### Buelph Evening Mercury

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INTERNATIONAL COPYRIGHT.

Great men have their special griev nces as well as little men, and the author who counts the remuneration for his labours by thousands of dollars, or it may be, pounds, often thinks he has as much cause for being querulous as the more humble individual who gives to his readers a leading article, or a local paragraph (the best he has got) and finds some time afterwards, that a cotemporary has copied them without giving "the usual credit." Of course, authors of books have an advantage; they can secure their copyright so that they shall be chief partakers of the benefits which may accrue from publication in their own country; something which it would the climax of absurdity for writers whose articles live but a day to think of. No publisher in Britain, for instance, would dare to bring out a new work by a British author unless a special agreement had been entered into; but the price of a copy, part of which must go to the original publisher, is all that the English writer of any work can claim from any publisher in America, unless a sense of honour should prompt him to give more. If it did. what he gave might then assume the name of generosity, since there is no law that binds him to disburse a sin gle penny for the privilege of publish-A few years ago it was a matter of but slight importance to American authors that there was no internation al copyright law on any of the Statute books; they lost little or nothing, bethere were but few of their works deemed worthy of republication on the other side of the Atlantic. Before "Uncle Tom's Cabin" created a world-wide sensation writers in Britain alone were reasonable complainants, but the immense popularity of that work caused edition after edition to be issued, not only in England, but in the written language of every Eu-ropean country and the authoress derived no pecuniary benefit beyond what she received from the American publishers. The United States boast of, at least, one true poet, Longfellow His poetry, though of a peculiar order, and his verse, though of a peculiar measure, is much admired by many readers. His poems have been republished in England for the last thenty years, and we are assured on good authority, that had an international copyright treaty been in force between the two nations, Longfellow would have been the richer by forty

thousand pounds sterling. It is, in plain terms, folly in one sense of that word, for any American ablishing house to give a writer on the other side of the Atlantic anything for his copyright. The large houses will not, and the smaller ones need not do it. For, suppose that one of the minor publishing firms paid an anthor for advance sheets of a work that was likely to live long, and be in the sublime simplicity of this prayer, active demand, what would they gain? which far excels in comprehensivenes Nothing, for perhaps the Harpers' and suppliant eloquence anything that would be down on them for a departure the tongue of man every uttered, would ture from the common practice of literary piracy, and probably in twentyfour hours after the issue of the first

American edition, a second would
make its appearance at such a low
rate that the sale of the first would be
effectually destroyed. It is evident,

From evil shield us by thy hand; then, that so long as the autocrats of publishing houses regard money paid.

From evil shield us by thy hand;
Now and for ever unto Thee,
Thy kingdom, power and glory be.
Amen. to foreign authors as money thrown away, that these unfortunate devotees of literature will have to be content with such compensation as they receive in their own countries. loud complaints, since as we have before observed, it is but lately, that any of their books have been honoured by republication. Not so with English authors, however; and perhaps none paragraph: "The extraordinary mania of of them has been a greater sufferer a certain class of Englishmen for acquir-than Dickens, since works of fiction ing souvenirs has been frequently comare so extremely popular in the States, mented on; and it has by some been sup and among them none more so than posed to seize them only when they assume the shape of tourists, and descend the writings of the great novelist. He wrote to the Tribune a short time ago, and said that an international copyright would have "made him a man of very large fortune," whereas in the absence of such a treaty he has accumulated only "moderate savings." "It is an ill wind that blows good to mobody," we are all aware, and what is a less to the author is a gain to the public, since the works of English authors in many cases can be bought in America much cheaper than they can be Britain, notwithstanding the low price of labour there. and said that an international copy-

what we have already given we publish the following as officially reported in the Graette on the 30th Sept.

Bank of Montreal, authorized capital, \$6,000,000; paid up, \$6,000,000; Babillities, \$12,229,146.25; assets, \$19,957.040.

15. Quebec Bank, authorized capital, \$3,000,000; paid up, \$1,476,750; total liabilities, \$1,935,486.40; assets, \$8,636,490.05. City Bank, authorized capital, \$1,200,000; paid up, \$1,200,000; total liabilities, \$1,436,094.78; total assets, \$2,283,443.99. Bank of British North America, authorized capital, \$4,866,666; total liabilities, \$4,936,004; total assets, \$2,920,487. Banque deu Peuple, authorized capital, \$1,600,000, paid up \$1,000,000, total liabilities \$656,465.65; total assets, \$2,437,247.44. Niagara District Bank, authorized capital \$400,000, paid up \$879,608.37, total liabilities \$490,880.12; total assets \$795,509.54. Molson's Bank, authorized capital \$1,000,000, paid up \$879,609.00, total liabilities \$490,880.12; total assets \$2,103,524.68. Bank of Toronto, authorized capital \$2,000,000, paid up \$80,000, total liabilities \$4,753,230.05; total assets \$3,840,556.42. Ontario Bank, authorized capital \$2,000,000, paid up \$1,000,000, paid up \$899,000, total liabilities \$3,268,961.70; total assets \$5,551,541.38. Eastern Township Bank, authorized capital \$400,000, paid up \$899,037, total liabilities \$3,268,961.70; total assets \$4,948,000, total liabilities \$3,268,961.70; total assets \$4,948,000, total liabilities \$3,268,961.70; total assets \$4,948,000, total liabilities \$3,268,061.70; total assets \$4,948,000,000, paid up \$1,000,000, total liabilities \$63,835.11; total assets \$4,948,000,000, paid up \$74,000,000, paid up \$784,012.95; total liabilities \$63,835.11; total assets \$4,1478,982.76. Mechanics' Bank, capital \$1,000,000, paid up \$744,000,000, paid up \$784,000,000, paid up \$784,000,00

Starvation in Labrador.

A letter from Labrador says:—You heard last month of the utter failure of the codfishery, from this place far to the westward. Hope was then left that the herring fishery would meet and supply the great want of the people, scattered for more than two hundred miles along the coast—but that, too, has failed. Vessels which went farther north returned well laden, and the people in this vicinity have done quite well; but the westward waters have yielded nothing. The people have done all they could.—Having barely sufficient to keep them from day to day, they have felt keenly the pangs of hunger, and have striven with all their might to keep from their doors starvation; but now it stares them in the face. They have nothing; there is nothing left on the coast this year by the fishermen or traders. There is only one way left—government must send relief, if not, starvation is inevitable.

"Starvation!" The word has a terrible sound to our ears, because we see what it means; but, as I write it, I realize that it means; but, as I write it, I realize that it means; but, as I write it, I realize that it means; but, as I write it, I realize that it means; but, as I write it, I realize that it means is out as a three with the luxures and comforts of life. But, can it be possible that it will be, to those who should assist us, so utterly meaningless that we shall look in vain for assistance until the ice and snow has so piled about us that all hopes shall be lost, knowing that, until the summer shall come again, we are shut away fromgall the world? May He in whose hands are the hearts of all men lead our rulers to devise speedy and liberal means for our relief. I think not less in whose hands are the hearts of all men lead our rulers to devise speedy and liberal means for our relief. I think not less than two hundred barrels of cheap flour, wheat, rye, or commeal should be sent at once, with a proportionate quantity of peas or beans. It should be consigned to once, with a proportionate quantity peas or beans. It should be consigned to Rev. Mr. Wainright and Rev. Mr Butler, at St. Augustine and Salmon Bay. Justiy two-thirds of the amount should be sent to the latter place, as that proportion of the people are settled near that point.

PARAPHRASE OF THE LORD'S P :AYER The following paraphrase of the Lord's prayer has been set to music in England. The rhymer has accomplished his task well; that is, he has not found it necessary to omit any of the text, nor to add much in order to turn the prose into verse. Anything that would detract from give an unjust idea of its unpretendin grandeur :

Since the failure of the Commercial Bank, the merchants of Belleville have met, and decided to take immediate steps to induce some good banking instiwould ill become Americans to make tution to open a branch in that town. A deputation was appointed to negotiate with some of the leading banks for that purpose.

The Pall Mall Gazette has this upon the museums and galleries of foreign lands. A correspondent, however, informs us of a circumstance which, if true, goes to prove that the malady is indigenous. The proprietors of the hop-garden at Alton, in which a child was murdered in a most barbarous and there fore most interesting way lately, have been forced to pick the hops when only half ripe, on account of the quantities carried away by visitors as mementoes of

the crime.'

Mr. Bouner and his Contributors.

The position and character of Mr. Robert Bonner have never been proporly understood. It is true he is universally known as the publisher of the most popular literary sheet in the world, but this is by no means the point of greatness. His genius consists in the magnetic power with which he leads the mighty intellects of the age in his frain. His power is not gold, although Mr. Bonner pays fabulous prices. It is the tribute which genius commands from the great. Mr. Bonner now sits on a throne to which the finest intellects of the day do homage. No one can be intimate with or even look upon his expansive brow without this consciousness. He commenced life in the office of the "Hartford Courant," where he earned his first few dollars at the compositor's case. He now has an income of \$200,000. Mr. Bonner has paid more for advertising than any publisher in the world, and by thus using the columns of the press as his forces he has subjugated the reading community. Had Mr. Bonner applied himself to any other branch his success would heen equal. He would have been a rival of George Law or Cornelius Vanderbilt had he adopted their line of operations; but instead of ships or railway stocks he has made himself felt in the intellectual world instead of the low sphere of money. During a recent interview with Mr. Bonner he informed us that of the first issue of Beecher's story \$55,000 copies were printed, and that 20,000 more were subjected the most popular story in the world, of which, in the course of twenty veers \$200,000 expies have been a triver of twenty veers \$200,000 expies have been a triver of twenty veers \$200,000 expies have been a triver of twenty veers \$200,000 expies have been a triver of twenty veers \$200,000 expies have been a triver of twenty veers \$200,000 expies were printed, of which, in the course of twenty instead. strips "Uncle Tom's Cabin," hitherto considered the most popular story in the world, of which, in the course of twenty years 300,000 copies have been issued Mr. Bonner is now putting up a new freproof building for the "New York Ledger" at an expense of 216,000. What is more, he can, at the present success of the "Ledger," put up such a building every year. Starting a journeyman printer, he is now a millionaire. From ten dollars a week at the case his income has run up to four thousand dollars a ten dollars a week at the case his income has run up to four thousand dollars a week the year round. Mr. Bonner has paid more money to authors than any other publisher in the world, and, by a corresponding success, now outranks all others in the magnitude of his profits. Is this chance, or is it the proof of natural greatness.?—Rochester Democrat.

High Price for a Ram.—At Mr. Brydon's biennial sale of Cheviot rams, which took place at Battock, Scotland, under the presidency of Mr. Oliver, when the four-year old rams came to be sold, Craigfatrick, a splendid fat sheep, realized the large sum of 185 guineas." The first bid which was offered for him was only £10, but he quickly rose to 100 guineas, after which the competition was confined to Mr. Miller, Drownreay, Caithness-shire, and Mr. Johnson Capplegill. Mr. Johnston bade 180 guineas amid the applause of those surrounding the ring; but Mr. Miller, who evidently was anxious to secure Craigfatrick, dropped other five, and Mr. Johnson declined to go further, Mr. Miller secured the animal at the highest price ever paid for a ram in Scotland.

in Sc otland.

New Zealand.—Sir George Grey has been superseded in the Government of New Zealand, and will leave for England as soon as his successor arrives. All the Imperial troops have been finally removed from New Zealand, and the colonists have to depend upon the volunteers for protection against the Maories who are still somewhat troublesome. The yield of gold is unprecedently good in all the New Zealand gold fields except in the Thames diggings, where the miners have not been fortunate. In the Grey and Hokitaka diggings the gold seekers have been doing remarkably well.

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