor-General, as commander-in-chief, the power to frame regulations, but Mr. Cartier's bill places that power in the hands of the Governor-in-Council, which is of course, much the same as giving it to the Minister of Militia. The whole affair is of a most spicy character. Sir John and Mr. Rose are expected to eat their leek in silence when Mr. Cartier's Bill is again brought up in Council. The great works in front of Montreal are to cost five millions, and entrenched camps at London, Toronto and Kingston are spoken of.

Then Macdougall is very much out of temper just now. He has lately been showing a disposition to make up with his old friends the Reformers, but they are very shy of him. The latest on dit about this "practical politician," is that he will be shelved by being appointed to the Collectorship of Toronto, vacant by the death of Robert Spence. The Tories want to get rid of him, only they don't like to see such a fat office going past any of themselves. There are other applicants for the office, such as Cayley, McGee and Angus Morrison, but it Macdougall has to be sacrificed and turned out of the Cabinet, his wounded feelings will be appeased by the handsome emoluments of this office. We have report from Ottawa that Mr. McGee is to be appointed to the head office of the Emigration Department, made vacant by the death of Mr. Buchanan, the late chief Emigrant Agent—that the Department will be removed from Quebec to Ottawa, and that the salary is to be fixed at \$4,000 per annum. It is also reported that Mr. McGee, instead of being appointed to the Emigration Department, is to be made Commissioner of Patents, under the new Patent Bill, to be introduced during the Session. That there will be a great increase of Patent business cannot be doubted under the very liberal Act which is about to be passed. Very probably Mr. McGee will get one or other of these offices, which no doubt will be a welcome compensation to him for the very obliging way in which he retired from the Ministry, when his place was required for another man.

Safety of Dr. Livingstone.

The United States Consul at Zanzibar, under date of Nov. 10, 1867, writing to Secretary Seward, said: About a month ago, a caravan arrived at the port of Bagamoya, on the east of Africa, opposite this place, and one of the leaders thereof reported that while on their way they met a European traveller, who was accompanied by twelve native attendants, and who wrote letters to Her British Majesty's Consul here and delivered them to one of the members of the caravan, who from some cause remained behind, keeping the letters with him. After a thorough investigation and comparison of the reports of the different members of the caravan, Her Majesty's Consul felt perfectly satisfied that the traveller in question could be none other than the great explorer, Dr. Livingstone, the report of whose death was communicated to the Department under date of December 9, 1866, from this consulate. An influential Arab, who arrived from Quiloa yesterday, informed me that while there he conversed with the chief of one of the tribes of the interior, who informed him that he had met Dr. Livingstone, whom he knew, about eight months before. There seems, therefore, to be room for hope that the report of his death, brought by the probable deserters from his party, is false; and it is the opinion of all Europeans here that the Doctor is still living.

Last week a motion was carried in the House of Commons for a return of the expenses connected with the general elections last autumn. The returns will shortly be published in full, in the meantime we have been favored with the following items, showing the cost of the elections in our own county. In South Wellington the gross claim for the election of the member to the House of Commons was \$236.02, and the amount paid \$234.92; for Centre Riding the claim was \$101.90, the amount paid \$87.60; for the North Riding the claim was \$590.69, and the amount paid \$454.69. In the South Riding the gross claim for the election of the member to the Local Legislature is \$235.56, the amount paid \$234.46; for the Centre Riding the claim is \$572.09, the amount paid \$501.99; for the North Riding the claim is \$579.82, the amount paid \$454.73.

In no case throughout the whole Province of Ontario are the claim sent in by the Returning Officers so near the amounts actually paid as in the South Riding of Wellington. As will be seen by reference to the figures there is only a difference in each case of \$1.10. The Returning Officers in the Town of Guelph were allowed their full claim; in the Township of Guelph a reduction of \$2.40 was made; in East Puslinch a similar reduction was made of \$1.20, and in West Puslinch a reduction of \$2.15.

The whole returns are to be printed by order of the House, giving items charged and amounts paid. They will be of special interest to those officers who in many cases have been complaining of the deductions made in their claims. In several instances in the Province of Quebec a larger sum than that claimed was paid, but in many other cases most outrageous charges have been made.

TELEGRAPH EXTENSION.—The West India Telegraph lines will ere long be extended to all the large islands, as well as to New Grenada, and probably one or two points on the South American coast. The agent of the International Company has applied to the Legislature of Jamaica for permission to land the Cuba Cable, and to put up a land line across Jamaica. Thence a submarine line will reach Aspinwall, giving us South American and Pacific Ocean news a week sooner than at present by steamers.

DEATH OF LORD ADMIRAL BYRON.—English papers announce the death of Lord Admiral Byron, which occurred on the 2nd inst. He was born in 1789, and was the son of Captain George Anson Byron, R.N. He entered the navy when he was only 11 years old. He succeeded to the title at the death of the Lord Byron in 1824. He advanced through the various ranks of his profession, until 1862, when he was made Admiral. He was one of the Lords-in-waiting to Her Majesty, but resigned that office in 1860. His eldest son, George Anson, succeeds to the title and to the family honors.

A STORY OF THE BATTLE OF THE NILE.—An incident of the battle of the Nile, never in print before, the writer heard told by one who witnessed it. During the action, a man mortally wounded was carried to the cockpit; the surgeon gave the order to pass him over the side as dead, his messmate picked him up, but the poor fellow revived on coming on deck, and said: "Och, Pat, don't throw me over yit." "Why not," said Pat; "didn't the doctor say you're dead?" and thinking for a minute, said: "Well, be—, I believe I'll wait." In a few minutes the order came, "receive boarders," and poor Pat fell mortally wounded, and dragging himself up to his dying messmate, put his arm round his neck and said: "Well, Jack, my lad, we will go over the side together now," and shortly expired.

SETTLING TENANT RIGHT.—A few Irish have taken a most effectual means of settling the questions of tenant right and tithes as far as they are concerned, and we may expect to hear of next St. Patrick's day being celebrated with all honors in the empire of Brazil. De Wolf & Co., of Liverpool, have just given free passage to about 350 Irish persons, of both sexes, for Rio Janeiro, where they will get land at a shilling per acre and have five years to pay for it. The rulers of that enormous Empire constantly invite emigrants of all countries. Brazil has over fifty foreign colonies, with about 70,000 colonists, chiefly Germans. These foreigners cultivate a variety of tropical products, and have a rude plenty of everything to live on, which, as the world goes is a comfortable consideration. A Catholic priest has sailed with the Irish emigrants.

It is said that the English Eleven will visit New York during the next cricketing season. The arrangements for their doing so, however, are not yet consummated.

- BIRTHS. McLACHLAN.—In Erin Township, on the 14th inst. the wife of Malcolm McLachlan, farmer, of a son.
- CROWLEY.—In Salem, on the 5th inst., the wife of Mr. J. H. Crowley, of a son.
- CARROLL.—In Arthur Township, on the 14th inst. the wife of Mr. Mathew Carroll, toll-keeper, of a daughter.
- TANNER.—In Mount Forest, on the 5th inst., the wife of Mr. George Tanner, of a son.
- MARRIAGES. WATSON—CRAWFORD.—In Mount Forest, on the 17th inst., by the Rev. John McMillan, Mr. George Watson, to Miss Jane Crawford, both of Egremont.
- DIED. McKENZIE.—In Erin, on the 22nd, the adopted child of the Rev. D. McKenzie, aged 3 years.
- CROZIER.—In Erin, on the 22nd inst. the eldest daughter of Mr. James Crozier, aged 3 years.
- McPHERSON.—At Clinton, on the 22nd, consumption, F.

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WANTED, a steady intelligent Lad as Clerk in a Law Office. Apply to PALMER & LILLIE, Guelph, March 25, 1868. dwt

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BY a married couple in a private family where no other Boarders are kept. Address C. C. A. Mercury Office. Guelph, March 19th, 1868. dwt

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100 bushels Dried Apples.

French Plums and Prunes.

Anchovy Paste.

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AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.

Guelph, March 24th, 1868 dwt

Speed Lodge No. 180.

An Emergency Meeting of the above Lodge will be held in the New Masonic Hall, on Thursday Evening Next, 26th, at half-past seven o'clock, sharp. A full and punctual attendance is requested. J. CRIDFORD, Secretary. Guelph, 23rd March, 1868. dd

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AMERICAN Penology Apples. By Dr. T. J. Warden, with 200 illustrations. Price \$2; by mail \$2.25.

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ALEXANDER THOMSON, JOHN SHAW, JAMES MORTON, Jr. Guelph, March 21st, 1868. dawdt

JUST OPENING AT THE BRITANNIA HOUSE A Splendid Assortment of SPRING FURNISHINGS 2 & 3 PLY CARPETS, Tapestry, Brussels, Hemp, Felt, &c. Muslin and Lace Curtains, Damasks, Fringes, &c. HEFFERNAN BROS. Guelph, 25th March, 1868.

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PARTNERSHIP NOTICE! THE undersigned have entered into Co-partnership under the firm of BUCHANAN & CO., Hamilton, Ontario, and of PETER BUCHANAN & CO., Glasgow, Scotland. ISAAC BUCHANAN, ANDREW BINNY, PETER T. BUCHANAN. 1868. SPRING IMPORTATIONS, 1868. THE Subscribers have received and are NOW OPENING a portion of their SPRING IMPORTATIONS —OF— BRITISH AND FOREIGN DRY GOODS, And will have an excellent assortment opened out by the 25th inst., as also of Canadian and American Manufactures. BUCHANAN & COMPANY. Hamilton, 19th March, 1868. daw

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At Day's Bookstore, Opposite the Market, Guelph. Guelph, March 20, 1868. daw tf

DOMINION HOTEL GEORGE BLACK BEGS to inform his friends and the public that he has opened the above Hotel, in the BRICK HOUSE, MACDONNELL-ST. A few doors above Higinbotham's Drug Store and immediately opposite Messrs. Sharpe's Seed Store. There is a good stable attached to the house, with good and commodious stabling. Every attention will be paid to customers in order to secure their comfort and convenience. Guelph, March 6, 1868. daw 3m

School Teacher Wanted. WANTED for School Section No. 1, Township of Erin, a 1st class male teacher, to commence immediately. ALEX. SCOTT, DONALD McKECHNIE, MALCOLM McLACHLAN, Erin, 9th March, 1868. dtdw Trustees.

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