

...only rectified an omission in the Representation Act of last session.
 Sir John Macdonald nevertheless moved the six months' bill, and the Bill was thrown out on a division by yeas 55, nays 42.
 The House then at 11 adjourned till Friday.

Guelph Evening Mercury

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 22, 1873

The State of the Militia.

Mr. Mackenzie on Wednesday very properly called the attention of the Government to the disorganized state of the militia force in the Dominion, and showed that the very large yearly expenditure for the maintenance of the force, was considering its present condition, a mere waste of money. This is no new complaint, for the Opposition have session after session urged on the Government the necessity of a thorough reorganization of the force on a better and more economical footing. The Adjutant-General's report for last year testifies to the fact that there were only 24,000 in camp last summer, when there ought to have been double that number; and that in many of the camps there was one officer to every dozen men, and in some cases one officer to only five or six men. It was also shown how difficult it was to get men who were coming from \$1.50 to \$2 or \$3 a day to turn out, when they were receiving only 50 cents from the Government per day, with perhaps a little extra pay granted through the liberality of County Councils. The management of the Militia Department was also severely and justly criticized by Mr. Mackenzie, and he had good ground for so doing, were there nothing else but the gross irregularities and frauds practiced by some of the officers at the Levis camp last summer, and which would have been passed over unnoticed by the Adjutant-General but for the watchful eye of the leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Mackenzie also suggested the advisability of remodelling the whole force as soon as possible, of reducing the number of men, many of whom at present only existed on paper and making the Militia force of the Dominion more compact, more efficient and when called be maintained at less cost. He also recommended that a different system be adopted in the Militia Schools, and that in lieu of the mere rudimentary drill now taught, a more efficient and extensive military education should be imparted to students.

Mr. Langens, on behalf of the Government, admitted that much of the inefficiency of the force was quite true, and promised that next session the Government would lay before the House a bill, and regarding the carrying out of the necessary reforms. He seemed to suppose that the Government would call for putting it on a much better footing, and he quite agreed with Mr. Mackenzie that a change should be made in the organization of the Militia Schools, by admitting only those only students who were, or intended to be, officers in the service.

When speaking in referring to the summer camps, he mentioned them as being a waste of money, and in reply to a question, Mr. Langens stated that it was the intention this summer to have drill performed at headquarters.

We hope that in another session the Government will fulfill their promise, and that they will bring down a scheme which will embody all the reforms required for the efficient management of the Militia force of the Dominion, and to which the people will look with confidence and pride.

Mr. F. B. Taylor, the contractor for Parliamentary and Departmental Printing, some time since applied for an advance on his contract price, upon the plea that he was for the time being the owner of the press, and that the Government had granted him an advance of 25 per cent, the rate of increase reported by the Queen's Printer as being the average advance of the printing trade generally, the advance to date from the commencement of the present session. This passed the House on Monday, and he closed his establishment and intended to do the work unless his request was allowed.

It is stated that the Manitoba deputation while in Ottawa succeeded in inducing the Government to give its approval to a scheme extending the limits of that Province to about ten times its present area, reaching Hudson's Bay, Lake Superior and the American frontier as far as Ontario. It would give Manitoba a port at the Hudson Bay Government Factory, which is open during three months every year.

The answer of the Finance Minister to Mr. Holton on Wednesday evening, to the effect that no steps would be taken at present with respect to the guaranteed Pacific Rail, way loan, is but one proof more of the stagnation of that really conceived and vigorously prosecuted undertaking.

Princess Edward Island is to cost us \$50,000 a year. If she will only behave, and not howl for "better terms" we are satisfied.

1873 **THE LION!**  **THE LION!** 1873

GREAT COMMOTION IN THE DRY GOODS TRADE
 and a Tremendous Rush at our Mantle and Millinery Rooms.

On all hands we hear of dull trade: "Nothing doing," says Tom, Dick, and Harry, but it is not so at THE LION. Still great bustle and activity at the leading house. The spring trade is opening beautifully, thus encouraging us to greater endeavors in the public weal; and the reason of our success is apparent. Our Goods are all direct from the manufactory, and none can do a successful business only those who buy from first hands, for which our Establishment has long been noted, and has raised the standard of our House (combined with the energy of the proprietors of the firm) to the present proud position, and more especially for the last two years, so that our daily sales are almost equal to the combined trade of the same character in the Town of Guelph.

OUR MILLINERY DEPARTMENT

Our Millinery is a complete success this spring, the taste inherent displayed by Miss McDonald is captivating all hearts, and places her high in the ranks of first-class Milliners. Combined with the genuine popularity of Miss Sutherland, thus making our rooms the centre of attraction.

5 cases New Hats and Bonnets, registered styles, secured only for our House; 3 cases, third lot, of those splendid Black Silk Parasols, supplied with the double sword--the only ones in Guelph.

\$4,000 WORTH of New Plain and Shot Silks, lovely shades, combining all the latest tints, amongst them will be found many of the new azorean green, real gems in color and brightness.
 2 cases New Dress Goods this week from Bradford, Eng.; 2 cases New Fresh Black Goods.

Another arrival of 500 pieces more of the best Prints, light and dark, worth 16 cents; we will sell them off at 12 cents.

GUELPH, MAY 19, 1873. **CHANCE & WILLIAMSON.**

A Coincidence.
 In September last Mr. F. W. Cumberland was a member of the Inter-oceanic Railway Company. He, as such, joined with Senator Macpherson in refusing amalgamation with Sir Hugh Allan's Company, because Sir Hugh was bound up with Yankee R. R. speculators, and consequently in his hands the Canadian Pacific would be a mere branch of the Northern Pacific. In November last the Government sent Mr. Langton to Toronto to arbitrate with the Northern Railroad, as to the terms on which its debt to the Government should be compensated. In February last Mr. Cumberland became a member of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, under the Presidency of the same Sir Hugh Allan whom in September last he had declared to be in alliance with the gentlemen of the Yankee Northern Pacific, and consequently hostile to Canadian interests. In May, Sir John A. Macdonald proposes to the Commons that, of the nearly three millions of dollars which the Northern R. R. Company owes the Dominion, it shall only be asked to pay \$500,000, and he made a present of the remaining \$2,500,000. Mr. Cumberland is the Managing Director, the life and soul of the Northern Railway, and he is at the same time the gentleman who in February, without reason assigned, deserted Mr. Macpherson and went over to Sir Hugh Allan. Sir John has to pay big figures to get back into the Allan Pacific R. R. this--has he not?—*Hunt Times.*

New Advertisements.

CHOICE MIXED TEA
 For 50 Cents per lb.
 11 lbs GOOD SUGAR for \$1.00

J. E. McELDERRY
 2 DAY'S BLOCK.

ALL THIS WEEK
 Will be Devoted to a Grand Display of
NEW DRESS GOODS
 AT THE
FA HIONABLE WEST END!
 Opening this Morning--2 cases New Dress Materials, containing a large and select variety of New and beautiful Textures for Summer Wear.
 Experienced Dress Makers on the Premises.

OUR MILLINERY DEPARTMENT
 Orders for this department are certainly increasing, and we have found it necessary to make extra orders. Ladies who purchase goods of this week will find the quality only superior to the Stock on hand, and we are glad to hear of the success of our business.

A. O. BUCHAM,
 Fashionable West End Dress, Millinery and Mantle Establishment.
 Guelph, May 19, 1873.

LARGE DRY GOODS STOCK
 Offered at Great Bargains.

AT AND UNDER WHOLESALE PRICES!
MILLINERY
 Will be prepared to effect a clearance
MANTLES
 If not sold here will be sent to Toronto for auction.
DRESS GOODS
 at 10 per cent below their former prices.
HATS & CAPS
 at 10 per cent below their former prices.
CLOTHING
 at 10 per cent below their former prices.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co.
 GUELPH, April 19, 1873.

GUELPH CLOTH HALL
White Dress Shirts,
Oxford and Regatta Shirts,
With Collars to match.

Particular attention paid to this Department, and any style of Shirt made to measure, and a

PERFECT FIT GUARANTEED.

SHAW & MURTON,
 Wyndham St., Guelph.
 Guelph, April 26, 1873.

PASHLEY'S BOOKSTORE.

Bow Bells, FOR JUNE.
 Every Month, FOR JUNE.
 Sons of Britannia, FOR MAY.
 London Journal, FOR MAY.
 Sword and Trowel, FOR MAY.
 Missing Link Magazine, FOR MAY.

Day's Block, Wyndham-street, Guelph.

GUELPH PHARMACY.
 The Old Store formerly occupied by A. B. Petrie, re-opened.
 Herod & Co., Proprietors.

FISHING TACKLE

Fishing Rods, AT BOND'S.
 do. Reels, AT BOND'S.
 do. Baskets, AT BOND'S.
 do. Lines, AT BOND'S.
 do. Hooks, AT BOND'S.
 do. Fly Hooks, AT BOND'S.
 do. Trolling Hooks, AT BOND'S.
 do. Baits, AT BOND'S.
 do. Rod Rings, AT BOND'S.
 do. Rod Keepers, AT BOND'S.

JOHN M. BOND & CO.,
 Hardware Importers.
 Guelph, Ontario.

ATTRACTIONS
 THIS WEEK AT
WM. STEWART'S
 New Dress Goods,
 New Millinery,
 New Sun Shades,
 A CHOICE LOT OF
 Ladies' Silk Umbrellas,
 Now in Stock,
1000 CORSETS
 Come and See them.
 Prices to suit everyone.
 OPENED YESTERDAY, a case of
Tweeds, 75 cents per yd.
 Lace Curtains
WM. STEWART.
 Guelph, April 7, 1873.

THE Queen's Birthday.
MR. H. K. MAITLAND
 WILL GIVE A GRAND
Vocal & Instrumental Entertainment
 On the evening of the above day.
IN THE TOWN HALL,
 When he will be assisted by several well-known Ladies and Gentlemen of acknowledged talent.
 Doors open at 7. Concert to commence at 7:30. Reserved seats 50 cents. Tickets to be had at the Book and Drug stores.
 Guelph, May 16th, 1873.

HEROD & Co.
 Guelph, May 17, 1873.

THE MEDICAL HALL
 That Magnificent
FOUNTAIN
 IS AGAIN
 In full Operation
THE MEDICAL HALL.
 To the Public:
 In again putting in operation our "Zenith" Soda Apparatus, we feel obliged to express our thanks to the Public for the liberal patronage bestowed upon our Fountain last season, and the appreciation of our customers to make our "Zenith" similar in all respects to the rest of the Establishment, which has always, and still retains its well deserved character of being the most reliable and leading Drug Store in Guelph.

E. HARVEY & Co.,
 Corner Wyndham and Macdonnell streets, Guelph.
 Guelph, May 19, 1873.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN GUELPH.
A REGATTA
 Under the auspices of the Guelph Boating Club will take place
ON ALLAN'S DAM,
 On the 24th of May, commencing at 10:30 a.m., when about \$50 will be given in prizes.

ORDER OF RACES:
 1st Race—For double scull pleasure boats, not exceeding 10 ft. in length, 1st prize \$10, and \$2.
 2nd Race—For single scull outriggers, or pleasure boats, not exceeding 12 ft. prize of \$10.
 3rd Race—For eights, to be propelled by one person, with a single bladed paddle, 1st \$5, and \$2.
 4th Race—For double scull pleasure boats, not exceeding 10 ft. 1st \$8, and \$4.
 5th Race—For single scull, 1st \$5, and \$4.
 6th Race—Tub race, 1st \$1, and \$2.

All races open to all comers. Entrance fee 50 cents. Entries are requested to be made to the Secretary on or before Thursday, the 23rd inst. Members of the Club are requested to have their boats on the dam during the regatta.
 C. G. RICHARDS, Secy. F. H. ARMS, Pres.
 Guelph, May 19, 1873.