

THE ELECTION LAW.

On Wednesday last Sir Henry Smith introduced into the Ontario Legislature a Bill to provide for the election of members of the Legislature of Ontario.

Mr. McKellar, while approving of the principles of the Bill introduced by Sir Henry Smith, thought that measures of so much importance ought to be introduced by the Government and not by a private member.

MALE AND FEMALE TEACHERS.—There seems to be no doubt that women are superseding men as teachers in the schools of the United States.

The Emperor of Austria has sent a magnificent present to the Empress Eugenie on the occasion of her birthday.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

TORONTO, January 9th.

The speaker took the chair at 8 p. m. Mr. Rykert's motion for a return of the timber licenses now in force, and a statement of the quantity of arable land still at the disposal of the department, gave rise to a general debate on the whole question of the management of the Crown Lands of the Province.

The Hon. Mr. Richards assented to the granting of the returns asked, but informed the House that on the important question as to the quantity of arable land still vested in the Crown, no definite information could be given.

The Premier, the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and a number of members, passed very severe strictures on the past management of the Crown Lands, and the Premier promised a radical reform in this department under the administration of the "powers that be."

A Great Lung Medicine. There is one medicine which has been prepared for the cure of affections of the lungs, which has been very largely used and tested, and which we wish to recommend to the public for the reason that we can do it in all truth and sincerity, believing as we do, that it is not, and never has been surpassed for excellence and thorough efficiency.

Thousands of persons regard aperient pills as a species of medicine that destroy their own efficacy by repetition.

COMMERCIAL. Guelph Markets, MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH. January 10, 1868. Flour, per 100 lbs. \$3 75; Wheat, per bushel, 1 75; Oats, do, 0 45; Peas, do, 0 45; Barley, do, 0 45; Hay, per ton, 9 00; Straw, do, 4 00; Shingles, per square, 1 00; Wood, per cord, 3 00; Wool, do, 0 27; Eggs, per dozen, 0 14; Butter, (English) per lb, 0 16; Cheese, each, 0 25; Turkeys, do, 0 50; Chickens, per pair, 0 20; Ducks, do, 0 20; Potatoes, do, 0 50; Apples, per bushel, 0 50; Lamb, per lb, 0 06; Beef, per lb, 0 05; Pork, per 100 lbs, 5 50; Sheep Pelts, each, 0 30; Lamb skins, do, 0 40; Hides, per 100 lbs, 6 00.

MONEY MARKET. JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE. Guelph, January 10, 1868. Gold, 137; Greenbacks, 72 to 73; Silver, 43 to 44; Upper Canada Bank Bills, 50c to 55c; Commercial Bank Bills, 30c to 35c.

DIED.

CHADWICK.—At Bellinham on Thursday 9th inst., Ellen Tones, beloved wife of John Craven Chadwick, Jr., Esq., Funeral at two o'clock on Monday 12th inst.

STREPHENS.—At the Albion Hotel, Guelph, on the 9th inst., John Stephens, aged 72 years. Deceased was a Peninsular veteran, and fought at Victoria, and the Pyrenees. The funeral will take place at 2 p. m. to-morrow. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

New Advertisements. Cordwood for Sale. FOR sale One Hundred Cords of good Green Beech and Maple Cordwood, just chopped. For terms, &c., apply to PETER TYAN, Lot 19, 4th Concession, Puslinch, Guelph, 10th January, 1868.

POCKET BOOK LOST. I LOST this forenoon, about the Market Square, a Pocket Book containing a sum of money. The finder on returning it to the Mercury office will be rewarded. Guelph, 10th January, 1868.

CARD. The subscriber begs leave to return his sincere thanks to his numerous friends in Guelph and the surrounding country for their kind patronage to his Hardware Store in the ALMA BLOCK for many years past.

The whole of the Alma Block, and a large portion of his Hardware Stock, having been destroyed by the recent fire, the business will be moved to the Store corner of Wyndham and Cork Streets, near the Gore Bank, but in future it will be carried on by Messrs. JOHN M. BOND & CO., who succeed him as Hardware Merchants in Guelph, and for whom he respectfully asks a continuance of that generous support which has been so liberally given by his kind patrons.

HENRY MULHOLLAND. Guelph, 8th January, 1868.

REFERRING to the above, the subscriber wishes to state that they have taken the Store corner of Wyndham and Cork Streets, near the Gore Bank, where they will continue the business heretofore carried on by Mr. MULHOLLAND as Iron, Coal and Hardware Merchants. The Iron and Coal Yard will be, as usual, at the Alma Block.

JOHN M. BOND & CO. Guelph, 8th January, 1868.

Adjournment of Sale.

ADJOURNED AUCTION SALE OF HARDWARE, Recovered from ruins of late fire in ALMA BLOCK, GUELPH.

In consequence of the severity of the cold, the continuation of the auction sale of Hardware is adjourned till

TUESDAY, 14th INSTANT, When the whole of the Hardware recovered from ruins will be offered for sale.

Consisting in part of Cut Nails, Wrought Nails, Horse Nails, Carriage Bolts and Nuts, Barn Door and T Hinges, Trace Chains, Cow Chains, Halter Chains, Barn Door Rollers, Chopping Axes, Iron Wash Basins, Tin Plates, Butt Hinges, Screws, Files and Rasps, Wagon Axles, Carriage Springs, Spades and Shovels, Manure Forks, Iron Wire, Sods Springs, Iron Bench Screws, Pick Axes, Hay and Straw Knives, Mill, Mule and Cross-cut Saws, &c., &c.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock. H. MULHOLLAND. Guelph, 9th January, 1868.

TUBE PAINTS!

A FULL ASSORTMENT OF ARTISTS' COLOURS, In Tubes, kept constantly on hand At Apothecaries' Hall!

ALEX. B. PETRIE, Chemist and Druggist. Guelph, 7th Jan., 1868.

Another Reduction!

TWO GALLONS PURE WHITE COAL OIL For 25 Cts.

JOHN HORSMAN. Guelph, Jan 8, 1868.

No. 1 Coal Oil.

VERY BEST COAL OIL. At Apothecaries' Hall!

MARKET SQUARE. Fifteen cts. per Gallon

or in Glass Carboys containing Ten Gallons, for \$2.50. ALEX. B. PETRIE, Chemist, Market Square.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

THE OPENING SERVICES OF THE New Congregational Church!

In the Town of Guelph, will (D.V.) be held on Wednesday 15th of January

REV. H. WILKES, D. D.

of Montreal, will preach in the morning at 11 o'clock. Services in the evening to commence at 7 p.m. Collections in aid of the Building Fund will be taken at both services.

There will be a Collection in the Lecture Room on the same day, from 1 to 3 p. m.

TEA MEETING. On the following Tuesday Evening, 21st Jan.

A Tea Meeting will be held in the Church, of which further notice will be given. Guelph, 8th January, 1868.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

CANADIAN National Series of Reading Books, Authorized by the Council of Public Instruction for Ontario. NOW READY FOR DELIVERY.

PRICES: First Book, with 31 illustrations, strongly bound in limp cloth—five cents. First Book, 2nd Part, 54 illustrations, strongly bound in limp cloth—ten cents.

Second Book, 56 illustrations, strongly bound in cloth boards—twenty cents. Third Book, 41 illustrations, strongly bound in cloth boards—thirty cents.

Fourth Book, 45 illustrations, strongly bound in cloth boards—forty cents. Fifth Book, 50 illustrations, strongly bound in cloth boards—fifty cents.

Stocks kept supplied at the lowest Toronto wholesale price for cash only. T. J. DAY, Opposite the Market, Guelph, Guelph, 6th January, 1868.

SPECIAL MEETING

of the Members of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the Co. of Wellington.

At the request of D. Guthrie, Esq., and other members by requisition presented to the President of the Company, a special meeting of the members will be held in the Anglo-American Hotel, Guelph, on

WEDNESDAY, 15th INST., at 1 o'clock, p. m., to take into consideration the loss sustained by Messrs. James Masie & Co., at the late fire in the Alma Block, Guelph.

By order of the President. CHAS. DAVIDSON, Sec. & Treas. Guelph, 4th January, 1868.

News Record, Fergus; Times, Elora; Chronicle, Waterloo; Telegraph, Berlin; Farmers' Friend, Preston, and Volksblatt, New Hamburg, copy in weekly till date, and send in account.

JOHN HARRIS,

CONFECTIONER, and BISCUIT Manufacturer. Wholesale and Retail!

MY Goods are all made of the best material, and under my own supervision, and having no rent to pay, am prepared to offer to

Wholesale Purchasers Goods as cheap, if not cheaper, than any other house in the trade. JOHN HARRIS, Market Square, Guelph, Guelph, 7th Dec., 1867.

OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH.

SMITH & BOTSFORD,

Will sell, during the next six weeks, the balance of THEIR WINTER STOCK AT COST.

Call and see their prices, and be convinced that this is no humbug. ONLY ONE PRICE. SMITH & BOTSFORD, Guelph, 4th January, 1868.

FOR THREE WEEKS CLEARING SALE!

THE GREAT CLEARING SALE AT THE Canada CLOTHING Store

WILL CONTINUE FOR THREE WEEKS LONGER, so as to clear out the balance of the Stock of READY-MADE CLOTHING HATS, CAPS, &c., Which will be sold at COST and UNDER for CASH ONLY.

Parties indebted to me must settle up their accounts immediately, or they will be put in Court for collection. N. CROFT.

GREATEST CHEAP SALE OF THE SEASON. Commencing on MONDAY, the 6th day of JANUARY, 1868. FRASER & HENDERSON. Being desirous to sustain the high reputation which they have acquired during the last ten years, for their being the Cheapest DRY GOODS STORE in Guelph, are now prepared TO SELL THE BALANCE OF THEIR STOCK AT NETT COST! AND IN MANY INSTANCES UNDER COST! FRASER & HENDERSON will not, and shall not be undersold by any, no matter what their pretensions may be, and when they advertise a CHEAP SALE they mean it. Goods will be marked in plain figures, and sold for cash only. NO SECOND PRICE. P.S.—Parties indebted to the Firm will please pay up before the FIRST OF FEBRUARY.

BARGAINS EXTRAORDINARY

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NEW Oyster Rooms

Valentine Wald. BEGS to announce to the public that he has fitted up Oyster Rooms in connection with his Hotel, on MACDONNELL STREET.

The very Best of Oysters always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice. TON and JERRY, and all kinds of Fancy Drinks prepared in the most approved manner. Guelph, 27th December, 1867.

Wool, Hide and Leather DEPOT, No. 4, Day's Old Block, Gorton Street.