

The Amnesty Question.

It seems to us that the doubt as to whether or not an amnesty had been promised to Riel—or any one representing him—concerning the murder of Thomas Scott, could at once be removed if Sir John Macdonald chose to tell what he knows about it. Bishop Tache has published a very long statement in the Ottawa and Montreal papers, which is to the effect that such an amnesty was promised, but he brings forward no proof to substantiate his assertion; he advances nothing to show that Riel received any distinct promise under which he can claim immunity from the consequences of the crime he committed. It is true that an amnesty was offered to the people of the Red River subsequent to the breaking out of the revolt, and before the murder of Scott; but this was promised on the express condition that the insurgents should lay down their arms, and no longer menace the authority of the Queen, or disturb the peace of a portion of Her Majesty's Dominions. That promise was not made, and could not, cover the crime committed subsequent to the proclamation. Moreover, the promise was made only on condition that the insurgents laid down their arms. They in effect spurned the offer made, and after the amnesty was promised continued to assume a belligerent attitude. How then could they expect to receive a free pardon for offences committed after the promise of pardon was made on condition that by the acceptance they, as it were, gave bonds to keep the peace?

We said that Sir John Macdonald could clear up the mystery at once, but he is dumb on the subject, and saves Bishop Tache to make the evidence which the Bishop adduces in his sworn statement of Riel, which to the effect that on the 3rd May, 1870, he and his associates from the Red River, who came to Ottawa as a delegation, were promised an amnesty by the Governor-General, and that on the 10th of the same month this promise was renewed in the presence of Sir George Cartier. He also gives a short letter from Sir Geo. Cartier, referring to that interview, but refers to no offer of amnesty or pardon, and merely speaks of the liberal policy the Government intend to pursue with regard to the parties who took part in the revolt. If Riel's statement is correct, why does not Sir John Macdonald—who must have been cognizant of all that was done—corroborate it. Why leave the whole thing to rest on the bare assertion of a man who was supposed to be the moving spirit in the insurrection, and which is not sustained by any other evidence or statement whatever? Even admitting that Riel's statement is correct, there is no distinct allusion in it to the parties charged with the greater crime of murder, nor would we be satisfied in supposing that any promise of amnesty—if such was made—was intended to apply to them.

After carefully perusing all the statements made in the case, we can find nothing in them which can be construed into a promise of official pardon to those directly implicated in the murder of Scott, and nothing which should screen Riel from arrest and trial as the chief actor in that bloody affair.

There is some fear of trouble from a class of border ruffians, who are hanging about the southern boundary of Manitoba, and it is by no means improbable we will have to provide a pretty strong force to ward our southern frontier in the western part of the continent. Thus the problem of permanent military organization is being slowly but surely forced upon the attention of those who have to provide for the welfare and security of the State.

There is a dead lock in the Quebec Election Court. Judge Mondelet refuses to act, and a writ has been issued to prohibit the other three Judges of the Supreme Court from proceeding with the Two Mountains case—the first on the list.

The Ottawa Free Press states that it is rumored that an arrangement being made between the Imperial and the Canadian Governments for R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh to succeed the Earl of Dufferin as Her Majesty's representative in Canada, and that the Dominion is to be elevated to the status of vice-royalty. G. W. RAILWAY.—The Globe is informed that the Board of Directors of the Great Western Railway have signed. The Board recently announced a half-yearly dividend of 10 per cent, and afterwards reduced to 2 1/2, which so irritated the stockholders that the Board resigned.

It turns out that Mr. Alexander Ewan, of London, England, has not failed.

It is expected the Finance Minister will bring down his budget on Tuesday first.

The Government Election Bill meets with praise on all hands.

Mr. J. C. Whale, a resident of Burford, Ont., and an artist whose creations can be seen in many homes, is about to visit the old world with a view to improvement in his profession.

Dominion Parliament.

Ottawa, April 8.

At the opening of the House a very large number of petitions were presented in favor of a prohibitory liquor law. Mr. Bodwell moved the appointment of a committee, of which he had given notice, to enquire into the question of prohibiting the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquor.—Carried.

Mr. Buxton then moved for a Committee to consider the operation of the tariff in British Columbia, which was carried.

Mr. Paterson moved for a Committee to enquire into the condition of the Six Nations Indians. In a brief but comprehensive statement, he pointed out the reasons for promoting an enquiry; and, whilst assuring the House he had no desire to do the Indians the least injustice, urged that, in their own interest, as well as that of the country at large, the time had come for some change in the policy adopted towards them.

Mr. Finlay wished to know whether the Indians themselves desired any change.

Mr. Mackenzie, in reply to Mr. Paterson's remarks, said the Government could take no steps affecting the rights of the Indians without their consent. No doubt the existing state of things was a source of some inconvenience to the white population in the districts contiguous to the reserves; but the Indians' rights must nevertheless be respected. He had no objection to an enquiry of the kind suggested by the resolution, but if it was intended to go into an investigation of any alleged abuses they should first have a clear understanding what the charges were. Ultimately Mr. Mackenzie advised that the motion as first suggested should pass; and if any further matters demand enquiry he suggested that papers should be moved for, and then such other steps taken as the facts disclosed might render necessary.

The orders of the day were then read for resuming the examination of Attorney-General Clarke, for the attendance of Louis Riel in his place, and for the examination of the police officer who holds the warrant for Riel's arrest.

Mr. Cauchon suggested that as Mr. Clarke was not in attendance, the whole of the orders should be enlarged till Friday.

Mr. Bowell protested against delay. After considerable discussion, a proposal of Mr. Holton to postpone the proceedings till to-day was agreed to.

The Finance Minister, as the estimates were not ready for distribution, intimated that he could not make his financial statement before Tuesday next.

The House then adjourned.

CORRECTION.—In our report of Prof. McCandless' address yesterday, we make him say, "I am a firm old believer in the adage." Any one reading it will see that it should have been "I am a firm believer in the old adage."

Mr. Bodwell has given notice that on Thursday he will move the House into Committee of the whole on the following resolutions:—1st that the traffic of intoxicating liquor is an evil for which the laws of this country provide no adequate remedy. 2nd. That it is desirable to prohibit the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in this Dominion, except for medical and manufacturing purposes.

THE LAST RINK OF WINTER.
'Tis the last rink of winter,
Left glittering alone,
All its frozen companions
Are melted and gone!
No ice of its kindred,
No snowbank is nigh,
And this must soon vanish,
Exhaled to the sky.
I could ask thee, thou ice-floor,
To still linger here,
That the grand game of curling
Might last all the year.
But winter is yielding
The sceptre to spring,
And summer is coming,
The roses to bring.
Thy lot is to perish,
As friendships decay,
And from love's magic circle,
The gems drop away;
But, ere thou art melted,
And far away flown,
We will have one more bonspiel
With beson and stone.
Guelph, April 3, 1874. W. F. C.

DIED.
McCROCK.—In the city of Toronto, on the morning of the 8th inst., after an illness of only eight days, of inflammation of the lungs, John S. McCrock, of the firm of Ferguson, McCrock & Co., in his 32nd year, deeply regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

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.

DAY SELLS CHEAP.
DAY
SHOWS
THE FINEST STOCK
OF—
WALLPAPER
IN GUELPH.

Golds,
Satin,
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.

IMPORTANT

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. dwf

\$20,000 Now waiting investment
on terms more favourable
to borrowers, than hitherto offered.
THOMPSON & JACKSON.

FARMS FOR SALE.
The undersigned offer for sale the following
valuable farms:—

1st.—50 acres, two miles from the town of
Guelph. Excellent land in a high state
of cultivation. Good stone house with
7 rooms, large frame barn and out build-
ings complete, good orchard and three acres
of timber for fire wood.

2nd.—67 acres, 4 miles from Guelph.
60 cleared, buildings partly frame and
partly log. There is a large orchard of fruit
bearing trees. The land is in good condition,
well fenced and watered.

3rd.—175 acres, 3 1/2 miles from Guelph,
140 cleared, well fenced and in a high state
of cultivation. A large stone house and
frame barn, and a good supply of water.
There are ten acres of uncultivated bush
land, an excellent orchard, and a never failing
spring near the house. This is in every
respect a desirable property.

4th.—25 acres, in the town of Guelph,
1 mile from the Centre House. Good land,
new frame house and barn, a good orchard
of over 100 trees, a never failing creek
running through, now rented as a market
garden.

5th.—50 acres, five miles from Guelph,
well fenced and in a good state of cultiva-
tion, 3 acres of timber, and a good supply
of water. The buildings are log.

6th.—25 acres, adjoining the College
Farm, 1 1/2 miles from the Market. The land
is of an excellent quality, situated on two
roads. No buildings. It can be divided into
small park lots for quiet purchasers if re-
quired.

7th.—The east half of Lot 8, 12th
Concession, Maryborough, 100 acres. The
land is of the best quality, one mile from
the village of Red Bay, three from a rail-
way, and one from the gravel road to
Guelph. There are 60 acres cleared and in
a good state of cultivation. House and
barn, frame, a small orchard, pump, well,
&c.

8th.—200 acres of excellent land in
the Township of Luther, 6 1/2 miles from
Arthur Station, and one mile from a saw
mill. A few acres cleared, well timbered.
The balance is covered with valuable tim-
ber of various kinds.

THOMPSON & JACKSON.
Guelph, April 8, 1874. wmdoaw

VALUABLE
Property for Sale
IN THE
TOWN OF GUELPH.

In accordance with the last Will and Testa-
ment of the late John Mitchell, the res-
idue 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 quan-
tities of one acre and upwards to suit pur-
chasers; 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, Egrem-
ont, 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 dwell-
ing house, 11 rooms, cellar, well, cistern,
&c.
Lot 7, on Mitchell St., with frame
building, 20 x 30, suitable for a work-
shop.

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
RICHARD MITCHELL,
Executors.

Guelph, March 27th, 1874. dwf

Tomatoes,
Green Peas,
Sugar Corn,
—AT—
JOHN A. WOOD'S

NEW
ENGLISH WALNUTS
—AT—
JOHN A. WOOD'S

GOLDEN AND AMBER
SYRUP
—AT—
JOHN A. WOOD'S
Guelph, March 28, 1874. d

NEW
Paint Shop.
The undersigned begs to inform the peo-
ple of Guelph and surrounding country that
he has opened a new paint shop in Quebec
street, next Fenwick's Furniture Shop, and
opposite C. Almer's Church. He is now
prepared to do all kinds of Painting, Glas-
sing, Graining and Paper Hanging on short
notice.
He hopes by strict attention to business,
and using none but the best materials to se-
cure a share of public patronage.
All orders whether from town or country
promptly attended to.
W. HUMPHRIES.
Guelph, March 21, 1874. dwsm

New Advertisements.

A LARGE STOCK OF
NEW
China, Crockery,
and Glassware,
NOW OPENED AT

No. 2, DAY'S BLOCK,
and will be sold Cheap for Cash.

J. E. McELDERRY
2 DAY'S BLOCK,
THE NOTED TEA HOUSE

Elephant Clothing Store.
C. E. PEIRCE & CO.
Are now showing a new and splendid stock of

READY-MADE CLOTHING
Well Made and Fashionably Cut
Which they are selling at very low prices. Also, a new stock of

HATS AND CAPS!
and FURNISHING GOODS, which they are prepared to sell cheap.

C. E. PEIRCE & CO.,
Hepburn's Old Stand, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

DRESS MAKING, MANTLE MAKING
MISS MORRISON
Is now fully prepared with a large staff of experienced assistants to execute orders for
Dress or Mantle Making

In the Latest English and American Styles.
OUR DRESS DEPARTMENT
Contains everything New and Fashionable for the season, in Plain and Fancy Dress
Goods, Silks, &c. &c., and Ladies will find no difficulty in getting suited.
Full stock of Dress Trimmings, Dress Buttons, etc., to match materials always on
hand. We will exhibit in a few days in our Mantle Department everything new for the
season.

COSTUMES, COSTUMES.
An immense stock of Ladies' and Misses' Costumes to select from.

A. O. BUCHAM,
Fashionable West End Dress Mantle, and Millinery Establishment.

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

1874 SPRING IMPORTATIONS. 1874
JAMES CORMACK,
Tailor and Clothier,
No. 1, WYNDHAM STREET.
Is now receiving a large and beautiful assortment of
Goods Suitable for the Season
CONSISTING OF
Plain and Fancy Woollens in the Best and
Newest Patterns.
Hats, Caps, Shirts, Collars, Ties, etc. etc.
In great variety.
Guelph, March 21, 1874. dwintes

William Stewart
HAS
NOW OPENED
THE
First Lot's 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 27, 1874. dw

1874 SPRING 1874
Per Steamships Hibernian and Phonician
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. dtf

GREAT SALE
OF—
JEWELLERY.
ROBERT CRAWFORD
Being about to relinquish the retail busi-
ness, 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 bar-
gains will be given such as were never be-
fore seen in Guelph. Store next the post
office.
R. CRAWFORD.
Guelph, March 31, 1874. dw