

TO THOSE IN ARREARS.

All Parties who have had Accounts rendered them, for Job Printing or Advertising, or whose Subscriptions to THE MERCURY are due, are requested to call at the Office at once, and settle the same.

THE ARBITRATION DIFFICULTY.

The despatches this morning, in reference to the arbitration on the Alabama claims, are of a more reassuring character. If we may believe the special to the N. Y. Herald the probability of a compromise is contemplated and even hoped for at an early day. The explanations contained in the despatch are not very clear, but we gather from them that the claim for indirect losses put in by the American Government may become the subject of negotiation, and that a basis may be found in the Americans confining their indirect losses to a certain limit which would, it is thought, deprive the claims, as they at present stand, of that alarming character which have been the cause of so much excitement. The despatch also suggests the establishment of three arbitrators, but the explanations on this point seem somewhat vague and indefinite, and we must wait further information before we can express any opinion on this point. We are glad to notice that the tone of the discussion is not so warlike or menacing as it was, and hopes are now stronger than ever that the difficulty will in time be peaceably and satisfactorily adjusted.

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

HON. WM. McDUGALL received from the late Combination in 1871, for acting as Crown Counsel at three courts of assize, \$808. He won't get as much in 1872.

THERE is no reason why the session of the Ontario Legislature should not close by the end of this month, as Government measures are all well advanced. It is reported that Cameron's object is to delay it till after the Dominion Parliament meets, and John A. got his address passed and an answer to the Speech from the Throne there.

MR. BLAKE made a happy hit the other night when he quoted Sandfield Macdonald's boast that he had formed his Government out of chaos. Added Mr. Blake, it now seems to have returned to chaos again. As there were only five members in the Cabinet it would perhaps be incorrect to use against the time-honored figure of speech that they are all at "sixes and sevens," but they certainly are at fours and fives. Each member of the late Government is off on his own hook quite regardless of the opinions of his quondam colleagues.

THE McLACHLAN HOMESTEAD.—The Orangeville Sun is happy in being able to state that the proposal for presenting the poet McLachlan with a homestead has met with the warmest approbation of the press of the Province. The committee of management have appointed Alexander McNab, Esq., Police Magistrate, Toronto, Treasurer of the fund, and to whom subscriptions may now be sent. Subscriptions will also be received at the Sun office. G. R. Goldie, Esq., Toronto, and Mr. John Foley, editor of the Sun, Orangeville, are corresponding secretaries.

THE LONDON, HURON AND BRUCE RAILWAY.—It is understood that the Directors of the London, Huron & Bruce Railway have been informed by the Government that their application for a share in the Railway grant of last session cannot be entertained until the conditions of the Act have been complied with. These conditions are (1) that the minimum amount of stock be subscribed; (2) that an actual survey, setting forth the route to be taken, with maps, profiles, &c., be furnished; (3) that an estimate of the cost of construction based on the actual survey, be supplied.

CANADIAN MANUFACTURES IN BRITAIN. We hear from time to time of important shipments of Canadian manufactured goods to Great Britain; and it is apparent that this kind of trade is increasing. We are now shipping to Scotland Turbine water wheels, Canadian harvest tools and sewing machines find a ready market in England, competing there with the home manufactures in price and surpassing them in the quality of finish. In this latter respect both Canadian and American tools are so much superior to English that these have been nearly driven out of this market. A Sheffield steel manufacturer, after walking through one of our manufacturing, expressed his astonishment in the following terms: "Why you manufacture the scythe with a trip hammer, and finish it equal to a razor, while we still go on in the antiquated method of manufacturing by hand, producing a less perfect article, not nearly so well made or finished."

ANOTHER one-half of the peach (blossom) buds in the vicinity of Stoney Creek have been killed by the late severe frosts. MR. JAMES MILLER, Reeve of Otanabee, while on a visit to Scotland, called on the Marquis of Lorne, and since his return has forwarded him two Beaver Cuts, which he found in the County of Victoria, while lumbering there some waters ago.

Tony Tactics.—The London Advertiser, in advertising the tactics of the Tory press, remarks as follows:—"Compelled to set out their statements against Messrs. Scott, Blake, Wood and McKellar, the newspaper opponents of the Reform Government are turning their genius to inventing a new sort. One organ says Mr. Blake is playing 'Gladstone's role over again and alienating his followers.' Another says Mr. Crooks threatened the other day to resign if Mr. Mackenzie left the Government. Another says Mr. Brown ordered Mr. Blake to come over to the Globe office, that Mr. Blake refused, and Mr. Brown got mad. The Ottawa Citizen reveals the wish as father to the thought by saying that indications of a split in the Reform ranks are ominous. Just so.—The Tories see that their only hope in Ontario is in a division in the Reform party. They work for it, send Sir John A. Macdonald to Toronto to intrigue for it. What a lofty ideal of statesmanship must be that of the Premier of the Dominion when he can lend himself to plans and purposes no higher than this! The Reform party of Ontario is sufficiently united in heart and aim to complete its victory at Toronto by purging and purifying at an early date the Augean stable at Ottawa."

BIRTHS.

BAVNE.—In Garafra, on the 5th inst. the wife of Mr. David Bayne, of a daughter. LOUETTE.—In Garafra, on the 31st inst. the wife of Mr. Wm. Louette, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

KAYE.—ROBERTS.—At St. George's Church, Harrison, on the 6th inst. by the Rev. A. Boultbee, Henry C. Kaye, Esq., to Mrs. Amelia Roberts, both of Harrison.

DIED.

DUNN.—On the 11th inst. at 2 p.m., at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. William Watson, Guelph, Helen Pringle, relict of the late Adam Dunn, of Rose Mills, Roxburghshire, Scotland, aged 77 years. STANON.—On the 12th inst. at 2 a.m. of inflammation of the lungs, Helen, the beloved wife of Mr. William Watson, aged 49 years, eldest daughter of the above and the late Adam Dunn. The funerals of both will take place from Mr. Watson's residence, Oxford street, opposite George & Alex. Bruce's carpenter shop, at 1 p.m., (to-morrow) Tuesday, the 13th. Friends and acquaintances are requested to attend without further notice.

BRUCE.—In Wyoming, Ont., on the 3rd inst. of Indian origin, Catherine, the beloved wife of Mr. Bruce, of the village of Wyoming, daughter of Mr. G. McKenzie, Toronto, the 22nd year of her age. HOWE, TR. At F. on the 6th inst. Mrs. J. Howe, aged 73 years. TOBIN.—At F. on the 6th inst. Mrs. Tobin, aged 33 years, brother of Chas. Tobin Esq., Fergus.

New Advertisements.

R. CRAWFORD, MANUFACTURER, WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER, Next the Post Office.

Having resolved to go into the manufacture of WATCHES AND JEWELLERY. Exclusively, I will sell from cash the present stock of Watches, Clocks, Jewellery, &c.

BARGAINS WILL BE GIVEN Until the whole stock is sold off.

The Jobbing Business will be carried on to a fuller extent than ever.

Observe the address—NEXT THE POST OFFICE, GUELPH, ONT.

Guelph, Feb. 12, 1872 dw

HEATHER'S Stove and Plough Depot

The subscriber would call the attention of the public to Kinross's Patent Improvement in Stove Furniture, by which pots, kettles, frying pans, &c., are so constructed that all smoke, smell and steam from frying meat or other cooking are conducted up the chimney as perfectly as in the old fashioned fire-place. Ladies, give them a trial.

Sole agent for Guelph. A good assortment of STOVES, TINWARE and PLUGS always on hand, and at the lowest prices.

W. HEATHER, 2nd August, 1871. dw

WELLINGTON, GREY & BRUCE RAILWAY SOUTHERN EXTENSION

Notice to Contractors

TENDERS are invited for the construction of the Southern Extension of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway.

FROM LISTOWEL, In the Township of Wallace.

TO LUCKNOW In the Township of Kinross—a distance of 42 miles.

Plans and Specifications may be seen at the Office of the Company, Canada Life Assurance Buildings, James street, Hamilton, on and after the 27th inst.

Tenders marked "Tenders for Construction of Southern Extension," addressed to the Secretary, will be received up to noon of

Friday, 16th February, 1872

W. McCulloch, Secretary. W. McGivern, President. Hamilton, Jan. 27, 1872. td.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION. The partnership heretofore existing between Davidson & Chadwick has been dissolved by mutual consent.

All parties indebted to the late firm will please make immediate payment to Mr. Davidson, who is authorized to collect and receive the same. Any claims against the firm must also be presented to Mr. Davidson.

CHARLES DAVIDSON, F. J. CHADWICK. Witness—A. C. CHADWICK.

THE Insurance and General Estate Agency will be carried on as heretofore at the same office, in the Town Hall Buildings, by

CHARLES DAVIDSON, Guelph, Jan. 29, 1872. ds-w3

FARM FOR SALE.—Lot 41, concession 13, Minto, containing 110 acres, well fenced, well cultivated, and in a good state of cultivation. There is an excellent timber tract for rail and firewood purposes on the farm, which is situated within 2 1/2 miles of Cliff Station on the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway, and 7 miles from Harrison on the same line. Good dog house and barn, and well watered by a spring. Terms easy. Apply to Wm. McEwan, on the premises, or to James McEwan, Builder, Stratford, 24-wf

COAL OIL AT WHOLESALE

Splendid Quality and Cheap

AT JOHN HORSMAN'S

Country Merchants

Would study their own interest to purchase of

JOHN HORSMAN

CHEAP SALE

COST PRICE

THORNTON'S BOOKSTORE

East Side Wyndham Street.

Fancy Goods, Toys, Books and Stationery,

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday,

12th, 13th, and 14th Feb. 1872.

By order of the Official Assignee,

JOHN KERR, Feb. 12th, 1872 ds

LOTS FOR SALE IN THE TOWN OF GUELPH.—Lots from 9 to 22, being the front, on the Flora Road of the Catholic Church Globe, in lots to suit purchasers. For terms and particulars of sale, apply to Messrs. McMillan & O'Connor, Barristers, Nos. 8 and 9, Day's Block, Guelph. 119-nd

LEAP YEAR! 1872

VALENTINES

AT ANDERSON'S

Cheap Book, Stationery, and News Depot, Opposite the Market, GUELPH

BLACKSMITH SHOP AND LAND TO RENT.

To Rent, in the Township of Puslinch, a piece of Land, and Blacksmith Shop, where a good business can be done, and near the Puslinch Post Office. The premises will be rented for one to five years, as may be agreed upon. For further particulars enquire, if by letter, post-paid, to Robert Watson, Puslinch P.O. 17-wit

VALENTINES

A CHOICE ASSORTMENT.

AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of JAMES B. THORNTON, an Insolvent.

I, the undersigned, John Kerr, of Toronto, have been appointed Assignee in this matter. Creditors are requested to file their claims before me within one month. JOHN KERR, Toronto, 5th Feb. 1872. w3

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of JOHN McNEIL, an Insolvent.

The Insolvent has made an assignment of his Estate to me, and the Creditors are notified to meet at his place of business, in the Town of Guelph, in the County of Wellington, on Saturday, the twenty-fourth day of February, inst., at twelve o'clock, noon, to receive statements of his affairs, and to appoint an Assignee.

Residence of Interim Assignee, Guelph. Dated at Guelph aforesaid, February 7th, 1872.

EDWIN NEWTON, Interim Assignee.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of JOHN McNEIL, an insolvent.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned Interim Assignee up to the Twenty-fourth day of February instant, at twelve o'clock, noon, for the purchase of the entire stock in trade of the Insolvent, at a rate per cent. on the invoice prices. The stock and stock list may in the meantime be inspected on application to the undersigned, who does not bind himself to accept the highest or any bidder.

Guelph, 7th February, 1872. EDWIN NEWTON, Interim Assignee.

New Advertisements. REMNANTS, REMNANTS

CLEARING SALE OF REMNANTS COMMENCING TO-MORROW.

Remnants of Dress Goods of all kinds Remnants of Silks, black and colored Remnants of French Merinos Remnants of Lustres, black and colored Remnants of Wool Plaids Remnants of Flannels Remnants of Hollands Remnants of Towellings Remnants of Shirtings Remnants of Prints Remnants of Tweeds and Faced Cloths Remnants of Overcoatings, &c.

NOW IS THE TIME, LADIES! Every Remnant in the Store must be cleared out previous to stock-taking at the end of the month.

Come direct to the Alma Block. Come early.

A. O. BUCHAN, Fashionable West End Dry Goods Store.

BY SPECIAL REQUEST.

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY!

SATURDAY, 10th INSTANT.

WALKER

Will give away Oysters!

FOR 25 CENTS PER CAN,

On Saturday Next, 10th of February.

HUGH WALKER, Wyndham-st.

GREAT CLEARING SALE

OF

BOOTS AND SHOES

THE Subscriber having decided to remove from Guelph, begs to intimate to the public that before closing his business here, he will sell off the balance of his Stock of

Boots and Shoes at Cost Price!

The Great Sale will commence on THURSDAY, the 8th of FEBRUARY, and

CONTINUE FOR 30 DAYS

During which time the whole of his stock which comprises a good assortment of New and Fresh Goods, will be offered at actual cost price for cash, and cash only. This is a Genuine Clearing Sale, and the public may depend upon getting

FIRST-CLASS BARGAINS!

N.B.—All parties indebted to the Subscriber, either by Note or Book Account, are respectfully requested to settle them AT ONCE, as after the 20th inst., all accounts unsettled will be placed in the hands of A. A. Baker, Esq., for collection.

F. PREST, Guelph, Feb. 7, 1872. dwlm West side Wyndham Street.

CO-OPERATIVE STORE.

BANKRUPT STOCK

An Insolvents Stock

OF FRESH DRY GOODS

From the Village of Kirkwall.

Now being disposed of at such prices as will affect a clearance for others to arrive shortly.

J. C. MACKLIN & CO. Guelph, Feb. 7th, 1872. dw Wyndham-st, Guelph.

FOR GOOD TEAS

GO TO

PERRY'S GROCERY STORE.

A New Stock of

VERY CHOICE TEAS

Received, Selling at the Lowest Possible Prices.

China Tea Sets from \$1.50;

—ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS—

GREAT INDUCEMENTS IN CHINA

For Good Goods and Low Prices

Go to PERRY'S GROCERY STORE

Jan. 25, 1872.

IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE

WITHOUT RESERVE Of Farm Stock, Implements, Carriages, &c.

Mr. R. S. Brodie having leased his Farm and instructed the undersigned to sell by Public Auction, at his farm, bounded by the B. & N. Hotel on FRIDAY, the 10th day of FEBRUARY, next, the following valuable Stock, Implements, Carriages, &c. — 1 grey mare, 8 years old, in foal, by French Canadian Stallion "Grey Oak"; 1 iron grey horse, 5 years old; 1 bay horse, 7 years old; 1 bay mare, 6 years old; a first-class buggy animal, fast; 1 mare, 5 years old, in foal to Royal Oak; 1 aged mare; 1 yearling colt, got by Peter's trotting stallion, a powerful colt, and likely to be fast; 1 yearling filly by Nichol Gunning, very promising.

Cattle.—Thoroughbred Durhams, with registered pedigree; 1 cow, with heifer calf at foot, 7 years old; 1 cow, 3 years old, in calf; 1 heifer 1 year old, 1 bull calf 9 months old.

Grades—2 cows in calf to thorough bred bull, 1 heifer 3 years old, do; 2 cows, farrow; 5 three year old well-bred steers, in prime order for fattening purposes; 2 two year old heifers; 2 yearling steers and 5 calves.

Cotswold Sheep—25 superior breeding ewes, 1 cotswold ram, lamb, 8 lambs.

Carriages, &c.—1 family carriage, covered top, patent English axle, recently painted and done up, and comparatively little used, since first purchased—can be confidently recommended to any purchaser; 1 covered top buggy, with reversible seat, has been in use only two years; 1 common buggy; 1 family cutter, reversible seat. The whole of the above are from the celebrated makers, Messrs. J. B. Armstrong & Co.

Implements, &c.—1 combined mower and reaper, adapted either for self-rake or reel. Messrs. Sawyer's make; but little used and carefully kept; 2 waggons, 1 light do; 1 roller (new), 1 horse rake (new), turnip sower (horse), double mould, plough (Chain's), ploughs (Morley & Mills No. 4, 3 pair harrows, cultivator, whiffle trees, double trees, neck yokes, shovels (barrow and field), 2 feeding mills (Cossett's), grain drill, forks (steel and barley), hand rakes, pick, iron lever, calf and pig troughs, scaling trough with lid, trace chains, hand sleigh, cattle chains, grindstone boxes, barrels, hay and wood racks, turnip cutter,leighs, &c. &c.

Harness—1 set silver plated carriage harness, 2 sets single buggy harness, 3 sets team harness, collars, buffalo robes, horse blankets, &c. &c.

Household and Dairy Furniture—4 bedsteads, superior kitchen and furniture, chairs, 3 doz. excellent tin milk plates, dairy table, large kitchen tables, fire dogs, superior iron hangers, &c. &c.

Also, a quantity of Lumber, and a quantity of Hay, the terms for which will be cash. Sale to commence at 12 o'clock, sharp. Terms—\$10 and under, cash; over that amount credit to 1st January, 1873, on approved notes; or a liberal discount for cash.

W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer. Jan. 24th, 1872. w3

THE MEDICAL HALL

GUELPH.

JUST RECEIVED at the Medical Hall another lot of

Simpson's Cattle

Spice

SIMPSON'S SPICE

Makes Monster Calves

SIMPSON'S SPICE

Makes Monster Cattle

SIMPSON'S SPICE

Makes Monster Sheep

SIMPSON'S SPICE

Makes Splendid Horses

SIMPSON'S SPICE

The Farmer's Friend.

FARMERS

That have used it say it's the best thing they have ever used for their Cattle.

E. Harvey & Co

Sole Agents Co. Wellington Guelph, Feb. 9, 1872. dw

AUCTION SALE of Farm Stock, Implements, &c.—The undersigned has been instructed by Mr. Thos. Lush, to sell by auction on his premises, Lot 25, Con. 3, Eramosa, on Friday, 23rd February, at 12 o'clock, the following property: horse 11 years old, 1 aged mare, span of well matched mares (1 in foal) 7 and 5 years old, mare 4 years old (in foal), 3 year old colt (large), 2 year old colt and yearling filly, 8 month cows in calf, farrow cow, well-bred but 3 years old, 3 steers 2 years old, 2 heifers 2 years old, 3 yearlings, 7 sheep, 2 waggons, pair trucks, 3 sleighs, lot of pleasure sleigh, single buggy, combined reaper and mower, 2 cultivators, 2 pair harrows, turnip drill (horse) fanning mill, 2 sugar kettles, chains, forks, rakes, quades, new grain cradle, 3 sets of double harness, set of iron ploughs, horse hay rake, &c. The whole will be disposed of without reserve. As the proprietor is about leaving the premises, Terms of sale: Sums of \$5 and under, cash, over that amount 10 months credit on approved notes. (7-w3) E. B. TEEVIN, Auctioneer

ONTARIO COAL YARDS. MURTON & REID

Have received and are receiving a large stock of Delaware, Lackawanna and Western R. R. Co's COAL of all sizes.

EGG, STOVE AND CHESTNUT, IN FIRST-RATE CONDITION, CLEAN AND DRY.

This Coal, for general use, is the best article in the market—low for cash.

All other Coals, such as Birir Hill, Mount Morris, Lehigh and Blossburg, in large quantities. Order early and secure your stock at present prices.

Office—James Street, one door south of the Canada Life Assurance Co., Hamilton. dw

GEO. MURTON, Agent at Guelph