

...pilly for several miles through the mass of ice then again would come on a struggle for hours, when the fleet would not progress a rod. Some days a progress of miles would be made and night fall would close the struggle; when daylight next morning would reveal the discouraging fact that during the darkness the fleet had drifted for several miles backward beyond the point made the day before.

Lately the stewards of the several propellers had taken in a good stock of provisions at the Cape and there was no lack in the bill of fare. The passengers passed away the time pleasantly in games of "con-die," and alternately "stalking a hare" with the Captains and crews in their contact with the ice.

Guelph Evening Mercury

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 3, 1872

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

The circulation of THE MERCURY is guaranteed to be three times more than that of any paper published in Guelph, or in the County.

The Alabama Claims.

The latest news respecting the negotiations between the two Governments about the indirect claims preferred by the United States is of a reassuring character. In the Imperial Parliament on Thursday night, Earl Granville, in reply to an enquiry from Earl Derby, said the reply of the American Government on the subject of the indirect Alabama claims had been received, and was considered at a Cabinet meeting that day. It gave ground for hope of a settlement of the entire matter satisfactory to both countries. He begged the House not to ask for papers at present. Mr. Gladstone made a similar statement in the House of Commons. As additional evidence of a peaceful solution of the difficulty, Mr. Schenk, the American Minister, has stated that the negotiations between the two powers are progressing favourably.

Wasting Time.

It is now three weeks since Parliament met and with the exception of the Financial Statement and estimates for the year, the new bank bill, and one or two measures of a minor character, the Government have done nothing but kill time. No excuse can be offered for this delay. Parliament was called together at the latest possible season of the year, and ministerial organs gave the assurance that business would be pushed through with commendable celerity. But instead of this we have the old do-nothing policy revived. Work that must be done is staved off as long as possible, and then rushed through without due time being given for deliberation. At the end of the session there will be ministers having secured the passage of their own measures, are perfectly a grand slaughter of innocents because regardless as to others, or the interests involved in them.

From present appearances it is quite clear that the Government will shirk all the legislation they possibly can. Session after session the Premier has promised us a Dominion Election Law, but when questioned about it after the House met, he intimated that he did not intend to deal with the question this session. Now, it is admitted by all parties that such a law, which would be operative in all the Provinces of the Dominion, is very much needed. At present each Province has its own Election Law, and in case of disputed elections one can fancy what a nice time an election committee will have in deciding on the provisions of each separate law. Mr. Blake has done what it was the duty of the Government to do, and introduced a bill which would apply to all the Provinces, and which provides for many valuable reforms on this subject, but it is more than likely, the Government will oppose it, and ensure its defeat. Then we were more than two sessions ago promised a bill creating a Supreme Court, where appeal cases from the subordinate Courts of all the Provinces in the Dominion could be heard and decided, but that promise is also destined to remain among the good intentions, for Sir John A. Macdonald has stated that he does not intend to bring in a bill on the subject. In other respects also, the Government is shirking its work. It has consented to the appointment of Commissioners for the purpose of inquiring into the condition of agriculture and manufactures in the Dominion, with a view to the greater encouragement of these two important branches of industry, and if any action is taken on the reports these Commissioners may bring in, Ministers will take all the credit of their investigations and recommendations.

The policy of the Government is to get the Washington Treaty and Pacific Railway bills, and the Estimates passed as soon as possible, and then to send members about their business with the stereotyped vote of thanks to them for doing so much in furthering the interest of the Dominion. If these interests were not carefully attended to by the people themselves, all that the Ministers would do for them would not be much. Their chief aim seems to be to sit listless and idle till the pressure from without compels them to move.

EDITORIAL NEWS.
CASTLEAR, the great Spanish orator, has been engaged as special correspondent to the Tribune.

The Senate of the United States has passed the House Bill making tea and coffee free. The duties on coal and salt are retained.

ONE little item included in the American bill against Britain for con-

sequential damages, is the expenses of the war from the battle of Gettysburg, which would amount to over one thousand millions of dollars. The Yankees are undoubtedly great chargers.

A DISPATCH comes from Montreal to the effect that the statement that the Grand Trunk had given into the nine hours movement is incorrect. Mr. Bridges is only offering to give nine hours pay for nine hours work. He now offers to give the present pay for 5 1/2 hours work. Married individuals are willing to accede to these terms, but the young men threaten a strike.

The Bill respecting the public lands of the North West has been distributed. In every fifth Township, two sections, and in every other Township one section and three-quarters are reserved for the Hudson Bay Company—the Indian Reserves excepted. Two sections in each Township are set apart as an endowment for purposes of education. Volunteers having claims for lands may select their own locations in any lands that are for sale. Unappropriated lands to be sold for \$1 per acre. Any person who has settled on a lot shall have pre-emption rights. Grazing lands unoccupied, may be leased from the Secretary of State. Mines and minerals are not to be reserved in the patents of lands. Coal lands may not be taken for homesteads. Timberlands may be reserved from sale and settlement. The Bill has 34 pages, and gives minute details as to the management of lands.

INTERMARRIAGE OF BLOOD RELATIONS.
Professor Richard Owen states an important fact that cannot be widely known, namely, that the intermarriage of blood relations is a physiological error. Close observation of this subject for many years among the families of his acquaintance where close intermarriage had been permitted, he says the children were either deaf mutes or were afflicted with some delirium. He knew a young man whose father was a physician, and who should have known better than to marry a double cousin. In this case the consequence was that, as the last part of the present system developed, the young man from the intermarriage in those of whom the same material was deficient was prevented from having a single tooth at any period. His sister had but two or three small stabs of teeth, and their brother was altogether wanting in his mental faculty. He insists that it is a great crime for parents to allow their children to grow up with the idea that they may ever marry with blood relations. It should be a thing never to be thought of, the intermarriage of those connected by ties of consanguinity.

A MEDICAL QUESTION.—An American Judge, who is collecting facts for a history of Hoosac Falls, furnishes the following, which our medical men will perhaps make a note of: "In the year 1799 several cases of small-pox occurred in the town, and a dwelling near the village of Hoosac Falls was used as a pest house. Seventy years afterwards, the house having been occupied all that time as a dwelling, with no case of small-pox or other unusual sickness, was repaired. One of the workmen employed on the repairs was taken down with a disease which proved to be malignant small-pox which he had not been otherwise exposed than by working on this old pest house. If small-pox virus can be retained for seventy years in the walls, floors, ceiling or furniture of a dwelling, greater care and more stringent measures will be necessary to insure protection from this leathome disease."

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.
In the matter of JOHN HEWER, an Insolvent. The entire Estate and effects of the Insolvent, real and personal, will be sold in one lot, for a cash price, on Wednesday, the 12th day of May, 1872, at Twelve o'clock noon, at the Great Western Hotel, in Guelph, by Auction. Terms Cash. EDWIN NEWTON, Assignee of Insolvent. Guelph, May 1st, 1872.

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ESPECIAL BARGAINS
FOR TO-MORROW.

WM. GALLOWAY.
Guelph, May 3, 1872

AUCTION SALE

Valuable Mill Property!
There will be offered for sale by Public Auction, at the Market House, in the Town of Guelph,
On Saturday, 18th May, 1872,

At the hour of one o'clock, p.m., that excellent steam saw and grist mill, and three acres land, situated on the front of Lot 5, in the 2nd concession of the Township of Maryborough, County of Wellington, now in possession of Michael Trounhauser. The saw-mill is capable of cutting from 1500 to 1700 feet per hour with the circular saw. It is fitted with the best machinery in the County of Wellington, including a new steam engine and boiler of 32 horse power. The mill has only been running about a year, so that the machinery is as good as new. The grist mill is in good working order, with new machinery. This is a good opening for business, being only a short distance from the W. & G. Railway, and in a direct line between Guelph and Listowel. The good. The above will be sold under mortgage. For further particulars apply to
April 25, 1872 dw Solicitors Guelph.

AUCTION SALE

Valuable Town Property
The undersigned has been instructed to sell by Public Auction under power of sale contained in a Mortgage made by William Dyson
On Thursday, Ninth day of May, 1872
At the Town Hall, Guelph,
At the hour of One o'clock, p.m., the following valuable property:

I. Lot No. 173, on Waterloo Street, containing one quarter of an acre, on which is erected a commodious brick dwelling house, stone foundation, with outbuildings and garden attached.
II. Lot No. 165, and part of Lot 169, situate on the corner of Waterloo and Gordon Streets, having a frontage of 170 feet on Waterloo Street, on which is erected a large frame store house, renting for \$94 per annum.

III. Three acres of fine meadow on the West side of Dundas Road, near the River Speed.

TERMS
One-third down at the time of sale, the balance in two equal annual instalments, with interest at 6 per cent. yearly on the unpaid principal.

For further particulars, apply to THOMPSON & JACKSON, Vendor's Agents, or to W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer. Guelph, April 19, 1872 w2-Stawd

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MURTON & REID
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This Coal, for general use, is the best article in the market—low for cash.
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Which, for Cheapness and Perfection in all the latest improvements, stand unrivalled in the country. We make a speciality of PLOUGHS, and are therefore able to supply the Farmers with just what they want.

PLOUGHS and CASTINGS always on hand from the factory of Lutz & Co., Galt. Our store is crammed with TINWARE of all descriptions, and our prices are as low as our stock is varied.
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ALL outstanding accounts up to the 22ND OF APRIL will be paid to the undersigned. Parties indebted will please CALL AND SETTLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. JOHN WEBSTER. Guelph, April 20th, 1872 dw2m

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Will be offered to the trade below city prices.

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