

TO THOSE IN ARREARS.

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CENTRE RIDING REFORM CONVENTION.

This Convention meets at Marsville to-morrow for the purpose of electing a candidate to represent the Riding in the House of Commons. The Reformers of Eramosa met at the Centre Inn on Monday, when the following delegates were chosen to attend the Convention at Marsville: Messrs. L. Parkinson, Robt. Boyce, John A. Armstrong, H. H. Winford, David Stewart, and H. Dunbar.

THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT AND THE WASHINGTON TREATY.

The Queen's Speech, delivered on Tuesday at the opening of the Imperial Parliament, is very guarded in referring to the Washington Treaty, and the difficulties which have arisen at the Geneva Conference. As will be seen by the synopsis of the Speech in another column, Her Majesty says: "In the cases submitted by America, large claims were included which were understood on my part not to be within the province of the Arbitrators. On this subject I have caused a friendly communication to be made to the Government of the United States."

Here we have a clear indication that there is trouble brewing. Britain has remonstrated on the extravagant nature of the United States claims; but we are not told what answer, if any, has been given to it. At remonstrance, it is clear that the United States Government, as their word, have put in claims for a much larger amount than they are in justice entitled to, in the expectation that when these preposterous claims are struck out, they may get a little more than their share.

This is sharp practice, but it is not honorable. The position of matters at present is grave enough to cause uneasiness, but we are in hopes that the prudent, though firm, course of the British Government will enable the high contracting parties to get over the difficulty without the breaking up of the Conference, or any subsequent serious rupture.

THE MANITOBA GOVERNMENT ON THE SCOTT MURDER.

The Manitoba Legislature, after having passed resolutions expressing their indignation at the interference of the Ontario Legislature in the Scott murder case, have had to give way to the popular indignation, and taken steps to bring the matter before the Dominion Government. Mr. Donald A. Smith on Monday moved a series of resolutions, setting forth that the Imperial authorities alone had criminal jurisdiction in the North-west prior to the Union with Canada, and proposing to ask them what they had done or intended to do in reference to the vindication of justice in those territories before that time. Both sides of the House supported the resolution, and it was accordingly carried unanimously.

EDITORIAL NEWS.

Daniel McLachlan, formerly M.P.P. for South Renfrew, and one of the leading lumbermen in Ottawa County, died at Arrifrior on Tuesday morning.

St. John A. Macdonald visited Hamilton on Tuesday, and was the guest of Bishop Farrell. Subsequently, at the Royal Hotel, he met His Worship the Mayor, Hon Isaac Buchanan, Chas. Magill, Esq., M.P., and other gentlemen, with whom he remained in conversation until his departure by the evening train.

THE QUEBEC NATIONAL PARTY.—A meeting of the National party of Quebec was held recently under the Presidency of Mr. Joly, M.P., at which were present a number of well-known political gentlemen. The object of the meeting was to discuss the merits of the party as follows: It is desired, in the first place, to constitute a party on a national basis, not using the color of race, but of country, so as to make it include all who are Canadian by birth, by adoption, and especially by love to the country in which we live; and it is hoped to be effected by an union of many men who have hitherto been ranged under different political banners, but who in the main desire to maintain in their integrity the free principles and practice of our constitutional government.

Electrical Phenomenon.

The London Advertiser says: Mr. Showman, Telegraph Superintendent of the Great Western Railway, informs us that the wire extending along the line of the road was on Monday forenoon singularly affected by atmospheric electricity. The results produced seemed to indicate the presence in this vicinity of a heavy state of current of atmospheric electricity. The effect at first was to negative the batteries which supply the current, and at intervals of half an hour all the circuits would open without apparent cause, and after remaining open a few moments would close, the circuit at first weak, but shortly becoming stronger and stronger. Towards noon a contrary effect was observed, the force of the battery being augmented to such an extent that the instruments were in danger of being burnt, and the current of the circuit, and they had to be

tached for a time. The main batteries at London and Suspension Bridge were consequently detached, when it was found that a splendid "working current" was supplied to the telegraphic electricity, upon which communication was kept up. By attaching the "ground wire" at Paris and other points between London and Paris, the cutting off of the east, the effect still continued, increasing in intensity as the ground wire was applied closer to London, showing that the atmospheric current was most intense in this vicinity. Between one and two o'clock the effect upon the western wires died away, and the wires appeared to be moving westward. The effect upon the western wires became gradually less perceptible, and finally ceased altogether.

Guelph February Fair.

The Fair was largely attended by buyers, and a great number of cattle were on the ground. There was a very marked improvement in the quality of the animals offered, although we regret to say that farmers are still obliged to quit their stock at unremunerative rates, but, perhaps, considering the prevailing scarcity and dearth of feed, they act prudently in disposing of them at even these depressed prices. We were glad to note the presence of the Messrs. Satchell, of Ottawa, purveyors to His Excellency the Governor General, and leading families of the capital, and who bought largely of the prime cattle on the ground. Mr. John West of this town rendered valuable assistance to them in this respect. We append the following sales, merely premising that there were few cattle reached the outside limits of lots:—Messrs. Satchell, Ottawa, 34 head of very choice cattle at \$65 and \$70 per head; George Hood, Guelph, 50 head prime cattle at 42 cts. per lb. on an average; R. Reeves, Toronto, 60 head at \$50 each on an average; W. Brownridge, Toronto, 7 head at 3 cts. per lb.; Mr. Crawford, Toronto, 7 head at 3 cts.; Mr. Bryant, do, 1 car load 4 cts.; W. Hearn, Guelph, 7 head, 3 cts. do; Robt. Stralhan, do, 2 car loads, 3 cts. do; T. Small, Hamilton, 6 head, 3 cts. do; Robt. Cochran, Guelph, 70 head, 3 cts. do; E. Keenan, Fushich, 2 oxen, 4 cts. do; J. & R. Millar, Guelph 4 head from B. Bryden, Paisley Black for \$220, and other 10 head from various parties at an average of \$50; Denj. S. Sill, 2 Heifers at 37 cts.; M. Sweetman Jr., 6 head at \$374 each; Geo. Tindall, Eramosa, 2 oxen 100 lbs at 44; Henry Carter, do, 7 head at \$65 per head; H. Sanderson, cow and calf \$45.

WORKS OPEN.—There were a fair number of works open, and many buyers were fully asking prices that buyers would not give. SURE.—George Hood bought 120 at \$54 per head; C. Mickle sold 38 sheep weighing 450 lbs at 5 cts per lb.; John Gillies, 5 do at \$93 per head.

Presentation at Rockwood. Mr. Wm. Dryden, who has been for the past four years Superintendent of the Rockwood Canada Presbyterian Sabbath School, was on the resignation of that office presented by the teachers and pupils of this school with a handsome Bible and the following address as a token of appreciation and respect in which his services have been held:—

Dear Sir:—In the name of the teachers and scholars of this school, we take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of your services amongst us as Superintendent for the past four years. And on your resignation of that office with us we beg you to accept of this gift from us as a token of our affection and respect for you. Hoping that the promises contained in it may be your reward, and trusting your labour has not been in vain with us, we are in the name of this school,

THOMAS TAYLOR, ELIZABETH McMALEN, Rockwood, Feb. 4th, 1872.

DEAR TEACHERS AND CHILDREN, I heartily thank you for this handsome and most unexpected present. It is now over five years since I came among you as teacher and somewhat less than that since I was appointed Superintendent. During all this time I have been ably assisted and encouraged by the teachers, between whom and myself there has ever been the greatest harmony. I can truly say my work among you has been a work of love; elevated by the consciousness of doing some little good, in this most important part of the Church's work. Your union in a good conduct in school, your smiling faces, at cordial greetings wherever I met you, led me to believe that I in some measure enjoyed your confidence and esteem, and it is very gratifying to me to receive this assurance of your kindly feelings towards me. Although resigning the position of Superintendent I shall still take a deep interest in the future welfare of the school. From the ability and love of the work possessed by my successors, I have no doubt he will prove a most efficient Superintendent. Again I thank you for your kind address and promise, and, believe me, my honest wish and prayer is, that the lessons here taught you may, by the blessing of God, be instrumental in promoting your usefulness and happiness in this world; and may it and prosper you for life everlasting in the world to come.

I am, yours very truly, WILLIAM DUTCHER, Rockwood, Feb. 4, 1872.

Concise Correspondence.

Concise though usually a very quiet place an occasionally get up a little excitement; this was especially the case a few evenings ago, when a complimentary entertainment was given in honor of Dr. W. J. Sumner. The Dr. who is on the point of leaving Conestogo for Guelph, was entertained by a large number of his friends at Berlin, St. Jacobs, Elmira, Winterburn, Bloomington, &c., at a social gathering in Schuyler's Hall. The large number assembled testifies to the high esteem with which the Dr. is regarded here. The evening commenced at nine o'clock, and was kept up with great spirit, especially by the younger portion of those present—for a couple of hours when supper was announced. After supper Charles Hendry Esq., who occupied the chair, addressed the company, stating in conclusion that the Doctor would be greatly missed by the people of Conestogo, both socially and professionally, and finally proposed that three cheers be given for the guest of the evening. The proposal was responded to with undiminished good will. The Doctor replied in short but appropriate terms. Drs. Robinson and Walmesley and M. B. Porine Esq., followed with short and neat addresses. Dancing was then indulged in until the small hours were beginning to merge into the larger ones. Permit me to add that the Bridgeport quadrille band contributed greatly to the amusement of the evening. I would advise all those who are fond of the "light fantastic" to try them, as they are hard to beat.

EDWARD OSLER, Law, Chambers and Conestogo, Ontario, Solicitor, Public, Land, Loan and Insurance Agent, Office next door to R. H. Perry's Drug Store, Conestogo, Ontario. The Standard Life Insurance Co. of Scotland, 101, The Exchange, London, E.C. The Insurance Co. of Toronto, 101, The Exchange, Toronto, Ontario. The Insurance Co. of Canada, 101, The Exchange, Toronto, Ontario. The Insurance Co. of the Dominion, 101, The Exchange, Toronto, Ontario.

IMPORTANT TO MARKET GARDENERS.—Messrs. G. & J. W. GARDNER, of the Victoria Horticultural Co., have just received a large quantity of the best quality of the following named plants, and are prepared to supply them at the lowest possible prices. The plants are:—Cucumbers, Peas, Beans, Carrots, Potatoes, &c. &c. Apply to G. & J. W. GARDNER, 101, The Exchange, Toronto, Ontario.

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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!

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REMEMBER THIS, LADIES! Our stock is all new, and composed of First Class Goods of every description. We must have the best Goods produced in the British and Foreign Markets in order to give our customers satisfaction.

N. B.—The recent advance in Cotton Goods will not affect our prices for the present, as we have a large stock on hand. Come and see.

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

LUMBER.

NOTICE.

WE the undersigned, beg to inform the public that we have sold out our Lumber Yard on Upper Wyndham Street to MESSRS. DOUGLAS & BANNERMAN, and as they have been in our employment for a number of years we have much pleasure in recommending them to the public as our successors.

AND we also beg to inform our numerous customers that our business will hereafter be carried on At the GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY STATION where we will sell, wholesale and retail. Guelph, Jan 10, 1872. Gowdy, Stewart & Co.

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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 Kinloss—a distance of 42 miles. Plans and Specifications may be seen at the Office of the Company, Canada Life Assurance Building, 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, the 16th of Feb. 1872. W. McCLACHLAN, Secretary. W. McGUIVER, President. Hamilton, Jan. 27, 1872.

THE Lancashire Insurance Company. Capital £2,000,000 Sterling. Head office for Ontario Northwest Corner of King and Church Streets, Toronto. General Agents, S. C. DUNCAN-CLARK & Co., 101, The Exchange, Toronto. Managers, WM. CAMPBELL & Co., 101, The Exchange, Guelph. JOHN McCREA, Nov 28th, 1871.