

To Business Men.
The circulation of the Mercury and Advertiser being nearly five times that of any other paper published in the County of Wellington, business men and others would study their own interests by advertising in the Mercury and Advertiser.

Guelph Evening Mercury
SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 23, 1874

The Tichborne Case Ended at Last.

We publish this morning (Saturday) a piece of news more startling in its way than was the reported danger of the British forces in Ashantee. The great Tichborne case is ended. One can scarcely realise it. The Tichborne case had got to be one of the standing institutions of the old country, as it were, and it seemed quite natural that the trial should go on until the present generation passed away, and be left as an heritage to their children. The Tichborne case ended! What an illustration of the axiom that all things earthly must have an end. It has been a "long lane," but the "turning" has had to come. The results are easily summed up. Tardy justice dealt out to a rank impostor; fat fees—O, so lucratively fat—for the lawyers; a fine estate wasted and crumpled by those terrible "costs;" much suffering to an innocent woman; another illustration of popular credulous enthusiasm for an unworthy object; another specimen of the long-windedness of British law courts; and much ado about nothing generally. One can fancy the feelings of the jurors as they stepped out of the court this morning, free men, after their weary daily imprisonment in a crowded and ill ventilated courtroom during the five or six months that the perjury trial has lasted. The case was originally begun, it will be remembered, by the claimant bringing a civil suit for the recovery of the Tichborne Estate. When the trial ended with a verdict against him, the present one was initiated, the claimant being tried for perjury in falsely representing himself to be Roger Tichborne; and the whole ground was gone over again. The two trials are amongst the longest of the kind known in history—and long may they remain so.

M.P.'s. to be Elected by Ballot.

Our last batch of sessional papers contains a Bill introduced by the Hon. Attorney-General Mowat, to provide for the introduction of secret voting in elections of members for the Ontario Local Legislature. In its main features it resembles Mr. Clarke's Municipal Elections Bill, but is much more full and elaborate in its provisions, as befits the greater importance of the elections it deals with. As we have already given a synopsis of Mr. Clarke's Bill, our readers will be enabled to gain sufficient knowledge of the Attorney-General's measure if we simply point out wherein the latter differs from the former.

The first point of difference is that ballot boxes are to be provided by the Returning Officer, and supplied by him to his deputies. After the election, the boxes are to be delivered to the Sheriff. Instead of the ballot papers being loose, they are bound in books, each paper with a counterfoil in the following fashion:—

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DOE, J. D. (Proprietor of the County of Wellington, Ontario.)	ROE, J. D. (Proprietor of the County of Wellington, Ontario.)	STILES, J. D. (Proprietor of the County of Wellington, Ontario.)
Electing for the County of Wellington, Ontario.	Counting for the County of Wellington, Ontario.	Single or Vote.

(The dotted lines show the division of the ballot paper and the counterfoil.)

If practicable, the names of the candidates are to be printed in different colours, which will be of great help to the illiterate voter. The blank space to the right of the paper shows where the elector is to mark a cross against the man for whom he votes. The papers are numbered consecutively on the back, and the counterfoils are numbered consecutively on the front. The number on each counterfoil, of course, corresponds with that of the ballot paper attached to it. The Returning Officer is also to have plainly printed directions conspicuously posted in every polling place, stating the manner of voting. A poll book is not used. The Deputy Returning Officer numbers all the names on the voters' list before-hand. These numbers are quite distinct from the consecutive numbers on the ballot papers, and the deputy is to carefully conceal them from all but the poll clerk. When an elector comes up to vote, the officer tears off a ballot paper and gives it to him; he then marks the counterfoil of that paper with the number that is against the elector on the voters' list. The giving of the vote is then completed in the manner formerly described. It will be seen that the only means of identifying the vote at a subsequent scrutiny is by means of the counterfoil. There is one number against the elector on the voter's list; and another on his ballot paper; and these two numbers are both on the counterfoil, thus enabling a vote to be traced by a comparison of the list and the ballot paper. Provision is made in case of two men claiming to be the same voter. The one who last offers his vote gives it by means

of what is called a "tendered ballot paper" of a different kind from the ordinary ballots. The tendered ballot paper is sealed up in an envelope and deposited in the ballot box, but is not counted at the close of the poll, and is made no use of unless the election be protested. An elector whose name has been omitted from the voter's list gives a tender of his vote in the same way. The oath has first to be administered in each case.

The proceedings at the close of the poll are similar to those in municipal contests; but the Bill gives very full and minute directions. The counterfoils are not unsealed during the counting-up of the ballots, nor can they be inspected except by order of court. The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery retains all the ballots, counterfoils, &c., for one year, after which they are destroyed.

The usual precautions and penalties as to secrecy are named; and a number of schedules give the form of ballot, of voters' list, of oath, and other documents.

The Act is very complete in all its provisions; and although at first sight it may appear somewhat complex, our impression, after a careful examination, is that the ballot machinery it provides will be found to be simple and satisfactory in actual working.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A two-line telegram of much significance is to hand from British Columbia, dated Victoria, Feb. 26. Here it is: "The Bill to alter the terms of Union passed to-day. There was no excitement."

So this is the end of the insurrection in British Columbia. How disappointed the Tories will be! Too bad that the tempest in a teapot should have come to such a lame and impotent conclusion when they had such hopes of making a great point against the Government out of it! The British Columbians have more sense than the Tories gave them credit for.

A SALUTARY CHANGE.—During a visit to Ottawa recently the editor of the Oshawa Reformer was struck by three great changes in the aspect of affairs. Firstly, instead of Ministers being found loafing about the Russell House bar, in the evenings, the lights in the Departmental windows indicated their attention to business. Hon. Messrs. Mackenzie, Scott and Letellier are especially marked by their constant industry. Another thing was the absence of the horde of contractors who usually thronged the capital at this season of the year. And thirdly the "swell mob" of the Civil Service were no longer to be seen loafing on the streets during office hours. Evidently there is a new king in Egypt.

In British Columbia the elections may be said to be virtually all over, as Thompson is likely to be elected again for Cariboo. All are disposed to give the new Government a fair trial; but if classification be insisted upon, we might say that Messrs. DeCosmos, Roscoe, and Cunningham are pledged supporters of the new Administration, while it may possibly happen that Messrs. Bunster, Dewdney and Thompson will take an independent position in the House.

There is one reform that the advocates of women's rights have so far failed to urge, but which commends itself to every intelligent man and woman. It is the passage of a law requiring that juries in cases of promise shall consist of half of women. It is notorious that the grossest injustice is often the result of trials of this sort, managed as they are at present. Male jurors are influenced by the mere fact of the sex of the plaintiff, and under this influence render verdicts which outrage justice and common sense alike.

The Rev. Mr. Young addressed a large meeting at Ottawa on Thursday night on the subject of the Episcopal Reform movement. He concluded a lengthy address by expressing the hope that the efforts to establish a Reform Episcopal Church would succeed, and thus preserve in its integrity the primitive Episcopacy of the Church of England as in the sixteenth century.

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Electro-plated Cruet Stands, elegant patterns.
Ivory-handled Table and Dessert Knives.
Nickel Silver and Electro-plated Forks to suit.
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Also, a large assortment of Lamps, new patterns very cheap; Lamp Glasses, Globes, Shades, Wicks, Burners, etc., etc., at

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The undersigned is instructed by Mr. Alex. Winton to sell that very desirable property adjoining the Town of Guelph, and near the residence of Judge Macdonald, comprising 12 acres of prime land, upon which there is an excellent Orchard of the finest grafted fruit—apples, pears, plums, currants, gooseberries, raspberries, strawberries, &c., of the choicest varieties and in great abundance. There is an excellent dwelling house, stable shed, green-house, well and pump, &c., on the premises. This property will be sold cheap and on easy terms. For particulars apply to

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Family Sewing Machine (single thread)
" Hand Lock Stitch (double thread)
" No. 1, Foot Power.
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Furnished with plain tables, half, or Cabinet Cases, as required.

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By JOSEPH KINTNER,
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Erin, Feb. 23, 1874. w4c

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The Lang Homestead, 110 acres, situated on Lots 21 and 22, 10th concession, Erin, east front, 50 acres on 21 and 40 on 22, 80 acres cleared, in whole or separately to suit buyers. Well fenced, with two wells and spring creek running through; on lot 21 a small frame house, on 22 a substantial concrete dwelling, 45 feet front; on ground floor 4 rooms and 2 kitchens, 4 rooms above, all well finished. Bath, 2 1/2, with log addition, stable and driving house 42 x 30, a stone cellar for roots, and milk house apart. Abundance of building and rail timber, a healthy orchard and small hop yard. Usual rental \$150 to \$200 per annum. Possession on 1st March, 1874; fall plowing allowed. Also, in the flourishing village of Hillsburg, the new, large and commodious hotel, Union Exchange, good stand, and Credit Valley Railway coming. On Fead's survey, Orangeville, a building lot 33 ft front. See map in Fead's new office, Orangeville. All titles indisputable. Terms on farm, \$100 deposit on day of sale, \$500 on 1st Jan., 1874. Hotel and building lot one-third down. All undistributed terms made known on application. Inspection invited. Apply to the undersigned, if the letter post paid.

WILLIAM LANG, Proprietor, Union Exchange, Hillsburg, Ont.

Erin, Dec. 30, 1873.

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The undersigned offers for sale, or to rent the unimproved property, viz:

First—A valuable improved Farm North of the Durham Road, in the Township of Bentinck, three miles from the Village of Durham, containing about 200 acres, of which about 120 acres are cleared and under fence, with a good patch of Fall Wheat on it. On the premises is a substantial Frame Dwelling House with good cellar, garden and well, with pump of excellent water. Also, a Frame barn, with eighteen foot posts and underground stabling, and a never failing spring in the barn yard for the use of stock.

Also—Lot 42, in the 3rd Concession of Bentinck, West of the Durham Road, 100 acres, about 12 acres cleared, with a Frame House on the lot.—The Rocky Saugeen River crosses one corner of this lot, and has a valuable water power on it, capable of driving any machinery.

Also—Lot 25, in the 1st Concession, South of the Durham Road, one mile from Fresherton Station, in the Township of Arden. There are about 25 acres cleared and fenced on this lot, with a good new log house.

The above lands are well situated and timbered with the best kind of hard wood timber, with indisputable titles—the last two being direct grants from the Crown. Possession given 1st April.

For further particulars, &c., apply to the proprietor.

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Guelph, Jan. 7, 1874. 12w-down.

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Who attend it?

Teachers preparing for a certificate.

Candidates for Matriculation in Arts, Law, and Medicine, and

Commercial Students.

Who desire to obtain a knowledge of

Writing, Book-keeping, Commercial Arithmetic, etc.

Classes in Telegraphy, Shorthand, French and German.

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Manufacturers of Portable and Stationary Steam Engines and Boilers, Flouring and Saw Mill Machinery of all kinds, Smit Machines, Combined Heading and Shingle Machines, Barrel Head Turners and Planers, Stave Cutters and Joiners, Pottery Kettles, Coalers, etc., etc.

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New Fruits, Teas, Coffees

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Choice Gunpowder Tea at 50 cents per lb.
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