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Evening Mercury

WEDNESDAY EVEN'G. JAN. 17, 1872

OUR TOWN FINANCES.

A great cry was got up by certain parties previous to our Municipal Elections, about our heavy debt, and it was spread about that our finances were far from being in a satisfactory position. The statement submitted by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, at the meeting of the Council on Monday, puts an effectual quietus to those charges. Our whole debt at the end of the year is only \$13,124, and this includes over \$5,000 for debentures matured and payable on the 1st January, which sum is a fixed debt, which could not be set aside. Leaving out this sum, our actual debt is only \$8,385, a comparatively small sum, which we are satisfied the present Council will have no difficulty in paying off. What do those parties, who stated and maintained that the debt was over \$18,000, say to this? Will they make the honest admission that they were in error, or will they, in the face of figures which cannot lie, still assert to be true what has been proved to be untrue?

THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS WORK.

The Legislative Assembly for this Province meets again to-morrow, when the new Government will take their seats on the Treasury benches, and fairly commence the work of the new Administration. From the well known character and ability of its members we anticipate much sound and useful legislation, a careful management of our affairs, and a liberal and judicious expenditure of the public money where it is deemed advisable, and where the interest of the people would be subserved. At the same time we are not of those who expect that the new Government will work wonders, or that they will be able to perfect and mature their measures in a day. Their warmest friends and most enthusiastic admirers must make some allowance for the position in which they are placed. They had to take the reins of power at a day's notice. A portion of the time since the adjournment of the House has been spent by them in visiting their constituencies, and in getting re-elected. Since then they have only had a few days at their disposal, when they could meet in Council and discuss the subjects laid down in their programme. Some of these require the most careful consideration before any decisive action can be taken. On others, again, much information is requisite, which must be accurate and comprehensive, and which cannot be obtained in a day. For these and other reasons we cannot expect that the different measures promised will come full fledged from the Cabinet all at once. They must have time, the people must have patience, and we feel confident they will not be disappointed.

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our hallowed constitution, rose in their might to vindicate their rights. The result need not be told.

John Sandfield has proved himself to be a clever political juggler, that is all. As to his claim to rank as a Statesman, it is utterly untenable. He a Statesman! The man, who from the time his voice was first heard in Parliament until his final discomfiture, opposed while he could, and denounced ever after, the annexation of the great Northwest Territory to Canada. The man who although sent to Parliament to sustain and protect the interests of his own Province, sold and betrayed those interests to our French masters in the east. Yet this is the man whom a certain portion of the community delights to honour. It is not the part of an Englishman to strike a fallen foe, and no one would think of striking, if the foe were allowed to die quietly and be buried out of our sight without any solemn bent on keeping their idol still dangling before our eyes, it is but right the world should know what is generally thought of the idol and its votaries.

The present Administration is composed of men who are proud of the name of Reformers. No clap-trap titles here to mislead and deceive all parties alike. We have heard of Reform wings and Conservative wings. In the present Cabinet every wing is thoroughly, uncompromisingly and unalterably Reform. The guiding star of the British Constitution is—the inalienable right of the people to exercise a full and complete control over the public purse through their Representatives in Parliament. That this principle has been violated in the most outrageous manner by John Sandfield Macdonald and his accomplices, is too well known to require comment. To guard against any such unwarranted stretch of arbitrary power in the future, and of securing to them by every possible safeguard, the rights of which they had been robbed for a time by the departed clique. Two parties in future Mr Editor, and let them be strong parties too, under whatever designation they choose to assume, but for the sake of all the mercies, no more Coalition, or Combination or both together humbugs.

Yours truly,
 A VILLAGER.
 Elora, Jan. 15th, 1872.

BIRTHS.
 DUNDAS—In Guelph, on the 10th inst, the wife of Mr Peter Dudgeon, of a daughter.

DIED.
 STIRTON—At Dereham, Co. Oxford, on the 13th inst, Margaret Rawson, widow of the late Alexander Stirton, of that Township, aged 43 years.

WILSON—At Toronto, on the 4th inst, Mrs Elizabeth Wilson, mother of Wm Tindale, Esq., Nichol, aged 78 years.

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New Chignons

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NEW JEWELLERY

In Jet, Vulcanite and Bog Wood, Gold, Plated, Marquise, and Silver.

A Great Variety of Small Wares

Fancy Woollen Goods,

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 West Side Wyndham Street,
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Dissolution of Partnership
 THE partnership heretofore existing between the Under-signed, was this day dissolved by mutual consent. Mr Martin will continue the business, collect all debts, and pay all accounts of the partnership.
 THOS. H. TAYLOR,
 DAVID MARTIN.
 Witness: Robt Mitchell,
 Guelph, Jan 10th, 1872 d5wd

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THE GREAT CLEARING SALE OF DRESS GOODS AND MILLINERY AT THE

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The Ladies are respectfully requested to bear this in mind.

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NOTICE

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MESSRS. DOUGLAS & BANNERMAN,

And as they have been in our employment for a number of years we have much pleasure in recommending them to the public as our successors.

AND we also beg to inform our numerous customers that our business will hereafter be carried on

At the **GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY STATION**

Where we will as usual, wholesale and retail.

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New Goods for the Holidays

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Fine Gold Setts Brooch and Ear-rings

Brooches
 Earrings
 Guards
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Fine Gold Necklets
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Castors, Breakfast and Dinner Butter Coolers, Cake Baskets, Children's Mugs, Salons, Butter Knives, Pickle Forks, Spoons and Forks of all kinds.

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Choice Teas Choice Coffees

New Raisins New Currants

Cross & Blackwell's Goods

A VARIETY CONSISTING OF—

Potted Game, Potted Tongue, Potted Ham, Potted Beef, Potted Ham and Chicken, Strasbour Potted Meats, &c. &c.; a variety of Jams and Jellies.

Groceries, Crockery, Glassware, Wines & Liquors

AT

PERRY'S GROCERY STORE,

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MISS ELLIS

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JOHN DUGAN,
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