

Great Western Railway.

We are in receipt of the report of the Directors of the Great Western Railway laid before the Shareholders on the 21st October last, for the six months ending the 31st July 1868. The receipts on capital account during the half-year ending on the above date amounted to £321 4s 2d, making the total receipts of the Company on capital account £2,260,829, 4s, 9d, while the aggregate expenditure to the same date, and on the same account was £5,382,594 3s. 10d., leaving a balance to the debit of capital account of £121,764 19s. 1d.

The outlay on capital account during the half year has been £20,788 11s 11d. The gross receipts on revenue account were, for the last half-year, £356,649 4s; while the working expenses, including renewals, were £208,461, 14s. 3d., leaving a balance in favor of revenue of £148,187 9s. 9d. From this must be deducted: interest on Bonds, Loans &c., £52,270 5s 4d; loss on conversion of American Funds, £54,748 12s. 5d; loss on working Erie and Niagara Galt and Guelph Railway, £476 6s. 10d; Detroit fire claims, final charge, £4,109 11s. 9d, and amount set aside for renewal of ferry steamers, £2,000, making an aggregate of £114,133 19s 8d, which deducted from £148,187 9s. 9d, leaves a net profit for the half-year of £34,053 10s. 1d, to which add surplus for last half-year £2,925, 6s 5d, and there remains an available dividend of £36,778 16. 6d. From this amount the Directors recommended a dividend at the rate of two per cent. per annum, free of income tax which will absorb £35,649 11s. 6d., and leave a surplus of £1,129 5s. to be carried to the credit of the next half year.

The loss on conversion of American currency still continues very heavy. For the last six months it amounted to £54,748 12s. 5d., against £52,820 10s. for the corresponding half of the year 1867. The total traffic receipts for the six months ending July, 1868, show a decrease, when compared with those of the corresponding six months of 1867, of £3,887 2s. 6d. This decrease in receipts is ascribed by the Directors to the diminished rates adopted by the parallel routes for through passengers and freight, and to the total interruption of the traffic on three separate occasions, during several days, by snow storms and floods, over the Great Western and connecting lines, at the commencement of the half year. The increase in working expenses is £25,803 4s 9d, compared with the corresponding period of last year. It has been a matter of serious concern to the Directors; but the increased expense was unavoidable, arising as it did chiefly from the extraordinary severity of last winter and the damage to the rolling stock and roadway by the intense frost, which exceeded all previous experience. The Directors speak hopefully of the future. The improved condition of the Dominion, and the recent very abundant harvest, afford solid grounds for the expectation of a greatly increased traffic for the current half year.

New Archbishoprics.

We understand that Dr. Lynch, at present Roman Catholic Bishop of the diocese of Toronto, will shortly be appointed to the Archbishopric recently erected in Ontario. The recommendation was made at the Council of Canadian Bishops recently held in Quebec, and the endorsement of their action is shortly expected from Rome. The new Archbishopric will exercise control over the five dioceses comprising the Province of Ontario, and will always be attached to the see of Toronto. It was at one time expected that the diocese of Kingston would be attached to the archbishopric, but the larger commercial importance and the central position of Toronto outweighed the only argument in favour of the former of being an elder diocese. We also understand that a new archbishopric has been recommended for the Red River district, and that the Bishop of St. Boniface has been nominated to the position. He will exercise control over four dioceses, and is termed Archbishop of St. Boniface. The Papal bull authorizing these changes is shortly expected from Rome, but official information of a sufficiently definite character has been already received to make this programme a fixed fact—Globe.

GALT AND GUELPH RAILWAY.—

The Directors of the Great Western Railway, as may be seen by the synopsis of the half-yearly report in another column, have an ingenious way of putting the Galt and Guelph Railway in debt to the main line. In every year's report this branch is represented as being worked at a loss to the Company, while in reality it is not, but on the other hand a gain. For the last half-year the loss is put down at £476 6s 10d. This is the way it is done. The Great Western Company give the Galt and Guelph Branch credit for the passengers and freight between Guelph and Harrisburg only, and then give the Great Western the whole credit for them on the balance of the journey. Now this is unfair. If no Branch existed, the Great Western would not secure a cent's value for these passengers and freight, but having it as a feeder its receipts are considerably augmented by the traffic on the line. If the Branch was treated with anything like justice in making out the accounts it would be clearly shown that the Galt and Guelph Branch is more than paying working expenses—that it is in fact one of the best paying short lines in Canada.

CANADA WOOL.—Canada combing wool seems to be at present unusually scarce and in good demand in the United States. To such a high price has our wool reached, and so great is the difficulty of obtaining it, that manufacturers are now talking about importing from Europe to keep their mills going. Seventy-five cents per lb is the current price in New York for Canada combing wools.

WELLINGTON FALL ASSIZES.

October 31.

The jury in the case of STEWART vs. MOFFAT, for slander, brought in a verdict for plaintiff of one shilling damages. This sum does not carry costs.

STEWART vs. ADAMS.—This was an action exactly similar to the above, the plaintiff being the same as in the first case, and the same language having been applied to him by Adams that was used by Moffat. As the same ground would have to be gone over again, and same witnesses examined, the parties agreed to accept a similar verdict. Mr. Durand for plaintiff; Messrs. Harrison and Guthrie for defendant in both cases. The case of McKechnie, for manslaughter, was traversed to the next Assizes. His Lordship admitted the application from Mr. McMillan, Mount Forest, counsel for the prisoner, for a postponement. The grounds on which the delay was asked were, that such a short time had elapsed since the arrest of the prisoner that he had not had time to collect his witnesses, some of whom reside at a great distance; and further that the name of another person had been mentioned as having committed the deed.

THE QUEEN vs. JOHN AND THOMAS McQUILLAN.—The prisoners were charged with having stolen a bag of oats from those of McLarty, Puslinch. The case was, to say the least of it, a trivial one. The prosecutor's hired man had left a bag of oats in the barn or stable, or some place convenient for feeding his horses in the morning. But, like the Irishman's flea, when he had his finger on them they were not there. Tracks from the barn were discovered, and on following these up, one of the prisoners was met wearing a pair of shoes that looked as if they might have produced the tracks in question. Aided by a search warrant, the bag which was believed to have contained the oats was found empty in the house of the prisoners' father. His Lordship said that had it not been for the tracks he should have ordered an acquittal without hearing evidence for the defence, as the prisoners could not be held responsible for the appearance of the bag in their father's house—that was a matter to be considered against him. The jury after a brief deliberation brought in a verdict of "not guilty."

THE QUEEN vs. GEORGE FISHER.—The prisoner was charged with having stolen a heifer from John Keith, of Nichol, on the night of the 29th of September last. This case was in short the counterpart of Mulligan's, it being believed that the two were concerned in the slaughtering of the beast. There was no direct evidence against him. He had been seen in company with Mulligan living late at night towards Salem from Elora. He is a butcher's apprentice, and a light was observed in his master's slaughter house between midnight and two o'clock. He had also confessed that he killed the beast, implying thereby that he had nothing to do with the theft. Verdict, "not guilty." Mr. Peterson for the Crown, Mr. Drew for the defence. November 2nd.

LOWE vs. MORRIS.—

Action on a bond. In 1865 the defendant bound himself in a penalty of \$950 to the plaintiff to do three things, viz: to pay forthwith \$100 for building a dwelling house for the plaintiff, and a second \$100 in a year after. Another sum of \$100 was to be paid in cordwood, the first instalment to be put in during the winter of '65-'66, and one each winter thereafter until the value of the \$100 had been received, the prices current in Fergus at time of delivery being allowed. The last obligation was to pay \$175 dollars in five years, in cash instalments of \$35 each. The first instalment of these was to be made on the 1st of Nov., 1866, and for the non-payment of two of these, as well as for the non-delivery of some of the wood, the action was brought. The defence produced receipts for the fulfillment of all obligations, except the delivery of the wood due for the winter of '67-'68, and he had paid into court since the action was brought compensation therefor. The plaintiff denied the genuineness of the receipts. Verdict for defendant, that is, the jury asserted their belief that the instalments of \$35 each had been paid. Messrs. Palmer and Anderson for plaintiff; Mr. Guthrie for defendant.

TINDALL vs. BULMER.—An action for damages which originated in this wise. Mrs. Bulmer owns a farm in Peel, which she duly leased to the plaintiff. But a Mr. Bemish had previously written to a son of defendant, who, in reply, gave him a promise of the farm for a term of years, and he immediately moved on to it. When therefore Tindall demanded possession, Bemish refused it, and the former brought this action for damages against Mrs. Bulmer. The case is in progress.

THE EMIGRATION CONFERENCE.—The Emigration Conference opened at Ottawa on Friday, present, Sir John A. Macdonald and Mr. Champlain for the Dominion Government; Messrs. Wood and Carling for Ontario; Messrs. Chauveau and Dunkin for Quebec, and Messrs. Westmore and Beckwith for New Brunswick. A plan of concerted action between the Dominion and Local Governments has been agreed on the details of which are to be prepared here and submitted to the Local Governments for their approval. New energy is to be given to action on the part of the Dominion, by establishing agencies in London and on the continent—while agencies at all important points in the Dominion are to be maintained. The local Cabinets may supplement the action of the Dominion by sending additional agents to Europe to act in concert with the agents of the Dominion. The immigration policy of each province must be communicated to the Dominion Cabinet, who will facilitate its diffusion. What is mainly promised from the new system is that increased energy is to be given to Dominion action, while the provinces will be left open to do what they please in addition.

NEW YORK CATTLE MARKET.—Transactions on Friday were dull at the cattle markets. Receipts are heavy. Sellers are in bad humor on account of the slow sales. Most of the sales are made at intermediate prices between 12c. to 16c. per lb, net weight. Only a few prime bullocks were sold for 16c. per lb, and fewer still of extras brought more than 16. A large number of rough and poor cattle were disposed of at 9c. to 11c. per lb. Sales at all the markets were exceedingly slow at the foregoing rates. The receipts of sheep were never before so heavy at the Compuan yards. Sellers affirmed that there was no market at all. Every pen was full; and no purchasers were around. One carload of prime sheep sold at 5c. per lb, live weight. The market may be quoted as slow and dull at 3c. to 5c. per lb, live weight. Swine are heavy, with only moderate transactions at 9 to 9 1/2c. per lb, live weight. Very few bring over 8 1/2 to 9c. per lb. Rescued, the same swine will sell for 10 to 11c. per lb. A few selected lots were sold for 11 1/2c. per lb.—N. Y. Times

The L'Ons, Montreal, thinks if the British troops are withdrawn from Canada, England may as well break the colonial ties which bind us to her fortunes.

BIRTHS.

'CONNOR.—At Guelph, on the 1st inst, the wife of Mr. Joseph O'Connor, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

MICHELL.—DRAISING.—At Hamilton on the 29th ult., by the Rev. Robert Burnett, William Mitchell, machinist, eldest son of Mr. William Mitchell, Guelph, to Miss Mary Duane, of Hamilton.

New Advertisements.

Estray Cow and Calf.

CAME on the premises of the subscriber, York Road, at the Rifle Range, about two months ago, a cow and calf. The owner on proving property and paying expenses can take her away. BARNEY O'NEIL Guelph, Nov. 2, 1868. d3 1tw

Patent Agency.

GEORGE ANSLEY, Patent Agent and Practical Machinist will prepare Small Models, Drawings, Specifications, Descriptions and all papers of application for Patents of Invention. Residence, near Robertson's Foundry, Mitchell Street, Guelph, Ont. Guelph, Nov. 2, 1868. d1 w3

House and Lot for Sale or to Let.

A GOOD NEW HOUSE in a good locality, within five minutes walk of Post Office, containing six rooms, parlor, cellar, &c., hard and soft water and all modern conveniences. Enquire at the Paint Shop, Raymond's Sewing Machine Factory, Guelph, Oct. 27. do 6

EUREKA!

Money Saved is Money Gained

SAVE YOUR MONEY by purchasing at the GREAT CLOSING SALE of MISCELLANEOUS & SCHOOL BOOKS, STATIONERY and FANCY GOODS, WALL PAPERS and Berlin Wools, now going on at

Shewan's Old Stand

Wynham Street, Guelph.

Goods are being sold at wonderfully low prices. The subscriber has just returned to town with a large assortment of NEW BOOKS, purchased at Auction, and other cheap sources, which he will sell at low prices. Every person is respectfully requested to call and examine the stock. Trouble and attention never considered, as long as purchasers are accommodated and satisfied. These sales afford a good opportunity to purchase reading for winter, at low prices.

J. B. THORNTON.

Guelph, Nov. 2, 1868. daw 1f

GREAT POWERS

Are always neutral in small squabbles.

PREST & HEPBURN

in the leather war now going on between their opponents on the south side of Wynham-st.

WE do not believe in both and bunkum, but deal with facts, and leave the verdict in the hands of the intelligent people of Wellington. We are prepared to prove, and we positively affirm, notwithstanding all the puffing and blowing which has become the order of the day, that PREST & HEPBURN, Wynham Street, Guelph, manufacture more

BOOTS AND SHOES

And employ double the number of Workmen of any other establishment in the County of Wellington. We invite the public to call and look through our Factory, and they will be convinced that we are telling the truth, and nothing but the truth. A great deal has been said for and against machine-made Boots and Shoes. Now we believe, and we are confident that every well-balanced mind in Wellington will agree with us, that the less machinery used in manufacturing Boots and Shoes the better. All our staple Boots and Shoes are made by hand, which must be admitted is far superior to any machine-made Goods. We have now on hand the largest and best assortment of Boots and Shoes ever offered to the people of Wellington, which we will sell as cheap as the cheapest. Remember that all our work is warranted, and no second price. Repairs done as usual.

PREST & HEPBURN.

Guelph, 2nd November. dw

FRESH ARRIVALS.

- 500 dozen Turnip Baskets.
- 50 dozen Corn Brooms.
- 12 " Fancy Corn Whisks.
- 20 " Spruce Pails.
- 5 " Stable Pails.
- 12 " Toy Pails.
- 10 Cases Telegraph Matches.
- 5 Cases Parlor Matches.
- 12 dozen Butter Spoons, Cards, &c.

At JOHN A. WOODS, Wynham Street, Guelph, October 31st. dw

CARD.

To Friends & Strangers.

AFTER an experience of over four years in selling the New York Union Piano Company's Pianos, (made under the direction of J. P. Hale at the corner of 10th Avenue and 36th Street, New York) with the instruments of some of the other leading manufacturers, we have decided to drop all others and confine our sales to the

Union Pianos!

Being fully satisfied, after having sold over 500 of these splendid instruments in New York, Cincinnati and St. Louis, that they are the finest and most durable Pianos now made. They have given us and our agents less trouble than any Pianos we have ever dealt in, and we would invite both dealers and customers to try them in preference to any other now made. THEY ARE SUPERIOR INSTRUMENTS.

PHILIP PHILLIPS & CO., Music Dealers, New York, Cincinnati and St. Louis.

About 5,000 of the above Pianos are now in use giving entire satisfaction. Samples constantly on hand at the subscriber's Music Store, opposite the Market, Guelph, at 22 per cent. less than other good imported instruments. Also, the best Melodeons and Cabinet Organs.

W. WARNER CLARK, Market Square, Guelph. Guelph, Oct. 13. daw 1f

Valuable Tavern Stand for Sale

IN ERAMOSA.

FOR sale, that valuable Tavern Stand in Eramosa, known as the Grove Inn, near the Townline and on the Guelph and Erin Gravel Road. Attached to the house is an excellent plot of ground, about three quarters of an acre. There are three pump wells on the place. Terms and particulars made known by applying to this office

JOHN DICKSON, Guelph, October 7th. w2m

House and Lot for Sale.

SITUATED on Delhi Street, Mitchell's Hill, Guelph, being Lot 23, in Division A, containing one-fifth of an acre. House is built of stone, and contains four comfortable rooms, besides a kitchen; also, clothes closet, and good cellar; all well finished and in good condition. Lot is well fenced and planted with choice fruit trees, &c.—There is a good well with pump on the premises; also, stable and carriage house. This property is well adapted to a small family, being on a very healthy site, and affording an excellent aspect.—Will be sold cheap. For further particulars apply to WM. JOHNS, McTague Street, or THOMAS BOLTON, Guelph Township, near Armstrong's Mills. October 31st. daw

LECTURE.

ON MONDAY EVENING NEXT, November 2, 1868, a lecture will (D. V.) be delivered in The Congregational Church, in this Town, by the

Rev. Wm. Stephenson

OF TORONTO.

Subject: MARTIN LUTHER

The chair will be taken by the Rev. Lachlan Taylor, D.D. TICKETS, TWENTY-FIVE CENTS. The proceeds will be devoted to the Church Building Fund. Guelph, 30th October. d3

Estate of the late Jas. Lindsay

ALL PARTIES having claims against the Estate of James Lindsay, late of the Town of Guelph, Hotel keeper, are requested to hand them in at once to the undersigned, Executors, for adjustment, and all parties indebted to the estate are required to make immediate payment. ARCH. McCORKINDALE, WILLIAM C. BAINE, Executors. Guelph, Oct. 27. daw 2w Advertiser to copy.

Wrapping Paper for Sale.

FOR SALE at the EVENING MERCURY Office, a large lot of old Newspapers, in good condition for wrapping paper. Apply at the office. Guelph, October 23.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

ALL parties indebted to the undersigned will please take notice to call and settle their accounts at once, and save further trouble. JOHN TYSON, Butcher, 46 Bagot Street. Guelph, 29th Oct. daw 1f

LAMPS,

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JUST OPENED OUT AT

PETRIE'S

DRUG STORE

Old Post Office Building, Wynham-St.

A Large Assortment of COAL OIL LAMPS, all sizes and kinds, will be sold CHEAP.

No. 1 COAL OIL.

A supply of No. 1 COAL OIL KEPT CONSTANTLY ON HAND.

A. B. PETRIE, Druggist.

Guelph, September 25th. dw

SPEEDVALE MILLS.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having purchased the Speedvale Mills from Mr. James Goldie, will always pay the highest Market price for Wheat at his Mills. HAYS, SHIKES, MIDDLES and SCALANINGS constantly on hand, and will be sold at a reduction on Guelph Prices.

JOHN PIPE, Speedvale Mills, Oct. 14. daw 1m

County Right for Sale.

TAKE NOTICE.

THE Subscriber having purchased the right of sale of Weir's Patent Lamp Burner, which does away with the use of Glasses with perfect safety, whereby the great saving of glasses for street and parlour lamps, and other places is effected, an active man can make \$4 a day by selling the Burner. All parties selling without my consent will be prosecuted. JAS. O'NEIL, Anglo-American Hotel, Guelph, October 24th. daw 1w

RUTHERFORD HOUSE

All the remaining Stock of

DRY GOODS

AT COST PRICES,

And under cost prices, as the whole stock must be SOLD WITHOUT RESERVE before

First of January,

As I am going out of that branch of the business and would particularly invite all to come and get a share of the GREAT BARGAINS, as they will get

As much for a Dollar as they can get elsewhere for a Dollar and a Half.

My Stock of GROCERIES is complete as I intend to carry on that part of the business.

LIQUORS of the very best Quality of a kinds for Tavern-keepers.

Some very cheap CROCKERY arrived.

Robert Rutherford. Guelph, September 19th. dw 1w

18 FALL IMPORTATIONS. 68

Wools, FANCY GOODS

TOYS, &c.

JUST Arrived, an Immense Stock of Berlin, Zephyr, Saxony, Andalusian, Lady-Betty, and Fancy Wools. English, Scotch and American

FINGERING YARNS.

A Splendid assortment of Braids, Frillings, Russes, and General Fancy Goods. A great variety of Slippers and Slipper Patterns' Ottomans, &c.

JET and RUBBER GOODS.

Juvenile Clothing always on hand and made to order.

Stamping for Braiding and Embroidery from the Latest Designs.

J. HUNTER, Opposite the English Church, Wynham-St Guelph, September 12th. dw

New Advertisements.

OYSTERS. OYSTERS.

Receiving Daily from Head Quarters, Baltimore.

Platt & Co's World-Renowned Baltimore Oysters

ARE THE LARGEST, FATTEST AND BEST FLAVORED IN THE WHOLE WORLD.

Finnan Haddies, in fine order, Lobsters, Sardines, Fresh Salmon, Potted Meats, Ham, Tongue & BLOATER PASTE Wholesale and Retail.

Orders Solicited and promptly executed. All goods warranted as represented.

GEORGE WILKINSON.

Guelph, November 2, 1868. daw 1f

TO THE PUBLIC.

NOVEMBER 2, 1868.

MY STOCK OF BOOKS COMPRISES

- Biographies, Sermons, Commentaries, Books of Devotion, Religious Works, Miscellaneous Works, Family Bibles.
- Pocket Bibles, Testaments, Hymn Books, Sunday School Libraries, Poetry, Toy Books, Works of Fiction.

Histories and Travels.

Educational Works for all Branches of Tuition

In use in the Grammar, Common and Private Schools.

This Department is very large and well assorted, and buyers are sure to get what they require at my Store.

My Motto is: Small Profits & Quick Returns.

As I give no Credit and make no bad debts, buy Large Quantities in the best markets FOR CASH, I am in a position to sell at Lower Prices, and keep the Largest Stock to Select from West of the City of Toronto.

Blank Books & Stationery.

Parties in want of Blank Books, Memorandum Books, Stationery, Ink, Pens and all Goods usually kept in a Bookstore, will find it to their advantage to buy from me.

BIG STOCK OF WALL PAPER!

T. J. DAY, BOOKSELLER,

Large Double Store, opposite the Market Crossing Guelph, Market Square, Guelph, Nov. 2. daw 1m

A CARD to THE PUBLIC



THE GOLDEN LION

IT is certainly marvellous that our community should be so excited over the great success that has attended the efforts of MR. HOGG to obtain in the first Manufacturing Districts of the World, the very excellent, novel and substantial fabrics in all of the various classes of

Fancy and Staple Dry Goods & Millinery,

Shawls, Bonnets and Mantles,

READY-MADE CLOTHING,

Buffalo Skins, Grain Bags, &c.

Indeed everything in the Mercantile line usually kept in a first-class establishment. That MR. HOGG'S efforts have been crowned with unprecedented success is beyond a doubt. The great Bargains that he is daily giving causes his immense establishment to be crowded from early morning until night. His stock to select from is so large and varied that parties get suited without loss of time, let their taste be ever so difficult; and in addition, by being able to import all of his goods direct from the Manufacturers, to offer a saving of 12 1/2 per cent (12 1/2 cents on every dollar), over any establishment in this Town. All classes and descriptions of Clothing made to order by a first-class cutter, and sent free of charge to any part of Canada.

JOHN HOGG,

Guelph, October 31st, 1868. dw Golden Lion, Guelph.

SILVER TAKEN

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AT THE

GUELPH CLOTH HALL.

A. THOMSON & CO.

Guelph, 24th October 1868 do 7