

The Imperial Budget.
The Chancellor of the Exchequer, on Monday evening, presented his budget, which exhibits quite a prosperous state of things in financial affairs. Among the principal items are the following, for the year ending March 31st, 1873:—Grants by Parliament, £71,881,000; expenditures, £70,714,000; estimated revenue, £71,846,000; actual revenue, £70,608,775; present debt, £785,800,000; reduction of the debt during year, £6,861,000. Estimates for the year ending March 31st, 1874: Expenditure, £71,871,000; decrease from last year notwithstanding the enhanced price of coal, etc., £10,000; revenue, £70,617,000; leaving a balance on hand at the end of the year of £12,000,000.

Having put the House in good humour by this capital financial statement, Mr. Lowe, said he had some propositions to make on behalf of the Government. He then alluded to the Geneva award, which had to be provided for, and he proposed to pay half the amount out of the present year's revenues, without imposing a single additional penny of taxation. His next proposal—and no wonder—surprised the House. He announced that, under the flourishing condition of things, the Government would be enabled to make a reduction of 50 per cent in sugar duty; and also to take a penny off the Income Tax. If these proposals were adopted by Parliament, the figures in the estimates would be slightly changed. A heavy payment would be met, a large reduction made in the taxes; and a very satisfactory surplus exhibited. At the close of his address he formally moved, in accordance with the recommendation of the Budget Speech, that the income tax be reduced one penny in the pound.

It will be seen from the foregoing that the financial affairs of the Imperial Parliament are in a particularly flourishing state, and this state of things is certainly due, almost entirely, to the management of Mr. Lowe, who has, indeed, proved himself a Finance Minister of no mean order.

West Durham—Mr. Wood Elected by Acclamation.

The nomination of candidates for the representation of West Durham in the House of Commons, necessitated by the resignation of Mr. Blake for this constituency, was held at Downhamville, on Wednesday. The weather was very unfavorable, but there was, nevertheless, a large attendance of ratepayers. Besides Mr. E. B. Wood, two other candidates were proposed, in order to allow them to speak. Mr. Wood, who was first nominated, made a long and able speech, in which he traced the political history of the Dominion since Confederation, and exposed the bad government and wrong doing of the men who had been in power since that period. A Mr. Cubittone of the Conservative nominees, made a violent personal attack on Mr. Wood, but he received no sympathy from the audience. Mr. Wilnot, the Conservative nominee, also spoke, and at the close of his speech announced that he had withdrawn from the candidature. The other gentlemen also withdrew, and Mr. Wood was declared elected by acclamation.

Manitoba.
Manitoba has already received an instalment of its claims for better terms. The House on Tuesday went into committee on the subject of custom duties in the Province and North West territory. According to Hon. Dr. Tupper, who made the motion, there seemed to be an impression that the intention of the Act was to give them the benefit of the lower tariff, while they had practically only had it for two years. But the customs tariff of the Dominion was not to be applied to Manitoba until three years from the time of its enactment, and this period would expire on the 12th May next. The Government, at first, on hearing the proposals of the Provincial members and deputations, would only consent to extend the time until July 1st; but an extension has been asked for, and was granted on Tuesday, until 12th May, 1874. The loss to the Dominion by this arrangement does not very clearly appear. The advantage to Manitoba will be considerable, and, looked at from a Ministerial point of view, is not a larger figure than the votes of its members are worth.

A New "Middling" Purifier.
Through the courtesy of Mr. Goldie we were enabled last evening to examine a new machine, just erected, in the mills, for the purpose of purifying what is termed the middlings from all impurities. After going through the ordinary process of grinding, the material is permitted to fall into this machine, where it is received by a revolving roller, from which it falls upon a sort of sieve, through which the flour and heavier portion falls into a receptacle beneath. At one end of the machine is a fan, which keeps up a perpetual wind, separating most effectually the various impurities from the mill-dinns, which fall through the sieve while the refuse is carried over the edge of the sieve, into a separate receptacle. Under-

THE LION!



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STILL AHEAD OF ALL COMPETITION.

NEW SPRING GOODS!

CHANCE & WILLIAMSON

Are now receiving part of their New Spring and Summer Goods, which will in a few days be complete, and ready for the Spring and Summer Campaign. We are now showing

150 pieces of Scotch Tweeds worth \$1, for 62½ cts;

250 pieces of WHITE COTTON, cannot be sold by any other store in Guelph less than 12½c. We will sell them at 10 cents, over forty inches wide.

75 pieces COLOURED DRESS SILKS, the Choicest Goods ever seen.

We have the best PRINTS in Guelph at 12½ cents per yard.

We have a splendid stock of Dresses, Parasols, Mantles, Hats, Bonnets, Ribbons, Collars, Gloves, &c. the best in Ontario. We have also the

Largest assortment of Gent's Readymade Clothing, Hats, Caps, Shirts, Collars, Ties, Braces, etc. etc.

In Ontario. See new advertisement every week, announcing fresh arrivals per steamers from Britain, via New York and Portland.

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CHANCE & WILLIAMSON.

New Advertisements.

THE FASHIONABLE WEST END!

MILLINERY AND MANTLE

SHOW ROOMS.

A. O. BUCHAM

Desires to inform the Ladies of Guelph that he is now showing in his new, large, and spacious Millinery and Mantle Show Rooms, a full stock of

UNTRIMMED GOODS

In all the New and Popular Styles for the Season.

Also, a magnificent stock of Millinery Materials:

Flowers, Feathers, Ribbons, etc. Shawls, Roman Scarfs, Mantles, Jackets.

Ladies are cordially invited to have a look through our Show Rooms. Our opening day will be duly announced.

A. O. BUCHAM,

Fashionable West End Dress, Millinery and Mantle Establishment. Guelph, April 1, 1873 dw5m

JAMES CORMACK,

TAILOR and CLOTHIER,

Begs to announce to his customers and the public the arrival of his

SPRING IMPORTATIONS!

His stock is now complete in **BROADCLOTHS,**

Fancy COATINGS, Fancy VESTINGS, Fancy TROUSERINGS.

English and Scotch Tweeds:

Also, a large and varied stock of

CANADIAN TWEEDS!

READY-MADE CLOTHING

BOYS SUITS!

Gent's Furnishing Goods of the best quality and latest styles.

NO. 1 WYNDHAM STREET.

Co-Operative Store.

PROFITS BEING SHARED

The Public who have bought Goods from us during the past three months, and have kept Pass Books, can now draw in Cash 3 cents on every dollar purchased from us.

The dividends are paid every January, April, July and October.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co.

GUELPH, April 1, 1873 dw

FRESH

FINNAN HADDIES

RECEIVED TO-DAY.

J. E. McELDERRY

2 DAY'S BLOCK.

neath the sieve is a brush, worked by endless chains, which rolls along the whole length of the sieve, brushing it perfectly clean. At one end of the machine three feet or so of the entire length may be marked off, at which point the middlings are sufficiently purified. The remainder is received in an elevator and carried to another machine, identically the same, where it undergoes a similar process if necessary. The invention is of considerable importance to the milling community, and effects a large saving. The flour thus turned out from these millings is of exquisite purity and whiteness, and is worth 52 or 53 more per barrel than flour produced in the ordinary manner, being perfectly free from impurity of every description. The machine is quite a new invention, we believe, there being but few in use at present in the Dominion. Messrs. Goldie, McCullough & Co., of Galt, are the manufacturers. The cost is somewhere about \$1,000. Mr. Goldie will be happy to show and explain it to any one who takes an interest in the matter.

SPRING

HARDWARE.

GARDEN TOOLS

of all kinds, consisting of

Garden Spades and Shovels, Garden Hoes and Rakes, Garden Lines, Reels, Edging Knives, and Ladies Sets, Lawn Scythes and Lawn Rakes, Seed Sieves, Pruning Knives, Carpet Tacks and Carpet Hammers, Bird Cases, Children's Toys, Toilet Sets, consisting of Water Jugs, Foot Pans and Slop Pails neatly painted and gilt, Fishing Tackle, splendid lot.

Also just received a nice lot of Oil Cloth, suitable for halls, dining-rooms, &c., (elastic patterns), Also Ocean Matting, Mats, &c.

John Horsman,

Hardware Merchant.

GUELPH, April 1, 1873 dw

TOWN OF GUELPH.



TENDERS

Will be received at the Clerk's Office up to noon

On Saturday, 19th inst.

For the Building Material in the ruins of St. George's Church, and for the Old Jail, and for the removal of the same to the Market Square or other convenient place. Material to be removed by the 1st of June and 1st of July.

—ALSO—

SEPARATE TENDERS

For the taking down and removal of the said Jail and the Old Jail, and for the removal of the same to the Market Square or other convenient place. Further particulars can be obtained at my office.

JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk.

Guelph, April 10th, 1873. dw

NEW AND SEASONABLE

HARDWARE.

SPADES AND SHOVELS

LADIES SPADES

GARDEN TOOLS IN SETS

GARDEN LINES

GARDEN REELS

PRUNING SAWS

GARDEN HOES

HEDGE SHEARS

GRASS EDGING SHEARS

PRUNING KNIVES

GARDEN TROWELS

BILL HOOKS

EDGING KNIVES

BUDGING KNIVES

WEED HOOKS

All of choice quality and at low prices.

JOHN M. BOND & Co.,

DIRECT IMPORTERS,

GUELPH.

SMOKERS,

FOR A GOOD SMOKE

Use the "Myrtle Navy."

See T. & B. on each plug.

Price so low that all can Use it.

CAUTION.—The brand "MYRTLE NAVY" is registered, and any infringement on it will be prosecuted.

The name TUCKETT & BILLINGS is on each plug, and T. & B. on each plug.

Hamilton, Feb. 10, 1873 dw5m



HE HAS JUST OPENED

15 CASES

—OF—

HATS & CAPS

ALL NEW STYLES.

JUST RECEIVED

BY EXPRESS, AT

Pickard's Fruit Store,

ALMA BLOCK.

A LARGE LOT OF

WINDOW PLANTS

Of Choice Selection.

Call and See Them.

W. PICKARD,

Alma Block, Guelph.

Guelph, April 7, 1873

WALL PAPER.

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A Large Stock of

WALL PAPER.

Just received ex-steamship from the Manufacturers.

New Designs,

Beautiful Patterns

—AT—

UNPRECEDENTED LOW PRICES.

ANDERSON'S

Cheap Bookstore.

Opposite the Old English Church, East side

WYNDHAM STREET.

FASHIONS

For Spring and Summer.

All the Novelties of the Season.

A Splendid Line of New Goods!

—JUST ARRIVED—

At J. HUNTER'S

The Largest and Best Stock in Town of Sewed Muslins, Edgings, Trimmings, Embroideries, Drills, Point Lace Patterns, and materials; Ladies' Corsets and Underclothing; Infant's Waists, Robes, Wrappers, etc.

Chignons, Braids, Coronets; Curls, and Switches in real hair; also, in Jute, Silk, and Stobair.

Jewellery and Small Wares

In great variety, and cheaper than ever.

SPEN—Another Lot of these Celebrated

Rock Crystal Spectacles.

A full assortment of Madame Demore's reliable and fashionable patterns for Spring and Summer.

Standing stone to order with neatness and despatch.

AT J. HUNTER'S

Berlin Wool, Fancy Goods, and Toy Store, Wyndham Street Guelph.

—AT—

A LARGE

NEW STOCK

—OF—

WALL

PAPER

Opened Out

—AT—

DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE.

For sale, several first-class Sewing Machines, different makers, all new, cheap for cash. Apply at the Mercury Office.

JUST RECEIVED AT

PETRIE'S

NEW

DRUG STORE

A SUPPLY OF

Walker's Vinegar Bitters,

Piso's Consumption Cure;

—ALSO—

HAUCK'S

Cooking and Heating

SPRIT LAMP!

For Heating Baby's Food it has no equal.

Will cook a Steak or Boil a Bottle in ten five to ten minutes.

It is invaluable in the Sick Room of Nursery. It produces no smoke or smell. It is perfectly safe, and CANNOT BE EXTINGUISHED.

Requires no wick, therefore no trimming.

Will boil a quart of water at a cost of only one cent.

FOR SALE ONLY BY

A. B. PETRIE,

AT THE NEW STORE.

OLD STORE CLOSED.

SPRING AND SUMMER, 1873.

POWELL'S

BOOT & SHOE STORE

Call and examine my new stock of

LADIES', GENTS' & CHILDRENS'

Boots and Shoes,

Which for moderate price, style and workmanship, cannot be surpassed in the town.

Particular attention paid to

Custom Work and Repairing.

West side Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Guelph, April 8th, 1873 dw

Good Words,

Sunday Magazine,

Family Herald,

Young Ladies Journal,

Pleasant Hours,

Wedding Bells,

(Bound volumes)

—AT—

Pashley's Bookstore,

Day's Block,

FOOT OF WYNDHAM STREET.

C. F. PASHLEY, dw

Guelph, April 3, 1873.

NEW BUTCHER SHOP.

The public are respectfully informed that the undersigned has opened a Meat Shop, in Hat's Block, and will supply customers with meat of the best quality, at the lowest rates. Meat delivered in any part of the town.

CHAS. FENNEL,

Guelph, Dec. 20, 1872. dw