

Defeat of the Government on the New Brunswick School Law.

The Government have sustained a defeat on their policy in reference to the School Laws of New Brunswick. On Wednesday Mr. Tilley moved that the House go into Committee of Supply, whereupon Mr. Costigan moved an amendment that the people in New Brunswick who feel themselves aggrieved (the Roman Catholics) should have an opportunity of bringing their case judicially before the Privy Council in England, and that in the meantime the Governor-General should disallow the several acts passed during the last session of the N. B. Legislature to legalize assessments made under the Common School Act of that Province. After a spirited debate the amendment was carried by 99 to 63, thus declaring that the previous policy of the Government in this matter was wrong. Having made an open question of it the adverse vote does not affect the standing of the Government, but the moral effect of such a defeat cannot but prove injurious to their strength and influence.

Our readers will remember that this question gave rise to some very excited debates last session, and that for some time the Government were in a quandary what to do about it, and were at last obliged to accept the suggestions of their opponents else they would have suffered defeat.

Previous to Confederation the system of education prevalent in New Brunswick was one by which all religious denominations were free to inculcate their religious principles in the education of their children, and to provide teachers who would give instruction in accordance with such views. These separate denominational schools were maintained by grants from the Legislature. In 1858 the then Provincial Legislature passed a bill for the continuance of the same system as had been adopted before, and increasing the money grant. But in 1871 the Legislature again dealt with the educational system in the Province, and passed an Act doing away with denominational education, and putting all the schools on a common basis. The Catholics in the Province strongly opposed this measure. They protested and petitioned against its provision. They held that they could not conscientiously take advantage of the educational facilities held out by the Government, while at the same time they had to contribute a dollar for a dollar for the support of Schools in which they derived no benefit. They held exactly the same position as did the Catholics of Upper Canada previous to the establishment of Separate Schools. As a last resort the Catholics in the Province petitioned the Governor-General, praying that the Act might not come into operation, but when this petition was referred to the Minister of Justice he gave it as his opinion that the Provincial Legislature had not exceeded their constitutional powers, and that, therefore, the Act must go into operation. After a full discussion on the subject in the House of Commons last session, it remained pretty much in the same position as it was before. The Legislature of New Brunswick when appealed to, refused to alter or amend the law. On the contrary they passed additions and amendments to the Act which still more annoyed and aggravated the position of the Catholics, who appealed to the Supreme Court of the Province, which vindicated their rights, and declared that the additional assessments made on them were illegal.

Such are the facts of the case, briefly stated. Mr. Costigan's motion was carried though the Government stoutly opposed, and tried by every possible means to defeat it. The whole matter will now be judicially brought before the Privy Council in England, and the Governor-General will in the meantime, be asked to disallow the acts of the New Brunswick Legislature, authorizing assessments on Catholics for school purposes, until the decision of the Privy Council is obtained.

The North Perth Election Committee have reported that the petition was insufficient and defective, and that the sitting member, Mr. Daly, was duly returned.

Mr. John Crawford, of Toronto, is being largely supported by Ontario members for the Governorship of this Province on the expiration of Mr. Howland's term of office on the 1st of July.

The petitions against the sitting members of Addington and East Toronto have been thrown out. Messrs. Shibly and Bealy retaining their seats. In the former case each party paid their own costs.

The Government having decided to defer the passing of the new Election Law till another session, notice has been given for the passing of a temporary measure for the election of members of the House of Commons. The enactment of such a measure is rendered necessary by the expiry of the Interim Act of 1871.

It is now no longer a secret that the Hon. A. J. Smith, member for Westmoreland, will shortly succeed to the Lieut Governorship of New Brunswick. Mr. Smith has, in past sessions, voted with the Opposition. It is hardly necessary to say that his recent votes have been in accordance with the party to whom he prospectively owes his elevation.

THE LION! THE LION!



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THIS WEEK!

Extraordinary Show of Bonnets, Mantles and Hats at the Lion this Week!

- 5 cases New Dress Goods this Week;
2 cases New Parasols; Umbrellas in silk sun shades;
5 cases of our noted Black Lustres---the best in Guelph, and direct from Bradford, England;
2 cases Lace setts, Linen setts, Cuffs, Collars, Gloves, Ribbons and Hosiery, all new goods this week.

CHANCE & WILLIAMSON.

By-Law.--The voting on the Egremont By-law granting \$35,000 to the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway takes place to-day. Appearances are in favor of the By-law.

Or the passengers by the "Renard," five are lying at Montreal severely scalded. Mr. Hedge is in a serious condition.

DIED

HAMILTON--In Egremont, on the 12th inst., Alex. Hamilton, farmer, aged about 77 years.

NEW GOODS JUST TO HAND At John A. Wood's,

- From Edinburgh, Scotland: 1 case Middlemas' Albert Biscuits, 1 " " Argyle "
From New York: 1 case Paraffine Candles, 5 bags Old Government Java Coffee, Finest Natural Leaf Virginia Tobacco.
From Montreal: 50 doz. Guinness' Dublin Porter, 50 doz. Guinness' Blood Porter, 50 doz. Tennants' & Ailsopp's Ale, 15 cases 1 pints, pints, quarts and magnum finest brands Champagne, 6 doz. Leibig's Extract Beef, 2 cases Danisco Marmalade, 2 cases assorted Jams and Jellies, 1 case Curacao, 1 case Raspberry Vinegar, 2 barrels Pickled Onions, 2 barrels mixed Pickles, 25 cases Peaches and Tomatoes, 2 cases Pickled Salmon.

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Friday Evening, May 16th The Great St. JAMES

Minstrel & Variety Combination

FROM THE St. James Theatre, Boston, Direct.
Glorious Company of Artists.
The "Status of the Profession."
In a sterling Bill of Novelties.
MINSTRELS, BURLESQUE, COMEDY and FARCE.
Every thing ENTIRELY NEW.
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PRICES AS USUAL
Doors open at 7, entertainment to commence 8.
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Tickets for sale at the usual places.
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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 caddy, and T. & B. on each plug. Hamilton, Feb 10, 1873 d3m

TOWN OF GUELPH

Court of Revision.

TAKE NOTICE That the first sitting of the Court of Revision will be held in the Council Chamber, on

Thursday Ev'g, May 22, Commencing at half-past 7 o'clock.

JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk, Town Clerk's Office, May 7, 1873. dwd

NOTICE

The BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF POLICE, for the Town of Guelph, require two men to undertake day and night duty in the Town, in accordance with the regulations of the Board. Applicants must be men of ordinary size, and they must be able to read and write with ease and correctness. Applications will be received up to noon on Monday next. By order, A. ROBERTSON, Chairman of the Board. Guelph, May 12, 1873. 602-wt

New Advertisements.

CHOICE MIXED TEA For 50 Cents per lb.

11 lbs GOOD SUGAR for \$1.00

J. E. McELDERRY 2 DAY'S BLOCK.

ALL THIS WEEK

Will be Devoted to a Grand Display of

NEW DRESS GOODS AT THE FASHIONABLE WEST END!

Opening this Morning---2 cases New Dress Materials, embracing a Large and Select Variety of New and Beautiful Textures for Summer Wear. Experienced Dress Makers on the Premises.

OUR MILLINERY DEPARTMENT

Orders for this department are coming in rapidly, and we have found it necessary to engage extra hands. Ladies who purpose ordering this week, will oblige by doing so as early as possible. Our Stock contains everything new and desirable for the season. Fashionable West End Dress, Millinery and Mantle Establishment. Guelph, May 7, 1873 d4v

New Spring and Summer Goods

W. D. HEPBURN & CO., Wyndham Street, Guelph,

Are daily receiving large additions to their immense Stock of

BOOTS AND SHOES

Which for Quality, Style and Variety is not surpassed in the Dominion. All their Staple Goods being manufactured on the premises, they can with confidence be recommended to the public as being superior to the common class of Ready-made work.

All kinds of Ladies', Misses', Gents' and Boys' Boots and Shoes made to Order

In the most Fashionable Styles by superior workmen. Dealers in all kinds of Shoe and Leather Findings.

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TERMS - - - CASH. Store and Factory: EAST SIDE WYNDHAM STREET. Guelph, April 15, 1873. dwtms W. D. HEPBURN & CO.

LARGE DRY GOODS STOCK

Offered at Great Bargains.

The Subscribers having bought the entire Stock of Mr. W. M. GALLOWAY at a low figure, will sell it off at his late store.

AT AND UNDER WHOLESALE PRICES!

MILLINERY

Will be sacrificed to effect a clearance.

MANTLES

If not sold here will be sent to Toronto for auction.

DRESS GOODS

30 per cent lower than former prices.

HATS & CAPS

40 per cent lower than formerly.

CLOTHING

Former prices. \$7.50, \$8, \$9, \$10 \$3.50, \$4.50, and \$5.50 \$2.75, \$4, and \$4.50

J. C. MACKLIN & Co. GUELPH, April 15, 1873. dw

FISHING TACKLE

- Fishing Rods, AT BOND'S.
do. Reels, AT BOND'S.
do. Baskets, AT BOND'S.
do. Lines, AT BOND'S.
do. Hooks, AT BOND'S.
do. Fly Hooks, AT BOND'S.
do. Trolling Hooks, AT BOND'S.
do. Baits, AT BOND'S.
do. Rod Rings, AT BOND'S.
do. Rod Keepers, AT BOND'S.

JOHN M. BOND & CO., Hardware Importers, Guelph, Ontario.

THE MEDICAL HALL GUELPH

E. HARVEY & Co.

JUST RECEIVED. Direct from the Manufacturers,

LARGEST STOCK

HAIR BRUSHES

AND Toilet Articles

EVER IMPORTED TO GUELPH.

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- Base Ball Goods, Croquet, Cricket, Footballs, Fishing Tackle.

A large stock opened out-- Direct from the Manufacturers, And will be sold cheap. Orders by Mail promptly attended to.

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Cheap Bookstore, Opposite the Old English Church, East side Wyndham street. GUELPH.

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

NEW ATTRACTIONS THIS WEEK AT

WM. STEWART'S

- New Dress Goods, New Millinery, New Sun Shades, A CHOICE LOT OF

Ladies' Silk Umbrellas;

At 12 1/2 cents, the best lot of PRINTS ever offered here.

NOW IN STOCK.

1000 CORSETS

Come and See them. Prices to suit everyone.

OPENED YESTERDAY, a case of

Tweeds, 75 cents per yd. Worth \$1.

Lace Curtains

From \$1 and upwards, to \$10.

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Guelph, April 7, 1873 dw

NEW Lumber Yard

IN GUELPH. The subscriber has opened, under the superintendence of Mr. Richard Metlock, a Lumber Yard on Paisley and Oxford streets.

Near the G. W. Railway Station,

and is prepared to supply the various descriptions of building and other Lumber.

Shingles, Lath and Pickets.

Lumber, etc., delivered in either large or small quantities, in any part of the town, or delivered by the car load on the track here, at any station on the G. W. R., or in cars at the Mill siding north of Walkerton.

Bill Lumber saved to order, and delivered with promptness.

Yokasippi Mills Lumber Yard.

CHARLES MICKLE, Proprietor. April 21st, 1873. dw

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WILL FIND ALL OUR DEPARTMENTS VERY COMPLETE.

JOHN MACDONALD & CO., TORONTO.

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Call and examine my new stock of LADIES', GENTS' & CHILDRENS' Boots and Shoes,

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

Particular attention paid to Custom Work and Repairing.

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now prepared to supply Eggs for Hatching

From his FIRST PRIZE and IMPORTED BIRDS, of the following varieties: Dark and Light Brahmas, Partridge and White Cochins, White Faced, Black Spanish, Black Red Game, Spangled Gold and Silver Hamburgs, Grey Dorkings, Bantam and Aylesbury Ducks. A few birds for sale at reasonable prices. Guelph, Mar. 19, 1873. dwtms