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The Panama Canal.

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The Hon. Caleb Cushing has just megotiated with the United States of Colombia for the construction of a ship canal across the Isthmus of Paname Canal across the Isthmus of Paname Tanal across the Isthm

colombia for the construction of a ship canal across the Isthmus of Panama, or Darien, as it is sometimes called. The project of a canal across the little neck of land that separates the Atlantic and Pacific oceans is about three hundred and fifty years old. In the days of Pizarro and Cortex the immense advantages which must follow the cutting away of this barrier were soon perceived, how it. must follow the cutting away of this barrier were soon perceived; how it would give the Spanish adventurers access to the wealth of the Indies and control of both the rich coasts of the American Continents. The isthmus is not more than forty miles wide, the odds heing about 7 to 4 in her favor. There is a respect to the control of the results of the results of the control of the results of the control of the results of the and yet for those forty miles the treasure-laden galleons had to coast along both sides of a great continent and risk the perils of the stormy Cape

There is a prospect of the erection of a brill Shed in Mount Forest at last. Not before time. But when the plucky little village does go to work, it will put up a good one, we feel sure.

With the perils of the stormy Cape Horn. Flemish engineers were sent out by the King of Spain to explore the isthmus for a preper route; but they encountered in space of the space of the rejection of the Alabama treaty by the United States Senate. the isthmus for a preper route; but they encountered insuperable difficulties, and the canal project was abandoned. In the present century the governments of New Granada, France and Great Britain, have taken up the work, but eventually gave up the unvolves. doned. In the present century the governments of New Granada, France and Great Britain, have taken up the work, but eventually gave up the undertaking. The United States, too, have devoted to it considerable pains, and, there are many of our readers who are familiar with the history of the American survey under Lt. Strain, and the disastrous results which ensued to the gallant, party in the tanthe American survey under Lt. Strain, and the disastrous results which ensued to the gallant party in the tangled and dangerous forests of that section of country. The interior of this narrow strip of land is so absolutely unknown that the surveyor must examine nearly every foot of ground in person; there are few records of previous scientific exploration to guide him. The building of a canal embraces natural obstacles which it—will require the genius of superior engigineers to overcome, obstacles so great that it has been repeatedly sought to avoid them by the choice of long and tortuous routes through the peninsula of Central America. Right through the isthmus runs the mountain chain which connects the great ranges on the Northern and Southern Pacific coasts. To cross this range with a ship canal involves a tremendous system of locks, cuttings, and enormous tuanels, high enough and wide enough for the passage of large ocean vossels, and locks require feeders which at high levels it is difficult to find. Money and perseverance may, however, overcome these obstacles

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The New York Tribme estimates that the saving in money to the trade of the world by the opening of this canal will be annually nearly \$50,000.000, and the saving to the United States no less than \$36,000,000. The saving in distance in the voyage from New York to Calcutta will be 4,000 miles; from New York to Manghai, 9,600 miles. The immense importance of such an undertaking as a Pannum ship canal may therefore be easily realised.

Chown Lands.—In the last

CROWN LANDS.—In the last session of the County Council of Bruce, it was moved that whereas all pine, elm and oak timber, on the lands in the county, under the agency of the Crown Land agent, is being seized by the order of the Hon. the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and held subject to timber dues and all expenses incurred in carrying out said order of the Crown Land Department. Resolves, that the Warden and Clerk do, in behalf of the Corporation, memorialize the Hon. the Commissioner of Ccown Lands, praying that said order may not be enforced, so far as the actual settler is concerned, and that the pine timber be not sold to any individual or individuals reindividuals or individuals or individuals or individuals or individuals or individuals or individuals can be seen till MONDAY, 8th March, for the Joinery, Plastering and Painting, required in Knox's Church any individuals or in

TREATIES WITH ENGLAND.—The U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, on Thursday agreed to recommend to the fayorable notice of that body the Naturalization Treaty made with England; also the treaty leaving to the Government of Switzerland the arbitration of the San Juan Island dispute between the United States and Great Britain. The Committee came to an unanimous con clusion to recommend to the Senate the rejection of the Alabama claims treaty with England. An effort will be made to morrow to go into executive session to consider these reports of the Committee.

THE BURDELL MURRER.—Many of our readers will remember the integer inter-

The interest evinced by the gentler sex in the affairs of the sterner was strikingly illustrated in Camden Church, Peckham, on Sunday lest, when the Rev. J. Fleming preached a "sermon to young men" on their duties, dangers, &c. Strange to say, the church was crowded with young women. The text chosen was, "The glory of a young man is his strength."

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FRIDAY

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MARRIAGES.

FARMER- FRASER, -By the Rev. A. T. Holmes, at the residence of the bride's mother, Arthur Village, on the 16th inst. Mr. Thomas Farm-er, waggon-maker, to Miss Bertha Fraser, all

DIED. HEFFERNAN.—At Guelph, on the 18th inst.,
Bridget Hefferman, relief of the late Thomas
Hefferman, Esq., agod 57 years.
The funeral with take place from her late residence on Waterloo Road, on Sanday, 21st inst.,

dence on Waterloo Road, on Sauday, 21st inst., at 2 p. m. Friends and aquaintances are invited to attend without further notice.

Graniam — At Conceptogo, on the 17th inst., Adeline, wife of the Rev. E, Grabam, and daughter of the late William Billings, of East Ar-Engton, Vermont, U. S.

Wilson,—After a lingering illness, on Saturday, 6th inst., Isabella R. Dickson Wilson, wife of John D. Wilson, aged 38 years and 3 months, Roments.—In Pilkington, on the 11th inst. Andrew, son of Hugh Roberts, Esq., aged four months and two weeks.

McRae.—In Pilkington, on the 11th inst, of inflamination of the bowels, the daughter of Mr. Alex, McRae, aged 7 years.

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Feb. 4, 1869.

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Guelph, Feb. 16.

PUBLIC, NOTICE.

NOTICE.-ACCOUNTS.

MONTREAL STEAM NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

ention, in lph, 6th Jan. dwif JAS BARCLAY. TOWN OF GUELPH.

Applications will be received until 7.30 p. m., Friday evening next, 19th instant, for the Offices of Police Clerk, Assessor and Tavern Inspector.

JAMES HOUGH, Town Clerk.
Town Clerk's Office, }
Guelph, 17th February. 3d

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Guelph, February 13.

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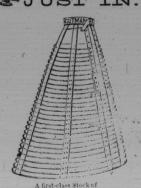
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