

# The Evening Mercury

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## Business Cards.

**MEDICAL CO-PARTNERSHIP.**  
We, the undersigned, have entered into partnership for the practice of the Medical profession under the style of  
**THOS. AUGUSTUS KEATING,**  
M.D., M.R.C.S., England  
**A. A. MACDONALD,**  
M.B., L.R.C.P., Edin., M.R.C.S., Edin.  
Guelph, July 15, 1873.

**DR. HEROD**  
Has removed his Surgery to the rooms above the Guelph Drug Store, where he may be found from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance on Clark street. After 5 p.m. at his residence, 244 York street.

**DR. BROCK**  
OFFICE AND RESIDENCE  
Directly opposite Chalmers' Church  
Quebec street, Guelph.

**STEPHEN BOULT,** Architect, Contractor and Builder. Plans and executes every kind of Joiner's Work prepared for the ready use of the public. The Factory is in Quebec street, Guelph.

**FREDERICK ESCOBAR,** Barrister and Attorney at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Conveyancer, &c. Guelph. Office, corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets.

**OLIVER & MACDONALD,** Barristers and Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Conveyancers, &c. Guelph. Office, corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, up stairs, Guelph, Ont.

**GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,** Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Guelph, Ontario.

**D. SCURRY, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN,** Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Conveyancers and Notaries Public.

**LEMON & PETERSON,** Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Conveyancers and Notaries Public.

**ROBERT CRAWFORD,** PRACTICAL  
Watch and Clock Maker, Jeweller.  
Wyndham Street, Guelph.

**N.W. CAB.**—The subscriber begs to announce to the citizens of Guelph that he has just purchased a carriage and is prepared to carry persons to and from any place in town at the usual charges. He has also a large stock of harness, boots, shoes, and all other articles pertaining to the trade. He hopes by strict attention to receive a share of public patronage. Orders can be left at Dr. Herod's Drug Store or at my residence, next door to the Primitive Methodist parsonage.  
Guelph, July 15, 1873. JOHN ERWIN, driver

**N.W. GOAL YARD.**  
The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of  
**Hard and Soft Coal**  
At moderate prices. Orders left at the store of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham Street, will be promptly attended to.  
Guelph, 15th. G. B. MURTON, dy

**F. STURDY,**  
House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter  
GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.  
Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. 127 dw

**WILLIAM J. PATERSON,**  
Official Assignee for the County of Wellington.  
Office—Opposite Town Hall, Guelph. dw

**IRON CASTINGS**  
Of all kinds, made to order at  
**GROVE'S IRON WORKS,**  
Norfolk Street, Guelph.  
153w JOHN GROVE, Proprietor

**E. A. A. GRANGE,**  
Veterinary Surgeon  
Graduate Ontario Veterinary College.  
OFFICE—No. 6, DAY'S BLOCK, UPSTAIRS.  
All calls at night will be attended to by calling at the office.  
N.B.—Horses bought and sold on commission. May 17, 73—d.w.

**PARKER'S HOTEL,**  
—DIRECTLY—  
OPPOSITE the MARKET, GUELPH  
First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.  
The best liquors and cigars at the bar. He has just fitted up a room where Oysters will be served up at all hours, in the favorite styles.  
Pickled Salmon, Lobsters, and Sardines.  
Guelph, Feb. 1, 1873.

**PRIZE DENTISTRY.**  
**DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL**  
Licentiate of Dental Surgery.  
Established 1864.  
Office next door to the Advertiser's Office, Wyndham Street, Guelph.  
Residence opposite Mr. Boulton's Factory, 3rd Street, Teater's Block, Guelph.  
References, Dr. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herod, Macgregor, and Cowan, Guelph; Drs. Buchanan and Phillips, Toronto; Drs. Elliot & Meyers, Dentists Toronto. dw

**W. M. FOSTER, L.D.S.,**  
SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH.  
Office over E. Herod & Co's Drug Store, corner of Wyndham and Macdonald-sts., Guelph.  
See Nitro-chloride (laughing gas) administered for the relief of tooth-ache, which is perfectly safe and reliable.  
References kindly permitted to Dr. Herod, Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herod, Cowan and Macgregor, Guelph; W. E. Graham, Dentist Brampton. dw

## New Advertisements.

**SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE.**  
For sale, a new and improved Sewing Machine, different makes, all new, cheap, &c. Apply at the Mercantile Office.

**WANTED—TWO SMART BOYS** to learn the Cabinet making. Apply at once to  
**BUREAU & BINKER,**  
Furniture Factory  
Guelph, Aug. 15-31

**TO LET**—A large two-story Stone Building in the centre of the Town, suitable for manufacturing purposes. Apply to Robert Melvin, Guelph. 15th/31st

**COTTAGE OR HOUSE WANTED.**  
To rent on or before Sept. 1, containing six or eight rooms, with a good kitchen and bath. West Ward preferred. Apply to George Murton, Junr., at Elbow & Murray's.

**CHAMBER ROOM AND BED ROOM** WANTED—Unfurnished—By a single man in a central part of the town, with or without board. Apply at once to  
**PERSONAL.**—A young gentleman wishes to exchange photographs and the acquaintance of a young lady—older than himself. Should be religious, respectable, and single. Address R.F.W., Moorefield, Ont.

**MONEY TO LEND.**  
On farm security, at eight per cent. No commission charged.  
**FRED. BISCOE,**  
Barrister, &c. Guelph.  
April 4 '73—d.w.

**MONEY TO LEND.**  
In sums to suit borrowers. No solicitor's fees or commission charged.  
Apply direct to the undersigned.  
**GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,**  
April 24, 1873. Gwif Guelph

**EDUCATIONAL.**  
**THE MISSISSIPPI**  
Will open a school for Young Ladies in Mr. Hatch Block, Woolwich street, on Monday, 1st of September. Terms and particulars given on application. Residence, Quebec street, Guelph. Aug. 12, 1873. dw

**RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS.**  
The High and Public Schools, Guelph, will re-open after the Midsummer Vacation, on Monday, the 18th inst.  
**ROBERT TORRANCE,**  
Sec. U. E. of O. Guelph, Aug. 13, 1873. dw

**YOUNG LADIES SCHOOL.**  
**MRS. WINSTANLEY**  
Intends re-opening her school for Young Ladies on Monday, 1st September, in Brownlow's Building, Douglas street. Terms on application at Mrs. Winstanley's Fancy Store, Upper Wyndham-st., Guelph. August 14th, 1873. dw

**THOMPSON & JACKSON**  
Have removed to Brownlow's Buildings, Douglas street, three doors north of the Post Office, and over the rooms of Messrs. Lemon & Peterson.  
Guelph, Aug. 12, 1873. w23

**WANTED—An assistant Teacher** (female) for the Primary School, West Ward, to commence duties on the 1st of September. Salary at the rate of \$12 per annum. Applications with statement of qualification to be lodged with the undersigned on or before the 22nd of August.  
**ROBERT TORRANCE,**  
Sec. U. E. of O. Guelph, Aug. 12, 1873. dw

**SONS OF TEMPERANCE.**  
**An Open Meeting**  
Of the Sons of Temperance will be held on Friday Ev'g, August 15th, in the Good Templars' Hall.  
When addresses will be delivered by the Rev. M. Wood, Mr. Farrow, Lecturer for the League; and Mr. J. M. Dunn. There will be music at intervals by an excellent choir.  
The public generally are cordially invited to attend.  
Admission free. To commence at 7.45.  
Guelph, Aug. 13, 1873. dw

**LIMESTONE**  
**Quarry and Mills for Sale.**  
About four acres of land within ten minutes walk of the Grand Trunk Railway Station at Guelph, upon which there is a valuable quarry and two Lime Mills.  
This property is very well adapted for lime burners, or for building sites.  
Will be sold by public auction at the Market House, Guelph, on SATURDAY, the 10th day of AUGUST, 1873.  
Sale at one o'clock.  
For particulars, apply to Henry Hatch, Land Agent, or to D. Kruse, on the premises.  
W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer.  
Guelph, 1st August, 1873. dw

**PAISLEY STREET**  
**Grocery No. 1.**  
**ROBERT S. KING**  
Begs to announce to the inhabitants of Guelph and surrounding country that he has opened up in the store lately occupied by Mrs. F. W. Galbraith, Paisley street, opposite the Guelph Sewing Machine Factory, where he intends keeping a nice assortment of Groceries, which will be sold at prices equal to any store in town.  
The public generally are cordially invited to call and examine my stock and prices.  
R. S. KING, dw  
Guelph, Aug. 8, 1873.

**SPECIAL CHANCE FOR INVESTMENT.**  
**Residence for Sale.**  
Very desirable property situated on Paisley street, near the Western Station, consisting of White Brick two story dwelling house, with four bed-rooms, front and back parlor, dining room and kitchen, with large soft water cistern, also two large dry cellars. The land comprises two fifths of an acre, well stocked with fruit trees in full bearing. For terms, &c., apply to  
**D. SAVAGE,**  
Guelph, July 30, 1873. dw

**GUELPH ACADEMY.**  
**Reopens Monday, August 11th.**  
Particular attention to English Branches. Terms on application.  
**JOHN MARTIN,**  
Guelph, July 26, 1873. dw

**HOTEL CARD.**  
**The Right Man in the Right Place.**  
**THOMAS WARD,** late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has acquired possession of the Victoria Hotel, next door to the Post Office, where he hopes by courtesy, attention, and good accommodation, to merit a fair share of public patronage, both from old and new friends. The best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars &c., constantly on hand. A good hostler always in attendance. Remember the spot—next door to the Post Office.  
**THOMAS WARD,**  
(Late of Crown Hotel),  
Proprietor.  
Guelph Dec. 5th, 1872. dw

## Guelph Evening Mercury

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 15, 1873  
**Town and County News.**  
An immersion service is to be held near the Baptist Church next Sunday.

The Minto Agricultural Show will be held at Harrison on Tuesday, 7th October.

During the thunder storm on Tuesday the lightning killed four calves belonging to Mr. John Robinson, lot 6, con. 1, Garafraxa.

The hotel keepers of Orangeville have entered into an agreement only to run one omnibus to the railway station instead of several as heretofore.

WELLINGTON BATTALION.—We learn that the Wellington Battalion will not go into camp this year for their annual drill, as announced some time since, but each company will perform that drill at their respective headquarters.

SONGS OF ENGLAND.—A collection of English melodies, including the most popular songs and ballads of the last three centuries, with piano accompaniment. Price \$1.25 and 75cts. For sale at Day's bookstore.

AUGUST 15th.—To-day, August 15th, is the anniversary of the birth of Sir Walter Scott, 1771; also of Napoleon Bonaparte (not the Man of Sedan), 1769. It is also held in the Roman Catholic Church as the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

ACCIDENT.—An accident befel Mr. Ebbe while riding a well in Kilmara. The gear gave way and he fell to the bottom, about sixty feet. When fished up it was found that his collar bone was broken. He was carried home and under the care of Dr. Morrow is improving rapidly.

GUELPH'S CIVIC HOLIDAY is now formally announced for Friday next, 22nd inst. The memorial to the Mayor asking for that date was very largely and influentially signed. So far we hear of nothing but the great base ball match in the way of amusement for the 22nd—and the minor matches which will doubtless be forthcoming.

SOCIAL.—A social, for the benefit of the Building Fund of the Y. M. C. A., will be given by the ladies of the Wesleyan Church, on Wednesday evening next, 20th inst., at the residence of Mr. Orange Clark, near the Grand Trunk freight station. The object is a laudable one, and we hope the social will be liberally patronized.

THE \$20,000 By-law is being voted upon to-day. We "looked in" at the town hall between one and two o'clock, and found the returning officer, Mr. Todd, in solitary dignity on the platform, gazing discontentedly at the rows of empty benches before him, with nary soul to cheer his loneliness. He was being up under the depressing situation as well as could be expected. Ten votes had been recorded—nine for and one against.

LIGHT FINGERED GENTRY.—Some annoying pilfering has taken place of late, in the stables of the Royal Hotel, principally of little articles connected with the harness such as the ivory rings from the martingales, &c. The thieves have also paid particular attention to the granary, and seem to object to Mr. Boulton's continued attempts to fasten it securely, as the key was stolen on one occasion. At another time a duplicate key was made use of to appropriate a quantity of oats. The pilferers appear to operate chiefly in the night time.

THE BAKERS took their turn on Thursday. At eight o'clock in the morning they and their fair friends, in number sufficient to fill twelve conveyances, mustered at Mr. Simpson's bakery and made a start for Fagin's Lake. The procession carried two dogs; and to let everyone know that the experimentists were proud of their calling in life, the flag-staves were topped each by a fine loaf of bread. Arrived at the lake, they found the wind a little high, and the great waves of Puslinch's inland sea tumbling tumultuously upon the shore. This deterred many from trusting themselves to the frail cookey-shells used for conveying pleasure-seekers to the island, and they feasted and made merry upon the shore; whilst the more venturesome spirits dared the raging of the tempest, crossed to the island, and carried out the full programme of Puslinch Lake pic-nics. The provision made for the inner man—and woman—was excellent, as might have been expected, and the party had a good time. A ladies' race, prize \$1, was got up, and won by Miss Dudgeon, leaving the other competitors in high dudgeon at their failure. Quoits, croquet, swings and other games were indulged in. They reached home at about nine o'clock, having endured the road by their exertions. A ludicrous if disagreeable accident gave variety to the day's proceedings. Into the shallow water at the edge of the lake a horse was driven by a young man for some purpose, and whilst there became restless, plunged and kicked, upset his rider headlong into the water, and raised a general splutter-foeation. No-body hurt.

A chief on board the Quebec and Levis ferry seized an overcoat, and in attempting to escape with his booty jumped overboard and was drowned.

The first dog of the Prince Edward railway was turned at Picton, on Tuesday, by Mrs. Walter Ross, wife of Mr. Ross, M. P.

## Local and Other Items.

GALT has set up a cab.  
LITROWEL has organized a fire company.  
GALT SWEET FAIR will be held on the last Tuesday of the present month.

The propeller "Sheklina," on her way west, on Thursday, struck among the stones at Weaver's Point, about six miles east of Morrisburg, and sank.

The attempt to sell the Waterloo Woolen Mill last week proved a failure. Negotiations are going on with a view of securing the re-opening of the works on condition of the village granting a bonus to aid the proprietor.—Chronicle.

The storm which passed over Galt on Tuesday afternoon last was very destructive to the south of that town—many farmers having their peas literally ruined by a tremendous fall of hail. Particularly was this the case in Blenheim, where the storm seems to have reached its height.

The Toronto cabmen's strike continues. The Mayor positively refuses to concede from the position taken in favor of the cab by-law, and the cabmen are equally determined to maintain the strike until the concessions asked for are made. In the meantime not a cab is to be obtained at any price.

THE TRIP.—The Waterloo ladies have resuscitated that Association and have issued posters announcing a three days' meeting, on September 9th, 10th and 11th next. Prizes to the amount of \$2,500 are offered, and a number of the fastest Canadian horses are expected.

Mrs. COWAN, of 104th con., Elma, fell off a fence, on Saturday evening last, sustaining a fracture of both bones at the ankle and dislocation of the foot. Mrs. Cowan met with a similar injury about 30 years ago, which greatly impaired the usefulness of the ankle joint.

WALLACE & ELMA FALL EXHIBITION.—At a meeting of the Directors, held on Saturday last, it was decided to hold the Exhibition on Wednesday and Thursday, 8th and 9th of October, thus taking two days instead of one, as formerly. A number of prizes have been liberally placed at their disposal by prominent citizens, and a good show is expected.

The Berlin Tobacco Factory is now in full blast. On a recent visit to the establishment we had occasion to note the finest specimen of the machine known as Bramah's Hydrostatic Press, that we have ever seen. The power of one man is sufficient to deliver a pressure of thirty tons upon the tobacco to be acted upon. Though rather an unpretending looking affair, this establishment has a weekly pay roll of about \$150. Berlin obtained the Tobacco Factory by forming a joint stock company.—Chronicle.

THE HARVEST.—We hear the most favorable accounts from every person to whom we have spoken on the subject, respecting the crop of the year. Contrary to first impressions hay is considered hardly anything below an average yield. Cereals are generally superior in product and appearance to any grown for several years. The fall wheat has been an abundant crop on ever; farm; it is safely housed. Spring wheat is generally ready for the numerous reapers with which our farmers have timely armed themselves early in the season. Potatoes are going to do well in spite of the bugs.—Fort Elgin Free Press.

THEMEETING.—We understand that at a late meeting of the owners of threshing machines in the townships of Peel, Maryboro' and Wallace it was unanimously agreed and decided that the price for threshing grain this season will be \$2 above last year's price. This will bring it about \$9 per day, or at the rate of 3 cents per bushel. Farmers will now have to pay the same money for a poor machine as a good one and if they are foolish enough to choose a poor machine they have themselves to blame. We say, secure the best machine you can get; no matter if you have to pay three prices for it if you will save money at the end.—Drayton Enterprise.

SAD ACCIDENT.—We regret to record the particulars of a melancholy accident, by which Mr. Harry Wilson has been deprived of the sight of both eyes. It had been found necessary to resort to blanching in the hard clay, and it appears that on Monday forenoon a charge that had been inserted having failed to go off Wilson, in the absence of the contractor, Mr. Jevons, incautiously went forward and proceeded to open up the hole in order to insert a fresh one. While thus engaged the charge, containing about two pounds of powder, went off, scorching and lacerating his face and arm in a fearful manner. He was immediately taken home and Dr. Mcintosh called in who on examination found that both eyes had been burst and the sight of course hopelessly destroyed. Everything possible was done for the relief of the sufferer, and he is now doing as could be expected under the circumstances.—Meaford Monitor.

**A Filthy Drain.**  
To the Editor of The Evening Mercury.  
DEAR SIR,—Permit me through your paper to call the attention of the Health Officers of the town to a most filthy state of the drain on Macdonald street, back of the Dominion Saloon, which has become absolutely unbearable. Complaints have been made time and again to those who are supposed to look after such matters; also, notice has been left in the Clerk's office in a book kept for that purpose.

Hoping this will remind them that as yet there has been nothing done to remove the nuisance,  
I am, &c.,  
Yours respectfully,  
**OLFACTORY.**  
GUELPH, Aug. 15th, 1873.

A young man named Holmes, in Hamilton, while climbing a fence to drive of some molesting rowdies in an alley, accidentally exploded a revolver he carried in his breast pocket, so that the ball glanced off, lodged in and shattered the sixth rib. Slight deviations would have sent the ball through the heart. He is expected to recover.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

**Carlists Bombarding Berga.**  
**The Deerhound.**  
**"The King of France"**

**497 Cases.**  
**Tremendous Rain in the United States.**  
**Peaches Overboard.**

London, Aug. 14.—The vessel which landed a quantity of guns and ammunition at Fontarabie for the Carlists, and was afterwards captured by a Spanish man-of-war in the British steam yacht Deerhound, well known in connection with the fight between the Kearsage and Alabama.

Barcelona, Aug. 14.—The Carlists have begun their long threatened attack on Berga. Six hours after their batteries opened fire, the city was burned in several places.

London, August 14.—It is stated upon the highest authority that the Comte de Chambord has announced his resolution to accept the Constitution of France prepared by the members of the Right of the Assembly and himself, and will rule both by the will of God and the goodwill of the people. A proclamation of Monarchy will be made in about six weeks.

London, Aug. 14.—The town hall in Leeds was burned last night.

London, Aug. 14.—The rate of discount for three-months' bills in open market is 3 per cent. below the Bank of England rate.

Baltimore, Md., August 14.—The damage by the storm last night to the Baltimore & Potomac Railway was so serious that travel will be entirely suspended for several days.

The heavy rain has continued all day, interfering with the telegraph wires, and threatening the overflow of the lower streets of the city.

Philadelphia, Aug. 14.—Heavy rain fell all night.

New York, August 14.—The heaviest storm of the season prevailed all night. Rain fell in torrents, doing much damage by flooding.

New Bedford, Aug. 14.—There is a heavy easterly gale and rain storm here. The Martha's Vineyard steamers have not made their trips.

Baltimore, Aug. 14.—Rain poured down all night; much damage was done by flooding; many families have been compelled to leave their dwellings, apprehending a repetition of the disastrous floods of 1868.

New York, August 14.—The storm continued all day, but is less severe this evening. The steamer City Point, from Delaware, with a cargo of peaches, arrived to-day, but had to throw overboard 1,000 crates of peaches to lighten her forward to prevent swamping. Considerable solicitude is felt for the safety of the New York. The yacht squadron are now cruising on Long Island, but at last accounts all were reported safe at Newport, London, and other ports. The storm was very severely felt at Long Island, the crops being badly damaged by the floods of rain which have fallen.

Washington, Aug. 14, 1 a.m.—Probabilities for the lower lakes and thence to the upper Ohio valley, southerly and south-easterly winds, warmer and generally clear weather. For the middle States northerly and north-easterly winds, low temperature, clearing and clear weather.

New York, Aug. 15.—A Washington despatch says Secretary Richardson has directed a thorough investigation to be made in every branch of the New York Custom House. The Treasury officials, whose duty it is to compromise cases, do not hesitate to say that there has been flagrant abuse of confidence, and that parties who have been systematically defrauding the Government have done so with the connivance of the employees in the Custom House, New York.

Arrived, steamer Bremen from Bremen.  
New York, Aug. 14.—Of the 497 cases presented for arbitration to the Mixed Commission sitting at Newport, only 87 remain unsettled, and the Commissioners hope to finish these within the stipulated time.

**The Late Express Robbery.**  
On Thursday morning John Kimball, express messenger, was arrested by detective Oswald, who has been working the case up in relation to the late express robbery. His house was searched and the whole \$2,000 recovered, except a few dollars spent by Kimball. Bowden, now in prison, charged with the first robbery, had turned Queen's evidence against him for a previous robbery of \$50 from the Company, and this led to suspicion in the case. The St. Catharines Daily News congratulates the agent, Mr. Kellogg, on his good fortune.

John Martin and H. Zoellner write to the Waterloo Chronicle denying that the song-festival at Waterloo on Sunday, Aug. 3, was in any sense a "spree." They say it must be obvious to every impartial person that five kegs of beer could not intoxicate 300 persons, and affirm that there was nobody drunk.

A man supposed to be C. Springer, employed in Sheek's machine shops, Welland, was drowned on Thursday morning, while crossing the canal at the post bed, about four miles above Welland, the boat being upset.

One morning recently a Chicago woman borrowed \$200 of her husband, and in the afternoon flustered under his nose a divorce that had cost precisely that amount.

A horse attached to a sulky was drowned at lock No. 5 St. Catharines yesterday. It appears that a vessel was aground, and considerable stir occasioned, when the horse took fright and ran with the sulky into the canal. The driver jumped off in time to save his life.

## His Excellency's Reply to the Memorial.

The Globe and Mail of Friday morning publish each the same report of Lord Dufferin's reply to the Parliamentary deputation. We reproduce the reply in full, excepting only a few unimportant introductory and closing sentences.

"Gentlemen, no person can regret more deeply than I do these unfortunate delays, the more so as they seem to have given rise to the impression that they have been unnecessarily interposed by the action of the executive. It may be premature at this moment to enter into a history of the disallowance of the Oaths Bill, but on every such occasion, it is but fair to everyone that I should state, viz: that immediately after I had assented to that Act, I transmitted a certified copy of it to the Secretary of State, in accordance with the instructions by which I am bound on such occasions; that, leaning myself to the opinion, an opinion founded on the precedent afforded by the Act of the Canadian Parliament, which empowers the Senate to examine witnesses on oath, that the act was not ultra vires, I accompanied it by a full exposition of the arguments which could be urged in its support, but on the point being referred by the Secretary of State for the professional opinion of the law officers of the Crown, it was pronounced inconsistent with the Act of Confederation; and that therefore the postponement of the enquiry so far as is arisen out of this circumstance has resulted wholly by the operation of the law, and has been beyond the control of any one concerned. You then proceed to urge me, on grounds which are very fairly and forcibly stated, to decline the advice which has been unanimously tendered to me by my responsible Ministers, and to refuse to prorogue Parliament; in other words, you require me to dismiss them from my counsel; for, gentlemen, you must be aware that this would be the necessary result of my assenting to your recommendation. Upon what ground should I be justified in taking so grave a step? What guarantee can you afford me that the Parliament of the Dominion would endorse such an act of personal interference on my part? You yourselves, gentlemen, do not form an actual majority of the House of Commons, and I have no means therefore of ascertaining that the majority of that body subscribed to the opinion you have announced. Again, to what should I have to appeal in justification of my conduct? It is true grave charges have been preferred against these gentlemen, charges which I admit require a most searching investigation; but, as you yourselves remark in your memorandum, the truth of these accusations still remains untested. One of the authors of the correspondence which has made so painful an impression upon the public, has admitted that many of his statements were hasty and inaccurate, and has denied on oath the correctness of the deductions drawn from them. Various assertions contained in the narrative of the other have been positively contradicted. Is the Governor-General, upon the strength of such evidence, to drive from his presence gentlemen who for years have filled the highest offices of State, and in whom during the recent session, Parliament has repeatedly declared its continued confidence? It is true certain documents have appeared in connection with these matters of very grave significance, in regard to which the fullest explanation must be given, but no proof has yet been adduced which necessarily connects them with the culpable transactions of which it is asserted they form a part, however questionable they may appear as placed in juxtaposition with the correspondence to which they had been appended by the person who has possessed himself of them. Under these circumstances, what right has the Governor-General, on his personal responsibility, to proclaim to Canada—nay not only to Canada, but to America and Europe, as such a proceeding would be part necessarily do, that he believes his Ministers guilty of the crimes alleged against them? Were it possible at the present time to make a call of the House and place myself in direct communication with the Parliament of the Dominion, my present embarrassment would disappear, as it is a physical impossibility. I am assured by my Prime Minister, and the report of the proceedings at the time bears out his statement, that when Parliament adjourned it was announced by him as leader of the House, that the meeting on the 13th, August, would be immediately followed by prorogation, and that no substantive objection was taken to this announcement, and that as a consequence a considerable portion of your fellow-members are dispersed in various directions. Since the adjournment, indeed, circumstances have occurred which render your present recommendation highly desirable, but in this country there are physical circumstances which necessarily interpose a considerable lapse of time before the representatives of the various Provinces comprising the Confederate Parliament of Canada, can assemble separately, as some of them are by thousands of miles from the capital of the Dominion. In regulating the time and seasons when Parliament is to be called together, the executive is commissioned not only to consider the reasonable convenience of these gentlemen, but also to protect the federal rights of the Provinces which they represent. Under these circumstances I have concluded, on the advice of my Ministers—and even if I differed from them as to the policy of such a course, which I do not, it is a point upon which I should be disposed to accept their recommendation to issue a Royal Commission of enquiry to three gentlemen of such legal standing, character, and authority as will command the confidence of the public, by virtue of the power conferred upon me by the Act vic. 31, chap. 88. On the other hand I have determined in proroguing Parliament to announce to the members of both Houses my intention of their assembling immediately the Commission in question shall have concluded their labours. By these means an opportunity will be afforded for preliminary expurgation of these unhappy matters before a tribunal competent to take evidence on oath. Ample opportunity will be given to the members of the more distant Provinces to make their preparations in view of an autumnal session, and within two months or thereabouts from this date, a full Parliament of Canada will take supreme and final cognizance of the case now pending between the Ministers and their accusers.