Legislatures instead of the Federal Executive. And finally they declare that no settlement of the questions involved in the passing of the Act of Confederation, either as regards its principle or its details, will be considered as final until after the subject has been submitted for the approval of the people.

Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE .....MACDONNELL STREET

FRIDAY EV'NG, MAY 14, 1869.

THE WELLINGTON GREY AND BRUCE RAILWAY.

As will be seen by an extract in another column from a report of the proceedings at the half-yearly meeting of the Great Western Railway in London, that Company has entered into an agreement with the Wellington Grey & Bruce Railway Co. to work the new line, or any portion of it, as soon as finished. The Great Western will supply rolling stock, and work the line for 70 per cent of the gross earnings, and 20 per cent of the traffic will be put aside to redeem the Bonds of the W. G. & B. road, which bonds will then belong to the Great Western. This agreement which received the almost unanimous sanction of the Great Western shareholders in London, will be an advantageous one for the W. G. & B. Company, while it will give to the Great Western the complete control of the line just as if it belonged to that Company.

In view of this we think it is really high time for the Town Council of Guelph to see if some arrangement cannot be made with the Great Western Railway towards securing a Union Station. The time will soon come when it will be impossible to make such an arrangement, if it is not come already. We have time and again, urged the importance of this matter on the Council and the ratepayers, but somehow or other the whole subject has been regarded with an indifference which to us, in view of the important bearing it will have on the prosperity of the town, seems perfectly astonishing and inexplicable. Should the new line be built, and the station fixed where the Great Western now is, the people of Guelph will then find out what a grevious mistake they made in allowing the matter to go as it were by default. The Council showed a great deal of spirit in sending down a deputation to Ottawa to confer with the government regarding the cancelling of our railway debt. Here is a question of equal, if not greater, moment to us, and yet that body allows it to sleep undisturbed, without so much as an attempt being made to have it settled either one way or the other. We cannot understand this apathy, this culpable neglect of the interests of the town by men who have pledged themselves to guard and foster them. It may be told us that repeated attempts have already been made to secure this union station without effect. We grant it, but there has been yet no direct refusal on the part of either the managers of the Grand Trunk or Great Western. On the contrary both have expressed their willingness that such a station should be established in Guelph. Until the attempt is made again and again, and until all negotiations fail, we will hold the Council responsible for neglect in this matter, and in after years the ratepayers will accuse themselves of culpable neglect in not urging and compelling their representatvies to exhaust all honorable means towards securing for the town a union station. But it will then be too late, when they see the stream of travel from the north going past the town to benefit other places more alive to their interests than we seem to be.

Dominion Parliament.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, May 13.

Hon. Mr. Howe took his seat, being introduced by Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir George E. Cartier.

Mr. Mackenzie, in rising to move the House into committee of the whole to consider certain resolutions on the subject of the Intercolonial Railway route, suggested that there should be an understanding, and the debate should be continued after the dinner recess, notwithstanding the rule requiring Bills and Orders to be taken up. It was agreed that the debate should be fixed for Monday.

Mr. Rymal moved an address for copies of all papers in possession of the Government connected with the purchase from the late Sir Allan McNab, of any property at or adjoining the city of Hamilton, as a site for a Deaf and Dumb Asylum, a statement of cost incurred, with abstract of the time, and other information pertaining thereto. Carried.

After recess, the House resumed the consideration of Mr. Oliver's motion to fix the salary of the Governor General at $32,000, instead of £10,000 sterling; and of Sir John A. Macdonald's amendment that, after the strong desire of Her Majesty's Government, expressed in the Duke of Buckingham's despatch, that the present salary of the Governor General should be maintained, it is inexpedient to make any alteration in the provisions of the British North America Act of 1867, with respect to the amount of such salary.

Mr. Mackenzie moved in amendment, "That it is the undoubted privilege of Parliament to fix and determine the amounts of all salaries and expenditures chargeable on the public funds of the Dominion, and that the salary of the Governor General should, therefore, be fixed by an Act of this Parliament."

After a long debate Mr. Mackenzie's amendment was carried by 137.

Farmers' Sons.

At the last annual meeting of the New York State Agricultural Society, Gen. Patrick made the following remarks in regard to the growing aversion among farmer's sons to farm work: Only a few of our children are following our footsteps. The old folks are left alone. With failing health and increasing years many are compelled to sell out the homestead and live in a village, where it is possible to live alone. Our young men are showing a great aversion to honest toil. Often, if they remain on the farm, they are more interested in fast horses than in training steers. Others engage in trifling, undignified occupations, such as selling maps, books, patent rights, or even clothes-pins. They are attracted by genteel ways and habits. At the best, they seek commercial adventures, and through this means, sudden and great riches. Can they not read their fate by the wrecks of thousands in the city of New York, who attempted the same thing. For able bodied, strong young men to quit the farm and engage in such trifling pursuits as have been named, or to attempt, where thousands fail, in a city occupation, they should be ashamed. Whenever labor in any country is considered dishonorable, the doom of that nation is sealed. Until the idea prevails that labor is honorable, there can be no bright hope before us. When we find a country divided into small estates, and each proprietor labors with his own hands, we have a happy people. Under small homesteads grew up those people before whom the world trembled when they buckled on their swords—the ancient Romans Look at the large plantations of the South, with degraded laborers, and you need not ask the result. Countries are cultivated, not according to their fertility, but according to their liberty. Agriculture is the basis of the happiness of a State, and it is the most honorable, as well as the most ancient, of all professions.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

COULSON HOUSE,

GUELPH, May 14, 1869.

The following are the arrivals at the Coulson House up to 10:30 this morning:

W Truman, Toronto; C Bodby, Mount Forest; W Muirhead, Toronto; C H Green, Toronto; Mrs. Gordan, & daughter, St. Catharines; Richard Snelling, Toronto; Alex. McMartin, Montreal; Mrs. Lind, Hamilton; James Johnston, Norval; W Bickett, Hamilton; O B Graves, London; T Wilson & wife, Detroit; G. McKenzie, Montreal; Dr Perkins, Rockwood; Mrs. Carter, Texas, U S.; R Henderson, Montreal; John Denny, Saugeen; John Rutherford, Montreal; Mrs Tassy, Johnstown; John Connell, Dundas; Alex. McLean, Walkerton; James Algie, do.; Miss Hayard, Kenilworth; John Major, Montreal.

New Advertisements.

BOY WANTED.

Wanted, a stout, active boy. Apply to GEO. WILKINSON.
Guelph, 14th May. dtf

PIANO TUNING.

All orders left at Cuthbert's Book and Music Store will be attended to by Mr RISCH, Nordheimer's Tuner.
Guelph, 14th May. dtf

WATCH FOUND.

Found between Coulson's Hotel and the Grand Trunk Station, on the 7th April last, a SILVER WATCH. The finder at the time was on his way to the States, and having no time to wait, the train being due, had to take the watch with him. The owner on proving property and paying expense of this advertisement, can be put on the way of getting it by applying at the MERCURY office.
Guelph, 13th May. 6dw3

W. M. MERRITT,

BARRISTER-AT-LAW, Solicitor in Chancery, &c. Office—No. 4, Day's Block, Guelph.
Guelph, 4th May. d4w—w1y

CORDWOOD WANTED.

Wanted from **50 to 100 Cords of Dry Wood,** including soft and hardwood, as well as Cedar. Apply at the MERCURY Office, Macdonnell Street, Guelph. Cash on delivery.
May 12 d1w3

COW STRAYED.

Strayed from the premises of the subscriber on Monday last, a red Canadian cow, with white star in forehead, likely to have calved ere this. Any information left with the undersigned respecting her whereabouts will be suitably rewarded.
JOHN WEST.
Guelph, 7th May. dwtf

TAVERN STAND FOR SALE OR TO LET.

For Sale or to Rent that well-known stand, the "Bullfrog Tavern," one mile from the Market House, Guelph, on the Eramosa Gravel Road.—The house, which is of stone, is in first-rate order, and has every convenience for carrying on a good business. Attached to it is a commodious stone stable and driving shed.

For terms and other particulars apply (if by letter post-paid) to

May 8 3tw d6 JAMES HOOD, Guelph.
Toronto Globe and Hamilton Times copy 3 times and send account to this Office.

TOWN OF GUELPH.

PLANS FOR BRIDGES.

The Corporation of the Town of Guelph offer a prize of $80 for a plan of a stone and iron girder bridge, and a prize of $70 for a plan of a stone and timber bridge (the prize in each case to be awarded to the plan approved by the Council), said bridge to be erected over the River Speed, where the Eramosa bridge now stands, in this municipality. Working specifications and a list of prices, and quantities of material, shewing total cost, to accompany each plan. Plans will be received at this office up to the 20th instant, at 3 o'clock p. m. ☞ For further information apply to

JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk,
Clerk's Office, Guelph, 7th May. dw
Daily Globe and Leader to insert four times, and sent account, &c.

Town of Guelph

TENDERS FOR BRIDGE.

Tenders for the **WOOD WORK** of bridge near Evatt & Inglis' Foundry, will be received at the Town Clerk's Office, up to three o'clock, p.m.,

ON MONDAY, THE 17th INST.

Plans and specifications can be seen and further information obtained at this office

N.B.—The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk
Clerk's Office, May 12, 1869. d4

TOWN OF GUELPH.

COURT of REVISION

The Court of Revision for the Town of Guelph will commence its first sitting in the Town Hall precisely at seven o'clock,

On Tuesday Evening, 18th of May,

and resume its sitting at the same hour on each succeeding evening until the Court shall be closed.

N. B.—No appeals will be received after the 14th May, except in accordance with the Statute.

JOHN HARVEY,
Town Clerk's Office, } Town Clerk,
Guelph, 4th May, 1869. } dwtd

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS

Will be received up to 2 o'clock, p. m., on Monday, the 17th instant, for the masonry, carpenter and iron work required in the erection of a Foot-bridge over the river Speed in the Town of Guelph. Plans and specifications can be seen, and full particulars learned, at the office of the undersigned, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

KAUFFMAN & COOPER,
Architects.
Guelph, May 8, 1869. do 7

EDUCATIONAL.

MRS. WM. BUDD,

Organist of the Congregational Church

Begs to inform her Pupils and friends that her School will re-open on MONDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1869. She will also be prepared to give Private Lessons on the Organ, Piano and Melodeon.—Residence: Norfolk Street, Guelph.
December 30. dely

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Fire Crackers,

Torpedoes, &c.

JUST RECEIVED at the FRUIT DEPOT, a large importation of Fire Crackers, Torpedoes, &c., which will be sold to the trade 20 per cent. below Toronto or Hamilton prices, at

HUGH WALKER'S

Wholesale dealer in Fruit and Fire Works, opposite the English Church, Wyndham-st.
Guelph, 14th May dw.

MAGAZINES

FOR

MAY

AT

CUTHBERT'S.

Guelph, 14th May. dw

MAGAZINES FOR MAY

RECEIVED

At DAY'S BOOKSTORE,

Opposite the Market.

Bow Bells
People's Magazine
Englishwoman's Magazine
The Sunday School Teacher
English Mechanic
Argosy
The World of Fashion
Leisure Hour
Cornhill
Temple Bar
Good Words
The Quiver
Young Englishwoman
Sunday Magazine
Young Englishwoman's Journal
All the Year Round
Sunday at Home
Young Men of Great Britain
Boys of England
Cassell's Magazine
London Society
Popular Educator.

Guelph, 13th May. dw

FOR MAY.

AT THORNTON'S

NEWS AGENCY,

WYNDHAM-ST. - - GUELPH.

Bow Bells
Sunday Magazine
Good Words
Young Men of Great Britain
Boys of England
Young Englishwoman
Cornhill
London Society
Once a Week
Infants' Magazine
British Workman

Magazines Bound Promptly.

Guelph, May 13. daw

Town of Guelph

CLEANING OUT THE RIVER SPEED.

Tenders will be received at this office up to four o'clock, p.m.,

On Monday, the 17th inst.,

for the following work, viz:

Removing all Driftwood, between Goldie's Mill and Allan's Bridge, **and taking out all Stumps** between bridge at Inglis' Foundry and a line crossing the river at the northerly corner of Wm. Nichols' Court House Hotel property.

N.B.—The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk,
Clerk's Office, May 12, 1869 d4

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The subscriber, in returning thanks to his friends and the public generally for the liberal patronage bestowed on him during the past eight years, begs to announce that he has rented **Stall No. 4, Guelph Market,** where he will always keep on hand a choice assortment of

FRESH AND SALT MEAT

of all kinds, which he will sell at the lowest possible prices.

JOHN TYSON, Butcher.
Guelph, May 8, 1869. daw tf

KAUFFMAN & COOPER,

Architects and Civil Engineers.

OFFICE—Over Bank of Commerce,

Golden Lion Block, Wyndham-st.
Guelph, 4th May. dolm

HOME-CURED

BACON, HAMS AND SHOULDERS!

.AT WILKINSON'S.

Smoked Hams,
Heavy Bacon,
Spiced Bacon,

Unsmoked Shoulders,
Light Bacon,
Sugar-Cured Breakfast Bacon.

It is a well known fact, that the superior quality of meat sold by me is well appreciated from the large quantities that I sell yearly.

Guelph, 14th May. dw GEORGE WILKINSON.

TOWN OF GUELPH. } TO WIT:

VICTORIA, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith,

TO HER TRUSTY BAILIFFS, RICHARD CONGOU, THOMAS PEKOE, JOHN HYSON, and HER WELL BELOVED STEWARDS of HER HOUSEHOLD, HERNY SOUCHONG and CHARLES GUNPOWDER,

GREETING:—

WE command you, and every one of you, to summons every MAN AND WOMAN in your TOWN, TOWNSHIP and COUNTY, to attend a Court to be holden from day to day for the special interests of all Her Majesty's subjects until further notice, at the stores of Her faithful subject, JOHN A. WOOD, Alma Block and Lower Wyndham Street, in the Town of Guelph, County of Wellington, to examine, decide and give judgment according to your several opinions, of the superior QUALITY and CHEAPNESS of the said **JOHN A. WOOD'S** TEAS, COFFEES, SUGARS, WINES, LIQUORS and GENERAL GROCERIES, which he challenges all competition to excel.

Witness our hands this 12th day of May, 1869. } ISAAC ECONOMY, JAMES JUSTWEIGHT, PETER GENUINE.

For Ten Days!

AN IMMENSE REDUCTION

IN THE PRICE OF

CROCKERY

AND GLASSWARE.

The Whole to be Rushed Off

At Tremendous Low Prices!

Splendid Stoneware Tea Setts, $2.50

Handsome Stoneware Toilet Setts, $1.50

Everything in the line equally cheap.

HUGH WALKER,

Guelph, May 12. dw Opposite the English Church

GUELPH TEA. DEPOT!

A VERY LARGE STOCK JUST IMPORTED!

PRICES DOWN, DOWN.

Extra Fine Moyune Young Hyson Tea, Sold elsewhere in Guelph for $1.15 per lb., for $1.00!

22 Half Chests of $1.00 Tea, for 90 Cents per lb.

First-Class 75c. Tea for 60c per lb. Congue Tea for 45c. Very best Oolong Japan Tea, worth $1.00, for 75c. per lb. A Splendid Mixed Tea for 50 Cents per lb.

All GOODS WARRANTED to give satisfaction. If not the money will be returned. CALL AND SEE SAMPLES.

E. O'DONNELL & CO.,

Guelph, May 10 do tf Wyndham Street, Guelph.

CHILDREN'S

CARRIAGES

In great variety, and remarkably cheap at MRS. HUNTER'S.

THE PATENT CLOTHES HORSE,

A most useful and convenient article. Every house should have one.

AT MRS. HUNTER'S.

Something new in TOYS, at Mrs. Hunter's.

Dress Making & Straw Millinery

At MRS. HUNTER'S

Juvenile Clothing and Patterns at Mrs. Hunter's.

☞ A large and select stock of Fancy Goods, Wools, &c.

At MRS. HUNTER'S,
Berlin Wool and Fancy Goods Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph. May 12 dw

REMOVAL AND DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

GUELPH

MELODEON AND ORGAN COMPANY

MCLEOD, WOOD & Co., in returning their sincere thanks to the public for the liberal patronage bestowed on the late firm of BELL, WOOD & Co., would beg to state that having dissolved partnership with the other members of the firm, they intend carrying on and manufacturing **Melodeons and Cabinet Organs,** one door East of the old stand,

EAST MARKET SQUARE

in that large three-story stone building known as the old ADVERTISER Printing Office, and hope by strict attention to business and liberal terms to merit the confidence of the musical public.

The partners are all practical mechanics, and as they intend using the best of stock, and their men being all tried Melodeon makers, the public may depend on getting as good an instrument as can be obtained in the United States or the Dominion of Canada.

TWO FIRST PRIZES

We were awarded two first prizes on both Melodeons and Cabinet Organs at the Provincial Exhibition of 1868, and one of our partners is the same Mr. Wood whose tuning has taken nearly all of the first prizes at Provincial Fairs for the last eight years.

We wish specially to inform the public that, being practical mechanics, and having taken with us nearly all the workmen, whose work has gained such a reputation in Canada, we defy our late partners, or any men whom they can procure from Prince's or any other establishment, to turn out work equal—far less superior—to the instruments made by us. We do not intend to rest our claim for support on puffing, but invite comparison as the best test of the superiority of our work.

We would remind the agents of the late firm and intending purchases that although the factory is one door East of the old stand, all the work is made by the same workmen, and under the supervision of two of the partners who have always managed the mechanical part of the business of the late firm, and the tuning is exclusively done by Mr. Wood, so that we have now facilities for turning out a more perfect instrument than could be done in the old factory.

☞ **Repairing** done as usual, and in future PIANO TUNING will be done by Mr. Wood exclusively. Price of tuning in town $1.50.

All instruments warranted for five years.

Orders by letter will receive careful attention.

☞ Remember the Stand—Old ADVERTISER Office, East Market Square.

R. McLEOD. R. B. WOOD. J. JACKSON.
Guelph 17th April.

Guelph Melodeon Co'y.

Dissolution of Co-Partnership.

The Co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name of BELL, WOOD & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

JOHN RUDD, Witness. } WM. BELL, R. B. WOOD, ROBERT BELL, ROBERT McLEOD.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

BELL BROTHERS, of the late firm, assume all liabilities, and all notes and accounts are to be paid to them at the old stand, East Market Square.
Guelph 15th April, 1869. w3

BELL BRO'S

The senior partners of the above firm still continue to manufacture

MELODEONS & CABINET ORGANS

In the old stand, under the name of W. BELL & Co.

Though the late firm received two First Prizes at the last Provincial Exhibition we were determined to make a still better instrument, and with that end in view secured the services of some of PRINCE & CO'S best workmen, including a tuner who is undoubtedly the best in Canada. We therefore confidently affirm that our instruments are much superior to any made elsewhere in Canada, and at least equal to any made in the United States.

☞ All our instruments warranted for 5 years, and perfect satisfaction guaranteed. Send for our catalogue.

Address, W. BELL & CO.
Guelph, April 30, 1869. daw

MONTREAL OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CANADIAN LINE.

Liverpool, Londonderry, Glasgow.

The first-class, full-powered, Clyde-built Steamships of this line will be despatched every Saturday as follows (carrying the Canadian and United States mails):

QUEBEC TO LIVERPOOL.

Nestorian	....	8th May
Prussian	....	15th "
Austrian	....	22nd "
Moravian	....	29th "

QUEBEC TO GLASGOW.

St. David (on or about)	....	13th May
St. Andrew " "	....	20th "

Through Passage Tickets, Return Tickets, and European Pre-paid Passage Certificates issued at lowest rates.

CABIN.—Guelph to Liverpool $79.50 and $89.50
STEERAGE, do do 30.50
CABIN—Guelph to Glasgow, 49.50.
INTERMEDIATE, do 49.50.
STEERAGE, do do 29.50.

For every information apply to

GEO. A. OXNARD,
Agent G. T. R., Guelph
Guelph, May 6, 1869 daw

WHITEWASHING AND WALL COLOURING

Done by WILLIAM DAVIS, Waterloo Street, rear of Messrs. Robins and Tolton's granary, near the Grand Trunk Station.
Guelph, March 31 do 3m