

Precedence—Who Goes First?

The Milton *Champion* thus discourses on the absurd "precedence programme" sent out from England to tell green colonial how to walk in processions, enter ball rooms, sit at public dinners, etc.: "It is doubtless a matter of supreme indifference to the vast majority of Canadians (who haven't 'blue blood' coursing through their aristocratic veins, and who may be ranked with that class of humanity replete 'passions') whether or not this table of precedence had ever been laid down or approved by Her Majesty. While we have all the advantages arising from a monarchical form of Government, our constitution is essentially democratic, and the will of the people, from whom all power ultimately springs, is powerful in directing our public men in the discharge of their duties. The repeated and arduous labors of Reformers have severed the unholy alliance between the Church and State; our Universities and public institutions are no longer closed to all but a favored class, and belief in a particular creed is not essential to advancement in public life. Is there then any reason why the hierarchy of one church should take precedence of another, in the Dominion of Canada?"

If not, why should the Archbishops and Bishops be numbered seventh in order, before those who are engaged in making and administering the laws or defending the State from our enemies? Have the Presbyterian bodies no Moderators of the Synods, or the Methodists no Presidents of the Conference, or other denominations no chief officers entitled by their learning, social rank and purity of life to associate with their Lordships, the Archbishops and Bishops? Does the fact of their not belonging to the Church preclude them from occupying as high a place in the Synagogue as their more favored brethren? Although the giving of precedence to one class of ecclesiastics, and ignoring all others, may, *per se*, be a small thing, the principal is one against which we must protest, as an unjustifiable preference and an insult: to a large class of her Majesty's loyal subjects. The Archbishops and Bishops have no legal standing in the State, and the fact of their being ranked in a class higher than others, while they have no official connection with the Government, shows that those who advised the Queen in making such a table, either disregarded the teachings of the past, or were pandering to the Roman Catholic and English Churches while ignoring the rights and feelings of other denominations equally entitled to consideration and respect.

TEMPTING HIS FATE.—Late a seaman named John Brown, belonging to Her Majesty's ship *Duke of Wellington*, met with a frightful accident at Wombwell's menagerie, which is at present exhibiting at Portsmouth, through an act of foolhardiness. He was in company with several of his shipmates, and by way of bravado said he would show them that he was not afraid of lions. He accordingly thrust his right hand through the bars of the lions' cage, when one of the animals sprang forward and seized it in its mouth. The agonized cries of the unfortunate man created a most painful excitement in the menagerie, and it was not until the keepers had beaten the brute off with an iron bar that the hand was released. The back of the hand and the wrist were most horribly lacerated, the flesh having literally been torn off. As soon as he was extricated from the painful position, Brown fainted away.

In 1814 the population of Toronto was 48,420; in 1861, 30,775; in 1869, 60,000. Number of houses in Toronto in 1857 was 7,476, being an increase over 1856 of 601, 2,212 over 1850. Over 13,000 now. Little Mary is ever at her post in the infant class at the Sabbath School. On a recent Sabbath, it had been decided that Adam was the first man, and a question as to who was the first woman had passed two or three of the pupils; but when it came to Mary, she quickly replied:—"Adam's mother I suppose."

On Monday the dry goods merchants of Dundas, in consequence of the action of the Hamilton merchants, came to the conclusion to receive the depreciated silver at par.

A barn near Wellington Square, on the premises of Mrs. Lord, was struck by lightning on Wednesday afternoon and was totally destroyed with its contents, containing wheat, oats and barley.

Mr. Kennedy the celebrated Scottish Vocalist, has been elected an honorary member of the North British Society, of Halifax, a society which has been in existence over one hundred years.

Steam corn cutting machines have cut down enormous quantities of wheat in the south of England during the harvest. In the week ending July 25th a sharp and killing frost occurred in several localities in the neighborhood of Liverpool.

The statue of Lord Clyde, which is to be placed in George square, has arrived in Glasgow. It represents the hero in undress uniform. He stands erect, with one foot advanced—resting his left hand, which grasped a telescope, on the stump of a tree, while his right, hanging by his side, holds an Indian helmet. The statue is in bronze.

COMMERCIAL.

Guelph Markets.

Merchandise Office, GUELPH, August 22, 1868.

Flour, 100 lbs	.....	\$ 3 75
Fall Wheat, 1 bush	.....	1 35
Spring Wheat, 1 bush	.....	1 30
Oats, 1 bush	.....	0 75
Peas, do	.....	0 85
Barley, do	.....	0 85
Hay, 1 ton	.....	12 00
Straw, 1000	.....	4 00
Shingles, 1000	.....	1 50
Wood, 1 cord	.....	3 00
Wool, 100 lbs	.....	0 25
Eggs, 1 dozen	.....	0 11
Butter, (store packed) 1 lb	.....	0 14
do (dairy packed) 1 lb	.....	0 19
Cheese, each	.....	0 25
Turkeys, each	.....	0 50
Chickens, 1 pair	.....	0 20
Ducks, do	.....	0 20
Potatoes (new) per bag	.....	0 30
Apples, 1 barrel	.....	1 50
Lamb, 1 lb	.....	0 08
Beef, 1 lb	.....	0 07
Pork, 1 lb	.....	0 07
Pork, 100 lbs	.....	5 00
Sheep, 100 lbs	.....	5 00
Lambkins	.....	0 50
Hides	.....	6 00

Money Market.

JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE, Guelph, August 22, 1868.
Gold, 144.
Greenbacks, 68 to 69; sold at 69 to 70.
Large silver bought at 6 d; sold at 6.
Small silver bought at 10 d; sold at 11.
Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 60c to 60c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co's report by Special Telegram to 'Evening Mercury'.
MONTREAL, August 22, 1868.
Flour—Fancy, \$5 30 to \$7 00; Superfine No. 1, \$5 75 to \$7 75; Welland Canal, \$6 00. Bag flour, \$3 40 to \$3 50. Oats 40c to 50c. Barley \$1 05 to \$1 15. Butter—dairy 18c to 20c. Store packed 17 to 18c. Ashes—Potash \$5 70 to \$5 80. Pearls \$5 50 to \$5 55.
Flour, small receipts, rates unchanged but purely nominal in the total absence of business. Grain nominal. Provisions steady but quiet. Ashes unchanged.

TORONTO, August 20, 1868.
Flour—Market is very dull; No. 1, at \$6 00 to \$7 25. Fall Wheat—\$1 50. Spring Wheat—\$1 40 to \$1 45. Oats—50c. Barley—\$1 04 to \$1 05. Peas—\$5 50 to \$5 55.

NEW GROCERY STORE! E. O'DONNELL & CO.

Are now opening out a large and well selected stock of **GROCERIES,**
China, Crockery and Glassware!

(In the Store lately occupied by C. & T. Meredith, Wyndham Street.)

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Which they are determined to sell cheaper than any house in the trade. Parties wishing to purchase anything in their line will find it to their advantage to give them a call. As they are determined to

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E. O'DONNELL & CO.

Wyndham Street, Guelph, 7th August, 1868.

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THE success which has attended the Company's operations has been such as fully to realize the most sanguine expectations of the Directors, who have resolved to extend the business more widely, and now offer to the Canadian Public PERFECT SECURITY guaranteed by large subscribed capital and Invested Funds. PROMPT SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS.—The Directors and General Agents, being gentlemen largely engaged in commerce, will take a liberal and business like view of all questions coming before them.

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Volunteers assured in this Company, are permitted, without extra charge, to do duty on the frontier, and to engage in repelling marauding attacks. Eighty per cent of the Profits of the Whole Life and Annuity business are divided among participating Policy Holders. Claims are paid one month after Proof of Death.

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THE subscribers beg to thank their numerous friends and customers for past favors, and beg to inform them that they will continue the business in all its branches. Having re-fitted their machinery, which is the best in the Dominion, they are prepared to do work better and cheaper than any other establishment in the Province. They keep constantly on hand all kinds of

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Guelph, 19th March, 1868. wdm-dw&S

R. & J. STEWART.

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CALEDONIA SPRINGS,

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For further information, please address

A. M. F. GIANELLI, Proprietor, Montreal

Montreal, 30th April

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