

THE DOMINION TELEGRAPH.

Every person who reads a newspaper, and many who do not, are aware that a new telegraph company has been formed under the name and title of the Dominion Telegraph Company, that their line is in course of construction and being pushed ahead rapidly, and that their openly avowed intention is to break down the monopoly now enjoyed by the Montreal Telegraph Company. In the sincerity and integrity of the former corporation the people of Canada are particularly interested. They are making their calculations for extending telegraph privileges to places that have had to depend upon the mails hitherto for communication with the rest of the world, and they are asking in return that their inhabitants, as well as those of every city, town or village through which the line passes, shall take stock of the Company. So far they have met with success, equal, we understand, to their most sanguine expectations. Stock has been subscribed liberally, the company showed, and are still showing, their intention of carrying out their part of the agreement bona fide, and nothing transpired to disturb the trust which the people reposed in the Company until a few days ago. Some warnings might be uttered, a few might express their belief that because other organizations of a similar nature had been started and then sold out, in short, because there never had been anything in the way of telegraph in Canada but monopoly, that there never could be. No one paid any serious attention to these utterances of mere suspicion, but at length, a long list of specific charges appeared in the Trade Review, of Montreal, and as these, whether true or false, were at least direct and tangible, they demanded the consideration of those who were stockholders in the new enterprise. It would be at present useless, because impossible, to attempt to determine their veracity or falsity, and merely remarking that the article referred to created suspicion of the motives which dictated it by the bitterness of its language, and its entirely unbecoming animosity toward the new company, we will present a brief summary of the charges in the Review, and of the reply thereto as made by the General Superintendent, Mr. Martin Ryan, in the Advertiser, which had previously re-published the article.

The accusations made against the new Dominion Telegraph Company are, that its organization is the result of a huge speculation on the part of one Joseph T. Snow, of Brooklyn, N. Y. who came to Canada in 1852 for the purpose of "promoting" what was then known as the Grand Trunk Telegraph Company, and who having disposed of a large amount of stock, and built a portion of the line in a very insufficient manner in order to enable him to make a call on the stockholders, left for the States taking a large amount of money with him. This line eventually fell into the hands of the Montreal Company having been sold to them by Mr. Weller, Colongue as old wire. The deduction drawn from this is, that Mr. Snow being again engaged in "promoting" this enterprise will collapse like the former one. But further it is asserted, that his name not being likely to create confidence it is carefully kept out of the Prospectus, and that two relatives of his by the name of Reeve are the parties sent thither to "engineer" the affair, while he unseen directs their movements; that Snow met with "one Martin Ryan, in Chicago, on his way from Guelph to some place out west where he is less known and engaged him to return to Canada to aid in working the oracle." The article goes on to detail how the men referred to managed to draw in Mr. Cayley, "a worn out politician, respectable, but very needy" who caught at "chances of employment and remuneration as President"; and in reference to the connection of Messrs Moffat, McMurich, and a number of other prominent Toronto and Hamilton men, asks if they know any thing about the character of the men who are manipulating them for their own purposes? The Review admits, however, that the scheme has thus far met with success; that a large amount of stock has been subscribed; that \$30,000 had been subscribed in Quebec; that the chances are that the line will be built and a good thing made by some one; that Reeve, the Secretary, had already boasted that they would make \$200,000 by the operation; concluding by saying, that the Directors owe to the public, and especially to the shareholders, to exercise more than ordinary vigilance, and if the work is to go on, (which it is clear the Review has no desire to see), to call to their aid men of reliability and practical knowledge; as unless they do so, their capital will be sunk in the same way as that of the G. T. line in 1854.

Such are the accusations brought with an evident desire to crush the incipient life of the new Company. *Adi uterum partem*, Mr. Ryan replies through the Advertiser, that because it re-published the article containing reflections upon his character, and second because he had a particular desire to vindicate his integrity in a place where he was so well known. He says the charges and statements will be met in the proper time by the Directors of the Company; they do not shrink from the discussion and ventilation of their affairs, and are convinced that the more its policy becomes known the worse it will be for the Montreal Co. The article in the Review, he asserts, was got up by the agents of the present telegraph monopoly in Toronto, and 5,000 copies were sent free by express to all their operators throughout Canada for distribution among business men in order to prejudice their minds against supporting the new Company. He then enters into an argument to show that at the time the Grand Trunk telegraph line was undertaken it could not pay, there not being business enough to support two Companies; then the Montreal Co. had but one wire through Canada, now they

have from three to seven to every point all being fully occupied, and Mr. Ryan could name one office which receives more in one year now than all the offices on the line started. Another cause of the failure of the latter enterprise was the Company's keeping the small offices themselves, with large attendant expenses, instead of placing them in a book or drug store or post office, and allowing so much per message to the operator. The success of the Guelph and Walkerton line is cited as an example of the success which may follow proper management even when villages only are touched. There are six offices on it besides Guelph, namely, Elora, Fergus, Arthur, Mount Forest, Denham and Walkerton, and it yields a clear profit of \$12,000 a year, or 40 per cent. on the cost of construction. It is asserted, moreover, that all the recent improvements in telegraphy have been brought into requisition by the Dominion Company, and that the equipments of the line will be in every respect superior to that of the Montreal Company's. Snow's connection with the enterprise in any manner is most emphatically denied, as also the story that he and Mr. Reeve are relations. The latter gentleman is said to be possessed of great ability and practical experience, and these it was that won for him the position he at present occupies. Mr. Ryan then enters into a refutation of the allusions in the Review's article personal to himself, and concludes as follows: "The whole subject will be exposed in another manner, when the public will have an opportunity of judging of the efforts made by the present telegraph monopoly to crush one of the most legitimate and beneficial enterprises to the business men of Canada, which has been started for many years."

Such are the charges, such the vindication; time will throw light on the subject, and render certain what is now problematical.

CATTLE STEALING.—A man named Jas. Gibson was committed to gaol here yesterday, by three of the Elora magistrates on a charge of being implicated with Fladd, of Salem, in the theft of a steer from Joel Boyle, of Peel, in August last.

BARON DE CAMIN.—This illustrious individual, who recently enlightened the people here on church matters, has departed for other fields of labor, but neglected to mention his destination to a few solicitous friends in this city, and in Guelph. Considering the benefits of the Baron's high moral teachings, it is hardly probable that any person could be so wordily-minded as to urge his fulfillment of any pecuniary obligations.

SERIOUS RESULT OF CARELESS DRIVING.—This (Tuesday) morning a severe accident befell Mrs. Martin, of Elora, as she was driving into Guelph in company with her husband. It appears that in consequence of the roughness of the roads Mr. Martin, who was bringing a load of sheepskins to town on a light wagon, had got out to walk, leaving his wife to drive. When a little way above Mr. Mays' house they met on the bridge there a span of horses and a lumber wagon. Mrs. Martin drew up close to the railing of the bridge on her own side, but this was not sufficient for the culpably careless driver of the heavy team, who ran against the light wagon, throwing Mrs. Martin out on the railing, and cutting the side of her head and forehead so that the skin hung down on her cheek. The fellow who gave his name as Fraser, from Puslinch, paid but very little attention to the mischief he had wrought, but drove on indifferently. He may be led to think more seriously of it.

THE PANIC EXTENDING IN THE EASTERN PROVINCES.—The financial panic in New Brunswick is extending to the adjoining Provinces. Summerside (Prince Edward Island) Bank has suspended. The directors of all banks among the people of the adjoining Provinces is throwing large quantities of the paper of Nova Scotia banks, especially those outside of Halifax, back into the Province. All the Nova Scotia banks are considered sound.

John McDevitt, the Chicago billiard champion, was arrested there the other day, charged with cheating an insane man named Baker out of \$400 at the game of faro.

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Just Received by the subscribers and arriving
1000 Barrels Coderich Salt,
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Which they are prepared to sell at LOW RATES to the Trade.
ROBINS & TOLTON.
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Wanted, a tailor for a country store. Must be a good cutter, and be able to conduct the custom business. Apply on Wednesday the 24th from 11 till 2 P. M. to Thomas Whitehead, at Hogg's Dry Goods store.
Guelph, Nov. 23. d2

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Guelph, November 23. d1f

CAUTION TO THE PUBLIC.
Notice is hereby given that from and after this date the subscriber will not be responsible for any debts contracted in his name, without his written order and signature attached.
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Guelph, Nov. 12. do 1f

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JOHN AMOS.
Lot 6, 4th Con. Div. B, Guelph Township.
Guelph, Nov. 23. d2wtd

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FOR THE

Auction Sale of Books
&c. &c. &c.
At M. Shewan's Old Stand,
WYNDHAM STREET.
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Guelph, Nov. 12. do 1f

Executors' Notice.
ALL parties having claims against the estate of the late Dr. THOMAS PARKER, of Guelph, are required to present the same forthwith for adjustment, and all parties indebted to said estate to make payment to the undersigned.
GEORGE ELLIOTT,
NATHANIEL HIGGINBOTHAM,
EDWARD BLAKE, Executors.
Guelph, Nov. 6. dwtf

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A good Factory for sale or to let. Apply to
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November 19. daw 1f

SPEED LODGE, GUELPH.
An Emergency meeting of Speed Lodge, No. 180, A. F. and A. M., will be held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 24th, at half-past seven o'clock.
JOHN CRIDFORD, Secretary.

CLOTHES CLEANED.
Any person wishing their coats, pants or vests, or hats, &c. cleaned on short notice, would do well to give the subscriber a call. Washing also done. Can be found at Coulson's Hotel, Guelph.
Guelph, Nov. 18. do 6t

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MISS HARRISON, next to Mr. Roman's.
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GEO. SLEEMAN, daw 1f
Guelph, Nov. 20.

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Guelph October 31st. daw

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Guelph, 14th Nov. dw

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Guelph, October 23.

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