

COMPULSORY VACCINATION.

There is at present a Bill before Parliament, introduced, it will readily be understood, by a medical gentleman to make vaccination compulsory. It came up for a second reading on Wednesday night last, but was deferred for a week. It provides that Municipal Corporations shall appoint for every county, city or town one or more legally qualified and competent medical practitioners for the vaccination of all persons resident within a prescribed locality; that these practitioners shall appoint a convenient place for the performance of vaccination once in every month and give due notice of the same; that every child born in Canada shall within a period of six months after birth be taken for vaccination; that proper certificates shall be given of the fitness or unfitness of the child for the operation, and of its due performance; and that any contravention of the Act shall subject the offender to a fine of five dollars.

Such are the main features of the Bill, and their enforcement while it might do much good and prevent a vast amount of suffering could by no possibility do any harm. Small pox is the most loathsome, and one of the most terrible diseases in the catalogue of epidemics, and the dread its approach occasions is proportionate. The verdict against unfortunate patients suffering from it is much the same as in ancient times was issued against the lepers, that they should be ostracised from a healthy community and taken where they can live or die by themselves. It may safely be said that there is no disease, except the terrible cholera itself, which leads to the destruction of friends like small pox. In comparison with it levers are estimated as innocent, for in them there is but the contingency of life or death, while in the more virulent disease there is this and also the fear of other effects peculiar to small pox. No matter how homely a face may be people dread being pitted by the disease, and numerous are the instances where it has shut out forever the light of day from its victims.

All these things being taken into consideration it is not surprising that its presence should create a panic, as it did here last winter, and remembering that men are inclined to set a higher value by cure than prevention it is no wonder that preventive measures should be forgotten when the danger is temporarily over. Those who have lived in dread of catching the contagion of this terrible malady from their unvaccinated neighbours, and there are at least some such among us, will be glad if Dr. Grant's Bill should pass. Cholera and fevers may be warded off by proper sanitary measures but perhaps not so certainly as small-pox may be prevented or the attack at least very much modified by vaccination.

SUSPENSION OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN BANK.

The suspension of a Bank at any time creates a panic, and the consternation is proportionate, in each community, to the amount of confidence that has been placed in it, and the number of its notes that are in circulation. This (Friday) morning the intelligence that the Royal Canadian Bank had closed its doors, and become like the Bank of Upper Canada and the Commercial Bank, among the things that were did not create a very great sensation in Guelph; and hence it may be inferred that the losses in Town by its failure will be but few, and these not very heavy. Fergus and the section of country around it will suffer much more severely, as there was an agency in the village, and no doubt a considerable number of the bills are in possession of the business men and farmers around there.

The history of the insolvency of the Bank will be in the main a repetition of the old story. Public confidence was shaken in it some time ago, and a rumor went abroad that the Ontario Government had withdrawn its account. This report, however, was contradicted, but popular trust is so jealously control it since. It was known that it had been unfortunate in some speculations, and its credit was damaged more recently by the failure of Brown's Bank, in Toronto, in which Mr. Chewett was largely interested, and to which the Royal Canadian had given extensive accommodation; and still later by the representations of the Hon. Donald Macdonald. It was lately again reported that the Government had withdrawn its account, and if so, this is probably the straw which broke the camel's back. The case is bad enough, but it is not as bad as it might have been, for the institution by its tottering gave fair warning to stand from under before it fell. While we congratulate Guelph and immediate vicinity on its good fortune, we extend our sympathy to Fergus and other places where many must inevitably be losers. The Bank has been in existence only four years, having commenced operations in the summer of 1865.

At the Walkerton assizes, Mr. John Fowler, of Hullet, sued the Grand Trunk Railway company. It appeared that the plaintiff during the past winter was crossing a sideline above Senforth with his team—the defendants did not whistle before coming to the crossing, in consequence of which they came in collision with the plaintiff's team, and killed his horses. Verdict for plaintiff \$333.

It is expected that the negotiations for the admission of Newfoundland into the Union will be completed in time to admit of the arrangement being submitted to the judgment of Parliament before the end of next week.

It is expected that, next week, the Nova Scotia arrangement, and the settlement with the Hudson's Bay Company, will be brought up for consideration in the Commons.

Another Bank Failure!

PAYMENT SUSPENDED BY THE ROYAL CANADIAN BANK.

Special to the Guelph Evening Mercury. TORONTO, May 21. The Royal Canadian Bank suspended payment unexpectedly this morning.—There was great excitement throughout the city after the news spread, and parties holding its bills flocked to the office; some anxious to find out whether the report was true or not, others in the vain hope of getting rid of the bills they had in their possession. If the intention of suspending was entertained by the officers a short time previous to the actual closing of the doors, the secret was well kept, for not a word was whispered about it yesterday in Toronto, so that the news came like a thunder clap on the public this morning. All sorts of rumors are afloat with regard to the immediate cause of its suspension, but it is generally believed that the causes have been at work for some time which have brought things to a crisis. At present I can say nothing as to the amount of its assets or liabilities.

From Another Correspondent. The private and confidential circulars that have appeared in the Globe has hastened the crisis that has been long expected. It became known to some yesterday evening that the bank would suspend today, and the public mind was somewhat prepared for the result. This morning the bank did not open its doors, and the following notice was posted on the shutters: "Royal Canadian Bank—This bank has for the present suspended specie payment. By order of the Board, T. Woodside, Cashier."

At 10 o'clock a crowd had assembled, and a number of policemen were required to keep order. It is believed the Bank will not be able to resume business in consequence of its serious losses. As much as \$800,000 deposits have been withdrawn this month. The Bank of Montreal received Royal Canadian bills up to this morning, selling at 70 to 75 cents. W.H.

The wife of a man who died of hydrophobia in Chicago, has sued the owner of the dog for \$5,000.

DIED.

NICHOLS—In Guelph, on the 20th instant, Thos. Nichols, aged 74 years. Deceased was a native of Norfolk, England, and emigrated to Canada in 1832, and took up his residence in Guelph, where he resided till the day of his death.

The funeral will leave the Wesleyan Methodist Church on Saturday, the 22nd inst., at three o'clock, p. m. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend without further notice.

New Advertisements.

SPEED LODGE, NO. 180, G. R. C.

An Emergency Meeting of the above Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 25th day of May, 1869, at half past 7 o'clock, p. m.

May 21. d R. CLIBBERT, Sec.

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May 21 dwtf

SERVANT WANTED.

A servant wanted. Apply at this office. Guelph, 20th May. dtf

ATTENTION!

GUELPH ARTILLERY.

A FULL attendance at Drill on FRIDAY A. NIGHT, to make arrangements for the Queen's Birthday.

WILLIAM DAY, Captain. Guelph, 20th May, 1869. d2

PARCEL LOST.

Lost between Wald's Hotel and the Market Clerk's Office, on Thursday, a small parcel containing a piece of Broad Cloth. The finder will oblige by leaving it at the Mercury office. Guelph, 20th May. d2

TEMPERANCE SOCIAL.

THE GOOD TEMPLARS

Intend holding their Quarterly Social ON FRIDAY EVENING, 21st MAY.

In the basement of the Primitive Methodist Chapel. Tea to be served at 7 o'clock. Price of admission 12 1/2 cents. Guelph, 20th May. d2

TOWN OF GUELPH.

COURT OF REVISION

The adjourned Final Meeting of the Court of Revision for the Town of Guelph will be held in the Town Hall, precisely at seven o'clock, On Tuesday Evening, 25th of May.

JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk's Office. Guelph, 20th May, 1869. 3td

GARDEN TOOLS.

LADIES' GARDEN TOOLS, BOYS' GARDEN TOOLS, CHILDREN'S GARDEN TOOLS.

J. HORSMAN'S

Guelph, 20th May. dw

GLASGOW HAM CURER.

The subscriber wishes to inform the inhabitants of Guelph that he has on hand

A large stock of Bacon, A. Rolled Speed Bacon.

which will be sold at 12 1/2 cents per lb. Bacon from 10c to 12 1/2 cents. Smoked should be same as the Bacon.

A Splendid Lot of Smoked Hams Lard, &c.

A large lot DRIED BEEF and MUTTON will be sold at from 4c to 5 cents per lb.

D. NAISMITH, Upper Wyndham Street. Guelph, May 20th, 1869. dim

HOUSE WANTED.

Wanted to rent, a House containing Five Rooms One apartment, more or less, not objected to. Apply at the Mercury Office. May 19. dtf

STRAYED COW.—Strayed from the premises of the subscriber, Eramosa Road, Guelph, on the 8th inst., a cow, three years old, giving milk. She is of a roan color, with white face, and had a rope round her horns. Any person giving information of her whereabouts to the subscriber will be properly rewarded. May 19. 42 w2 HENRY LEADER.

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The undersigned is authorized to sell TICKETS to any point South or West by the popular and safe line

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Just received a large assortment of Sky Rockets, Bengal Lights, Triangles, Roman Candles, &c.

These are not to be sold at 20 per cent below Toronto and Hamilton prices.

Mrs Robinson, Guelph, May 19. dw Upper Wyndham st.

1869.

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Just imported from CHINA and JAPAN, and now offered for sale—per "CLETA," from Foochow—selected by JOHN FORSTER & Co., expressly for the Canadian Market.

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G. J. FORSTER & Co. Hamilton, May 21.

GENERAL GROCERIES

—A full assortment; also, WINES and LIQUORS,—imported direct from the different countries of production, constantly on hand, which will be offered to the trade on Moderate Terms.

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VALUABLE TOWN & FARM PROPERTIES FOR SALE.

1st—Park Lot 22, on Bellevue Street, South Ward, adjoining the property of E. R. Martin, Esq., in the Town of Guelph, containing about 3 acres, well fenced and planted, there is a living spring on the property, and is most eligibly situated as a building site.

2nd, Lot 1019, Canada Company Survey, a house comprising 8 rooms and cellar, together with outbuildings, pump, well, good garden, &c.

3rd, South-east part of Lot 131, having a frontage of 31 feet on Gordon Street and Market Square, adjoining the grain store of George Balfour.

4th, West half of Lot 32, in the 7th Concession of Eramosa, 100 acres, the land is of the best quality, and partly cleared. Apply to THOMPSON & JACKSON, Guelph, 21st May. d4w1

ORDERS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO, AND SENT TO ANY PART OF THE TOWN. J. & D. MARTIN, WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH. Guelph, 20th May. do

SPRING IMPORTATIONS.

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Alma Block, Guelph, 20th May. do5

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TO HER TRUSTY BAILIFFS, RICHARD CONGOU, THOMAS PEKOE, JOHN HYSON, and HER WELL BELOVED STEWARDS of HER HOUSEHOLD, HERNY SOUCHONG and CHARLES GUNPOWDER,

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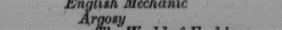
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Guelph, 13th May. dw

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1000 Half Chests NEW CROP TEAS

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