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The Wood Slander Case.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the truth of the charge preferred by Mr. M. C. Cameron, that Mr. Wood had been induced by Mr. Blake to resign his position as Treasurer in the late Government, reported on Thursday. The report fully exonerates both the Premier and Mr. Wood from the charge made by Mr. Cameron. Mr. Boulter, a Conservative, was Chairman of the Committee, and he submitted the report, and moved its adoption. But Mr. Cameron objected on a point of order, requiring two days' notice, and so the adoption of the report was laid over.

In this as in every stage of the investigation, Mr. Cameron has pursued a most contemptible course, and one unworthy of his position as leader of the Opposition. It was he who first preferred the charge. It was he who brought it before the House, and demanded an inquiry. But when he found that the Government, instead of trying to stifle that inquiry, was most anxious for it, he tried by various shifts to get clear of the responsibility, and that failing, he then on a most flimsy pretext refused to attend the committee meetings, and coward-like backed out of his accusation after having made it. The inquiry, however, went on without him, and it was not until the 15th inst. that he was brought to the bar. Not a single piece of evidence could be brought to show that the accusation had any foundation in fact, and the committee unanimously came to the conclusion to accept the positive and unqualified contradiction of the gentlemen accused. Yet Mr. Cameron had not even the courtesy and manliness to allow the report to pass unchallenged, but true to his instincts he quibbled and objected, and so its adoption was delayed for two days. What a miserable, despicable trick! His little, narrow soul would not allow him to own to his mistake, and frankly accept the denial, but he must fight it out to the end, himself being the only one to oppose it. Truly the Opposition are to be pitied for having such a leader—a leader, however, only in name, for no one will follow him through his dirty, vicious ways.

Ontario Legislature.

Feb. 15. Among the petitions presented was one from W. T. Dlyth and others, of Garafraxa, praying for certain restrictions in the sale of spirituous liquors. There were 15 other petitions presented from different parts of the country, praying for the same.

Dr. Boulter, chairman of the committee appointed to investigate the circumstances connected with the resignation of the late Treasurer, presented the report of the committee. He moved the adoption of the report. The report will be found in another column.

The motion was ruled out of order, as two days notice had to be given.

Among the Bills read a third time are the following:—

Respecting the establishment of registry offices in ridings, and to amend the registration of Bills (Ontario) Act.

To amend an Act of the Province of Ontario, intitled, "An Act to amend the Agricultural and Arts Act."

To consolidate and amend the laws for the protection of game and fur-bearing animals in Ontario.

The House went into Committee of Supply, when the items for Speaker's salary, grant for Colonization roads, administration of justice, public works and buildings, Agricultural College, Technological College and the other items were carried.

The committee then rose and reported the adoption of the resolutions. Report to be received to-morrow.

The Toronto Fire.

Further Particulars.

With the exception of the three western stores the whole row is completely destroyed, and only two storeys of the eastern one of the former yet remain standing. The stores on the extreme western end of the block, that occupied by Mr. Stanton, is almost uninjured, and Mr. Stanton expects to have a full stock in it again early next week. The next store, which was occupied by Messrs Fisher & Sons, is not injured by fire except at the eastern side of the roof, where it connected with the store adjoining it on that side; it is, however, flooded with water. Messrs Fisher & Sons are expected to move back into it in a very short time. The front of the store which was occupied by Messrs John Robertson, Son & Co.—the fourth from the western end of the block, is only held up by its connection with the adjoining store on the western side of it, the upper portion of the other side of the front hangs out over the street and threatens to fall at any moment. Large sections of the party walls between the other stores fell during the progress of the fire, and portions of others that still remain standing are leaning over three or four degrees from the perpendicular. While the flames were blazing most fiercely at the eastern end of the block, a portion of the outer wall at that end fell over on the Custom House, and two or three tons weight of bricks descended through the roof of that structure into the rooms of Mr. J. E. Smith, the Collector. The floors of those apartments and the ceiling beneath gave way under the immense weight, but not enough to let the bricks down into the rooms below. In its fall the piece of the wall also knocked off the top of the Custom House vault. About five o'clock on Thursday evening, the fire, which had been smouldering among the debris in the basement of one of the buildings, a little to the westward of the centre of the block, broke out into flames again. The Berkeley street engine was consequently sent for, and poured water on that portion of the rains for about an hour and a half; at the end of which time the fire was apparently completely extinguished.

Concert at Aberfoyle.

The charity concert last (Thursday) evening, at Aberfoyle, was a grand success, and reflects much credit on the committee of management. The large Hall was filled with a most respectable audience. Mrs. Budd, with her usual good taste, presided at the piano. Miss Leslie, of Paulinch, sang "Nothing else to do," "I have lost my love now," &c.; Miss Jennie Fraser, "The march of the Cameron men," &c.; Miss Black, "The lover and the bird," Miss Johnston, "Her bright smile haunts me still." Their songs had a most happy effect, and they were respectively encored several times. Messrs. W. and E. Black gave a comic duet, and contributed much to the evening's entertainment. Mr. D. McFarlane sang "Castles in the air," &c., most admirably. Conspicuous among the rest was Mr. T. H. Taylor, who sang "Barney Mavournean," &c. The man that couldn't get warm, and several others, with his usual good taste and humour. He threw his soul into his songs, which had the effect of bringing down the house with thunders of applause. He was also encored several times. Mr. J. P. McMillan entertained the audience by a very amusing account given by a man from the country that went to Edinburg, and went into a place where there were seven pipers in one room, playing at one time, and each his own tune. This man thought it the most heavenly music he ever heard. Before leaving the stage Mr. McMillan gave them "Alister McAlister," and imitated the Bag Pipes much to the amusement of his listeners.

A social dance followed, and a large attendance of young people remained until an early hour in the morning.

Mistakes of the Types.

The amusement afforded by ludicrous typographical errors will be inexhaustible while printers are fallible and editors write with absolute indifference to legibility. One of the most astonishing blunders of this kind was committed some years ago in the Bulletin. The writer who had cautioned his readers against "casting their pearls before swine," was amazed and grieved to perceive that the compositor had printed the public against "carting their pills before sunrise." This was corrected in the proof; but the reporter who declared that a certain new store had "sixty fancy windows," was even more indignant than the storekeeper, when he saw in his paper the statement that the establishment contained "sixty faded windows."

The poets suffer most deeply. Nothing could be worse, for instance, than the misery of the bard who asserted, in his copy, that he "kissed her under the silent stars," only to find that the compositor compelled him to "kick her under the cellar stairs." A certain Jenkins also, was the victim of an aggravated assault, because when, in his report of a wedding, he declared that "the bride was accompanied to the altar by eight bridesmaids," the types made it that "the bride was accompanied to the altar by eight bridesmaids." These things are peculiarly unpleasant when they occur in remarks upon death; as in the case of the editor who, while writing a sympathetic paragraph, observed that "Mr. Smith could hardly bear the loss of his wife," only to find that the printer had made it, "Mr. Smith could hardly bear such a loss of a wife."

S. W. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The Directors of this Society met at the Queen's Hotel on Thursday afternoon to receive the report of the Prize List Committee, which had devoted a day and a half previously to the earnest consideration of the various items comprised therein and the premiums offered. In the main the Directors adopted the Prize List as thus revised, which will be found to have removed many anomalies in the amount of premiums previously offered for respective articles or animals, as well as in the classification of the same. The President—Mr. James Laidlaw—tendered on behalf of the Messrs. Hall, either an offer of \$800 in full satisfaction of all demands against the Society, reserving \$100 until the completion of the contract; or an offer to leave the matter to the arbitration of Messrs. Bond, of Guelph, and Hutchinson Clarke, of Hamilton. After fully considering the matter the Directors resolved to close with the first offer and instructed the Secretary to communicate the fact to Messrs. Hall. A Printing Committee was appointed with the view of having the required printing tendered for; it being understood that the successful tenderer should have the privilege of inserting advertisements in connection with the Prize List. Mr. L. Parkinson mooted the question of payment for all stalls, and although no definite decision was come to on the point, there was evidently a strong feeling existing that all the stalls should be free. It was agreed that circulars should be sent to the various manufacturers, &c., soliciting their practical assistance in a somewhat similar shape as was granted last year.

SANDFIELD IN A NEW ROLE.—It has leaked out that Mr. Sandfield Macdonald has recently been employing his valuable time in drumming up stockholders for the new Conservative paper in Toronto, and for that purpose has visited Montreal, where he succeeded in bagging Sir Hugh Allan, Mr. King, of the Bank of Montreal, and Mr. Brydges. While wishing the new enterprise every fair success—which can in no case be very brilliant, as Ontario newspaper readers number three reformers for every Conservative—we cannot but express some surprise at the nature of the work which the "life-long reformer" is setting himself to. He never lost an opportunity of asserting his independence of Ottawa, but his acts, whilst Premier, and his present conduct in assisting to launch a newspaper which is to try and stem the adverse course next summer, show how false were his words. It is a forlorn hope, however, which the new journal is about to lead, for all the king's horses and the king's men can't lumpy-dumpy in his place again in this Province.—Kingston Whip.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the shareholders of the Dominion Telegraph Co., was held in Toronto on Wednesday. A report by the Directors was submitted to the meeting. No information is given in this report as to the financial position of the concern, or its profits during the past year; but the shareholders, notwithstanding adopted the document, and spoke in the warmest terms of the condition and prospects of the Company. It appears that the subscribed capital stock of the Company is now \$264,000; that the pole mileage extends to 1,176; and that there are 83 offices now open in Ontario. The Directors speak with strong confidence of the success the Company has achieved.

THE annual meeting of the shareholders of the Northern Railway was held in Toronto on Wednesday, when a very gratifying report was made by the Directors. The traffic and receipts of the road are rapidly increasing, and consequently the utmost satisfaction was expressed by all parties with the company's steady progress.

The Privy Council met again on Thursday morning. Mr. Dwight, of the Montreal Telegraph Company, was called. He testified that no member of the Government had sent any telegram to Lewis, or to any other person respecting Lewis. J. A. Kerr had sent a telegram to Oliver, but he declined to disclose the contents of any telegram, because it was contrary to the rules of the Company.

MARRIED.

DICKSON—AMOS.—At the residence of the bride's father, Paisley Block, by the Rev. Robt. Torrance, on the 15th inst. Mr. Richard Dickson, of the Township of Nichol, to Miss Jane, second daughter of John Amos, Esq.

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PINK AND WHITE TYRANNY

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John A. was sired by Sampson out of Swindon L. by 2nd Duke of Gloucester; dam Sniper L. out of Hobtail L. by Tim Whiffler. W. A. BOOKLESS, Royal Hotel, Guelph, Dec. 6, 1871. Proprietor. dw

AUCTION SALE OF FARM STOCK AND IMPLEMENTS.

The undersigned is instructed by Mr. G. H. Carter, to sell by Auction at his residence, George Farm, York Road, 2 1/2 miles East of Guelph, on WEDNESDAY, 6th of MARCH, the whole of his Stock and Implements, the farm being rented, viz.: Two excellent horses, 5 years old, one fine horse 6 years old, one mare eight years old, seven good cows, in calf to a thorough-bred bull, mostly young and some of them well-bred; one two year old heifer and eight calves; 3 fat cattle which will be sold for cash; 13 sheep, one Cotswold ram, one breeding sow. Implements.—One wagon nearly new, one good iron plough, one iron beam plough, one cultivator, two pairs of barrows, one roller, one scythe, one stone-boat, one pair of bob-sleighs, one long sleigh, one good horse-rake, turnip cutter, whipple-trees, neck yokes, two sets of long tug harness, log chains, cattle chains, trace chains, hay racks, barn shovel, hay knife, forks, &c., also a Good horse-power Cutting Box and Thrasher. Terms.—All sums of \$10 and under cash; over that amount, twelve months credit on approved notes. Sale to commence at 11 o'clock. W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer. Guelph, Feb. 14th, 1872.

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HORSES, SHEEP, COWS, PIGS, &c.

Feed with the YORKSHIRE CATTLE FEEDER fattens in one-fourth the usual time, consequently a great amount of food is saved. It is highly recommended by the Professors of the Veterinary Colleges of Great Britain, and is held in high reputation by first-class breeders of Stock throughout Europe and Canada. It is a remedy of renowned worth, possessed of PURELY VEGETABLE EXTRACTS.

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F. PREST, Guelph, Feb. 7, 1872. dw

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1872

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