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HAMILTON DYE WORKS,

Two doors from the Royal Hotel. Established 1856.

Silks, Satins, Merinoes, Damasks, Moreen Table Covers, &c., &c., dyed and finished. British and Foreign Shawls cleaned and pressed, Kid Gloves cleaned, Feathers cleaned, dyed and curled.

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J. HUNTER,
Guelph, 8th Feb dw Agent for Guelph

NEW AUCTION ROOMS.

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No. 3 Day's Block, - - Guelph,

(Next door to Carroll's Grocery Store).

Every attention paid to Sales of Merchandize, Household Furniture and Farm Stock.

☞ Prompt and careful returns made of all sales.

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GREAT WESTERN HOTEL.

JOHN HEWER, Proprietor.

The subscriber having lately leased the above Hotel, would respectfully inform his friends and the travelling public generally that he has thoroughly renovated and refurnished the premises throughout, and is also making other improvements which will render its accommodation for guests second to none in town. The table will always be supplied with the choicest the market affords, and the bar with pure liquors and the best brands of cigars. Nothing will be left undone to ensure the comfort of all who may favor him with their patronage. Extensive stabling attached, capable of accommodating 200 horses. An attentive hostler always in attendance. Stages to all parts of the country call at this hotel daily.

Guelph, 9th February. d2w6m

Undertakers!

MITCHELL & TOVELL

Having bought out Mr. Nathan Tovell's Hearse, horses, &c., we hope by strict attention to business to gain a share of public patronage. We will have

A full ASSORTMENT of COFFINS always on hand.

Funerals furnished if required. Carpenter work done as usual. Premises, a few doors north of Post Office, and next D. Guthrie's Law Office, Douglas Street, Guelph.

JOHN MITCHELL. NATHAN TOVELL, Jr

Guelph, December 1 dwly

R. J. JEANNERET,

FROM ENGLAND,

Established in London, Ont. 1842 and in Guelph 1863.

WORKING WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER

DAY'S BLOCK,

Opposite the Mark Guelph.

Just received a choice variety of Cheap Goods suitable for Christmas and New Year's gifts. Particular attention paid to repairing of Watches, Clocks and Jewelry.

Guelph, December 17th. dw

INSOLVENT ACT of 1864

ISAAC BUCHANAN, PETER T BUCHANAN and ANDREW BINNEY, PLAINTIFFS.

R. H. HUDGIN, DEFENDANT.

A WRIT OF ATTACHMENT has issued in this cause.

GEO. J. GRANGE, Sheriff,
Co. Wellington

Guelph, Feb. 12, 1869. 6w

THE OLD ESTABLISHED SADDLER SHOP.

The subscriber in returning thanks to the public for the patronage bestowed on the late firm of Galbraith & Beattie, would beg to say that he intends carrying on the business in all its branches at the old stand, West Market Square, Guelph, and hopes by strict attention to business, and moderate charges, to merit a share of public support. As he intends using only the best of stock, and employing none but first-class workmen, the public may depend on getting a good article. He will always keep on hand, and make to order, the newest and best styles of

Harness, Saddles, Bridles, Martingales,

And a large assortment of Trunks, Valises,

WHIPS, HORSE BLANKETS,
CURRY COMBS, MANE COMBS,
CARDS, SPURS, WHIP Lashes—all kinds

OIL AND VARNISH

For Cleaning Harness, and all other articles connected with his business.

☞ A liberal discount made for cash. All kinds of repairing done with neatness and despatch.

GEORGE BEATTIE
January 19. dw3m West Market Square

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1864 & 1865

In the matter of George Leslie, late of the village of Acton, an insolvent.

The creditors of the insolvent are notified to meet at my office, No. 8 Front Street, Toronto, on the 17th day of February instant, at one o'clock p.m., for the public examination of the insolvent, and the ordering of his estate generally.

And the said insolvent is hereby notified to attend the said meeting.

Dated at Toronto this second day of February, 1869.

THOMAS CLARKSON,
124 Official Assignee

SITUATION WANTED.

Wanted by a young man a situation as Book-keeper in any business place in town or country. Would be willing to take charge of a commission business, and make himself generally useful in any capacity. Good references. Apply at the MERCURY office, Guelph.

Guelph, 9th February. dwtf

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1864 & 1865.

In the matter of GEORGE LESLIE, late of the Village of Acton,

An Insolvent.

A Dividend Sheet has been prepared, subject to objection, until the fourth day of March next.

THOMAS CLARKSON,
Official Assignee.

Toronto, 11th Feb. d12

1868.

Liverpool & London & Globe

INSURANCE COMPANY.

THIS Company has been in existence Thirty two years, and during that period has paid Losses exceeding **Five and a half million Pounds Sterling.**

The disbursement of this enormous sum over a wide area, has without doubt contributed to the establishment of this Institution, in the confidence of Public Corporations, Merchants, Householders and Business men generally, wherever it is represented.

In its 1st year, 1836, the Fire Premiums alone amounted to .....£ 9,70
In its 10th year, 1846..... 47,763
" 20th year, 1856..... 222,279
" 30th year, 1866..... 739,332
One year later, 1867..... 818,055
The Fire Reserve Fund is now, $4,727,464
The Life Reserve Fund is now $9,282,468

The Company is represented throughout Ontario and Quebec by influential Agents, to whom application for Insurance may be made

G. F. C. SMITH, Resident Secretary,
Montreal.

T. W. SAUNDERS,
Agent, Guelph.

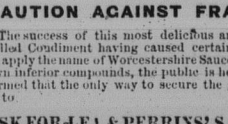
Guelph, 12th Feb. 1868. 74t-7

LEA & PERRINS'.

CELEBRATED

Worcestershire Sauce

Declared by Connoisseurs to be THE ONLY GOOD SAUCE.



CAUTION AGAINST FRAUD!

The success of this most delicious and unrivalled Condiment having caused certain dealers to apply the name of Worcestershire Sauce to their own inferior compounds, the public is hereby informed that the only way to secure the genuine, is to

ASK FOR LEA & PERRINS' SAUCE,

And to see that their names are upon the wrapper, labels, stopper and bottle.

Some of the foreign markets having been supplied with a spurious Worcestershire Sauce, upon the wrapper and labels of which the names of Lea & Perrins have been forged, L. & P. give notice that they have furnished their correspondents with power of attorney to take instant proceedings against Manufacturers and Vendors of such, or any other intimations by which their right may be infringed.

ASK FOR LEA & PERRINS' SAUCE AND SEE name on Wrapper, Label, Bottle and Stopper.

Wholesale and for export by the Proprietors, Worcester; Crosse & Blackwell, London, &c.; and by Grocers and Oilmen generally.

January 7th, 1869. w

A Rare Chance to Obtain a Splendid Farm.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY in the Township of Guelph, containing about 265 acres, with splendid stone dwelling house, and frame and stone barns and outbuildings. This is one of the best farms in the Township, and is composed of:—Firstly, Lots 10 and 11, in the 8th Concession of Division C, containing 185 acres, more or less. Secondly, a part of Lot Nine, in the Ninth Concession of Division C, containing 37-57th acres, more or less. Thirdly, parts of Lots numbers 10 and 11, in the 9th Concession of Division C, containing 52-44th acres, more or less. The property is in one block, bounded in the rear by the River Speed, is about five miles from the Town of Guelph, and half a mile from the Eramosa and Erin gravelled road, well watered and in a good state of cultivation.—There are 35 acres of woodland, about 7 of which are cedar timbered. There is also a splendid orchard on the premises, containing more than 100 choice fruit-bearing trees, and a kitchen garden well stocked. The dwelling house is of Guelph stone, two storeys high, 36×40, with a large stone kitchen 18×23, and a good pump and soft water cistern. The following buildings are also on the premises:—2 barns, one with a part stone foundation 30×90, the other a new bank barn 40×60, wood shed 35×35, root house, straw house, sheep pen, and granary buildings 70×24, horse stable and open shed buildings 70×20, hog pen 30×30. So desirable a farm, and one so eligibly situated is rarely to be met with. Intending purchasers are requested to view the premises. The above property will be offered in two parcels of about 125 and 140 acres each, to make two farms, under a mortgage, which will be produced at the time of sale, on

WEDNESDAY, 17th MARCH Next,

at noon, at the Market House, in the Town of Guelph. Title good, and immediate possession can be given.

For further particulars and terms apply to the proprietor on the premises, THOMAS BOUTON, or Henry Hatch, Esq, and to Messrs Lemon & Peterson, Solicitors, Guelph.

N. B.—Offers will be received by the Proprietor, subject to the approval of the above named Solicitors, up to the 10th of March.

Guelph, 17th February. wtd

AUCTION SALE OF FARM STOCK IN PUSLINCH.

To be sold by public Auction, on the farm of Mr Leslie C. Matthews, Lot 1, 9th Con., Puslinch, two miles from the Town of Guelph,

ON THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1869,

The following valuable property, viz: 1 Mare, nine years old in foal, 1 mare eight years old, 1 do four years old; 3 good cows, in calf; 1 yoke of Devon Steers three years old; 2 yearling Steers; 50 good Sheep; waggon, sleigh, plough, cultivator, harrows, straw cutter, fanning mill, wheelbarrow, a good threshing machine complete, and about 12 tons of hay, with a variety of other useful articles. Sale at 12 o'clock, noon.

Terms—For the hay, cash; for the other property eleven months' credit on approved endorsed notes.

W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer.

Guelph, Feb. 18 wo td

AUCTION SALE OF THOROUGH-Bred and Grade Cattle.

W. S. G. Knowles has received instructions from Mr Thomas Day to sell by Auction,

ON FRIDAY, FIFTH OF MARCH NEXT,

On the premises, Lot 10, 1st Con., Eramosa, 6 miles from Guelph, the following valuable property, viz: 1 thorough-bred Durham Cow in calf, 6 years old; 1 thorough-bred heifer, the pedigree of which will be exhibited at sale. The grades consist of 1 Cow, just calved, 1 heifer, three years old in calf, 1 heifer two years old; 3 heifers rising two two years old; a yoke of Steers two years old; 3 yearling steers; 1 yoke of twin steers, a perfect match; 2 yearling heifers. Also, an excellent brood mare. All the cattle are in first-rate condition. Sale to begin at 12 o'clock, noon.

Terms:—Twelve months' credit on approved endorsed notes.

Eramosa, Feb. 18. wo 2t

SPLENDID FARM FOR SALE IN WATERLOO.

The subscriber offers for sale his farm lot, No. 32, 1st Con., Waterloo, consisting of 124 acres, 100 acres cleared. The property is about 3½ miles from Hespeler and 9 miles from Guelph. There is a good gravel house, with 14 apartments, and a frame barn and shed, and other necessary outbuildings. On the farm there is also a good orchard and abundance of good water. There is about ten acres of fall wheat sown. The farm is also convenient to Church and School.

For particulars apply to J. S. WASHBURN, on the premises. If by letter, post paid, to Hespeler P. O. wlm

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

The subscribers particularly request all those indebted to them by note or book account to pay up at once.

R. B. MORISON & CO.
Morriston, 13th Jan wtf

Evening Mercury.

FRIDAY EV'NG, FEB. 19, 1869.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Hunt's Empire Hair Gloss is the best.

Mr. Easton, the Scottish temperance lecturer, has arrived in Montreal.

Thousands are daily testifying to the remarkable curative properties of Dr. Colby's Pills.

The Corporation of the City of London, Ont., has resolved to enforce vaccination, and have issued orders accordingly.

Mr. Howe is making reciprocity a strong point in his canvass, alleging that if he is elected, there will be better prospects of obtaining a new treaty.

Dr. Smallwood states that the fall of snow this winter in Montreal is 118 inches, being an increase of 38 inches over the mean fall of the last 12 years.

The bill to prevent the causing of an artificial scarcity of currency by loans on United States as collateral, only needs now the signature of the President to become a law.

The great cigar factory at Marseilles, in which 1,000 young women are employed, has just been closed in consequence of the refusal of the damsels to work the whole of the day on Saturday.

A good sort of a man in Maine was recently asked to subscribe for a chandelier for the church. "Now," said he, "what the use of a chandelier? After you get it you can't get any one to play on it."

We learn that Mr. Joshua S. Bowman, of Waterloo, has purchased the Millbank Grist and Flouring Mills, and the people of that place are pleased at the thought that they have an energetic business man amongst them at last.

The Repealers of Nova Scotia were about to make Mr. Howe a present, by way of retainer for his services; but the orator getting wind of it, came out with his first letter against repeal, and thus headed off his friends, who kept their money, and let Howe go.

VELOCIPEDES. — Two sports of New York have put up a wager of $1,500 a side on a race with velocipedes from New York to Chicago. The race is to come off in June, and the route will be thro' Ontario. They will anchor on King st., Hamilton, for refreshments.

CAUTION.—Purchasers of the Peruvian Syrup (a protected solution of protoxide of iron) are cautioned against being deceived by any of the preparations of Peruvian Bark, or Bark and Iron which may be offered them. Every bottle of genuine has Peruvian Syrup (not Peruvian Bark) blown in the glass. Examine the bottle before purchasing.

The town of Dundas passed a by-law to exempt manufacturing establishments from taxation; but Municipal Corporations have no such legal powers, hence the by law was quashed by legal process. Those desirous to aid manufactures by relieving them from taxes, should pay the taxes for them. That would be both just and legal.

J. WILKES BOOTH—The bodies of the conspirators who accomplished the murder of President Lincoln, and were afterwards executed, have been given up by order of President Johnson, to their friends; and among the rest, the body of J. Wilkes Booth, which was reinterred a day or two since, by his relatives, in the cemetery at Baltimore.

THE HORSE.—"Of the great number of animals under the control of man, the horse is unquestionably the most serviceable;" but is it not strange that so many who own horses, and who are dependent upon their labor for a living, should neglect to give them that care and attention which their own interest no less than the safety and comfort of the horse demands. The best medicine for horses is "Darley's Condition Powders and Arabian Heave Remedy;" of this there can be no doubt—it is safe and easily given. Remember the name, and see that the signature of Hurd & Co. is on each package. Northrop & Lyman, Newcastle, Ont., proprietors for Canada. Sold by all medicine dealers.

GREAT FLOODS IN ENGLAND. — The London papers of the 2nd inst., say that the gales and floods of the past few days have been attended with serious consequences. Some of the principal streets of the city of Cork were on Saturday from three to four feet deep in water. The traffic on the lines of railway on both sides of the river was stopped, the rails having been submerged; and several breaches were made in the Queenstown direct line. At Youghal the sea broke over the railway, destroying a portion of the station, overturning wagons and making serious breaches in the permanent way. Part of Queenstown is also under water. More wrecks are reported on the coast of Cornwall. A breach has been made on the South Devon line, near Dawlish, and the traffic is interrupted. A mile of the Cambrian railway, near Borth, has also been washed away. The mail train had passed over it a short time previously. In Oxfordshire the floods are increasing, and considerable apprehension will be caused should the rough and wet weather not speedily moderate.

OCEAN CURRENTS.—Every student of climatology is familiar with the effect of the Gulf Stream upon the islands of Great Britain and the continent of Europe. The "Physical Geography of the Sea," by Maury, first touched upon the warm water currents of the Pacific, and attributed the peculiar isotherms of the western portion of our continent to their influence. Subsequent observations all tend to the support of his theories, and now the Kuro Siwo, or Japan Current, is as strictly demarked as the Gulf Stream of the Atlantic, and its effects upon climate are as easily demonstrated, if not already as well ascertained. The Kuro Siwo results from two currents of heated water from the Indian Ocean, one passing through the Straits of Malacca and the China Sea, and the other skirting the eastern coast of the Philipine Islands, at the northern extremity of which they unite, opposite the Japan Islands; this united current again divides, its main branch tending north-east, and strikes our Pacific coast about midway between Vancouver's Island and Sitka. The waters of this current are four or five degrees warmer than those that surround them. This current accounts for the fact that Puget Sound is on a climatic par with New York.

LOCAL ITEMS.

A trio of swindlers have been victimizing the people of Listowel during the past few days. Their names are Watson, Dunham and Dunsmore. Two of them are supposed to be at Elmira. Hotel-keepers, look out.

Quite a revival feeling has sprung up in Fergus, and numbers are experiencing good from the changed life which they are leading. An attempt is being made in Fergus to get up a Congregational Church and services are held in the Firemen's Hall, every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Garafraxa correspondent of the Elora *Express* records the death of Mrs. McKee, in the 87th year of her age, which event took place on the 15th inst. She was one of the first settlers in Garafraxa, 44 years ago. Deceased leaves a number of relations and acquaintances behind her.

The Congregationalists of Douglas, Garafraxa, have purchased one of the best sites in that village, whereon to erect their new church. Thirty thousand brick were placed on the ground on Saturday last. The size of the edifice will be 30×46, with white brick corners, and arches of windows and doors.

The congregation of St. John's Church in Elora, are anxious to secure a site for a new building. There is a strong feeling in favor of building on the north side of the river, as being likely to accommodate the future growth of Elora, and several sites have been offered for the purpose. A committee is appointed to look into the matter, and report.

The next regular meeting of the Teachers' Association, for the Northern Division of the County of Wellington, will be held in Mr. Tait's School-room, in Elora, on Saturday, the 6th of March; the session lasting from 10 a.m. till noon, and from 1 p.m. till four. An essay is expected from one of the members of the Association, and a discussion on the proposed School Bill. Friends of education generally, as well as members of the Association, are invited to attend.

The Elora *Express* records the death of John Boyd, sr., Pilkington, on the 12th inst., aged 83 years. He was born in the village of Stowe, about 24 miles south of Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1785, and would have been 84 years of age had he lived until May next. In 1832, he emigrated from Scotland, and came to Canada, settling in the township of King, County York, where he resided for some years. In politics, he was an advanced Reformer, and never failed to record his vote, on the right side, in our political contests. Dropsy set in some weeks ago, and, although medical advice was called in, the disease was beyond the control of human aid. Mr. Boyd was interred at Creek Bank, on Sunday last, and a large number of friends and neighbors attended his body to the grave.

EARLY MARRIAGE.—At a social meeting held in Zion Church, Toronto, on Wednesday evening, the Rev. W. F. Clarke, of Guelph, addressed the audience upon the subject of "Early Marriages." He strongly urged all parents to get their children settled down in life at as early an age as possible. He had himself, he said, married when he had only $300 a year, and had always come out right. He quoted several passages of scripture to show that he was right in his assertion, and he maintained that much evil and much crime was avoided by a man or woman (as the case might be) having a comfortable home in which to spend their spare hours. Mr. Clarke concluded his speech by advising all persons, whether old or young, to enter into the holy bonds of matrimony as soon as possible. He was loudly applauded throughout his remarks.

COW POX—A WARNING.—A rather singular instance of the effects of vaccination took place last week within a few miles of Guelph. A lady of the locality referred to called at a neighboring house, carrying with her an infant which had been recently vaccinated. The lady of the house thought this would be a favorable opportunity to have the operation performed on her own child, and accordingly, by means of a penknife, made the necessary incision, and transferred a sufficient quantity of the vaccine matter to the baby's arm. So far all was *secundum artem*, or in the vulgar tongue "according to Hoyle." Her husband, however, shortly came home, took up the penknife, which had not been wiped, and his nasal organ being tickled either by the grateful savour of his approaching meal, or, as we were informed, by a partially healed pimple on that feature, he began picking it with the point. The result was, a portion of the matter having adhered to the knife, he was innoculated with the cow pox in a very unpleasant but effectual manner. Not only his nose but his whole face is much inflamed and swollen, and altogether we fear he is in rather a bad way. This should be a warning against the bad habit of picking the nose, especially with a penknife when the small pox is abroad.

TOWN ITEMS.

INVITED TO STAY.—We learn that the Quarterly Board of the Guelph W. M. Church, at their last meeting, invited their popular minister, the Rev. W. S. Griffin, to remain with them a third year.

THE GUELPH MERCURY—daily and weekly—is now printed on a steam press. We are glad to note this enterprise of its proprietors, and the prosperity attending their labors. Go on and increase, say we. —*Newmarket Era.*

THE GUELPH MERCURY seems determined, not merely to sustain its high rank as a local paper, but is resolved to surpass its former efforts and keep up with the progress of the age, by substituting steam for hand power. — *Milton Champion.*

"POSITIVELY UNTRUE."—The report circulated by a contemporary that the small-pox was prevalent in Guelph is not correct, and we are authorized by the medical men to say so. There have been a few cases of the very mildest kind, but beyond that nothing has occurred in the small-pox line to disturb the equanimity of the citizens.

A new rifle company has been organized in Elora, and there is now a certainty that the full quota will be obtained without any difficulty. It is understood that Lieutenant McBride, of No. 2, Guelph Rifles, will be asked to accept the Captaincy. It is to be hoped that the people of Fergus will follow the example of their sister village.

GUELPH MERCURY.—The publishers of the Guelph MERCURY announce that, owing to the pressure of business and their daily increasing cirulation, they have been forced to secure the powerful aid of steam to drive their presses. The proprietors, Messrs. McLagan & Innes, publish a live newspaper, and well merit the support of the public. We are glad to hear of their success; may they continue to prosper.—*Berlin Telegraph.*

THE GUELPH MERCURY.—The enterprising publishers of the Guelph *Mercury* have lately purchased a steam engine to drive their printing presses. It is surprising what industry and energy, combined with a certain amount of tact, will do to build up a business. Some years ago the *Mercury* was a losing speculation, but ever since it has entered into the hands of Messrs. McLagan & Innes, it has made steady progress, till now it stands unrivalled by any office in Canada outside of the cities.—*Waterloo Chronicle.*

ETNA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.—This is one of the best and most reliable life assurance companies in the world its assets being over $10,000,000, and its daily income over $20,000. The advantages accruing from insuring one's life are inestimable to all near relatives, should accident or disease cause the "shuffling off of this mortal coil;" and we doubt not that many will see the wisdom of giving the Etna's agents in Guelph—Messrs. Higinbotham and Harvey—a call for the purpose of insuring their lives. See Advertisement.

"Shivery, shakery, oh! oh! oh!
The man that could'nt get warm,"

sang a colored "pussen" who was standing in the doorway of one of the stores on Wyndham street this (Friday) morning, accompanying the song with a vigorous flapping of his arms like the wings of a rooster on a rail fence. There were a good many others that couldn't keep warm this morning, which was one of the coldest and stormiest that an Englishman who has been in this "blarsted country" for three years tells us he has experienced.

SPECTACLES, &c.—Mr. B. Michael is still in Guelph, and has been very successful in the sale of the celebrated pantescopic spectacles, microscopes, telescopes, opera and field glasses. Mr. M. is a practical optician, and knows what spectacles suit every degree of dim or near sight; so that all who wish anything in his line should not fail to see him. He will be at most of the houses in town, but those who have not had an opportunity of seeing him at their own houses will find him at Coulson's Hotel for a few days. He has got a fine assortment of Scotch pebble spectacles.

THE RAT HOLE FLEET.—The Yankees have sunk some twenty vessels loaded with stone at the mouth of Charleston Harbour, which will doubtless prevent all vessels drawing over a few feet of water, entering that port for all time to come. This must prove a serious loss to the property owners there, but it will not at all interfere with the supplies of the "Canadian Pain Destroyer," for the cure of rheumatism, ticdoloureux, neuralgia, toothache, and all complaints of that nature. Sold by medicine dealers everywhere, price 25 cts. per bottle.

The Canada Presbyterian congregations of Milton and Boston churches having united in a call to the Rev. Donald Stewart, of Acadia, Nova Scotia, that gentleman has formally accepted the call, and will be in Milton about the end of this month.

Young lady—'O, I am so glad you like birds; which kind do you admire most?' Old Squab—'Well, I think the goose, with plenty of stuffing, as good as any.'

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

MADRID, Feb. 18.—The Cortes have requested Prime Minister Serrano to rearrange the Cabinet. All the present members are likely to continue in office. Lopez de Ayala, Minister of the Colonies, has issued an important decree, to take effect in all Colonial possessions of Spain. It establishes a uniform system of legal jurisdiction, abolishes ecclesiastical courts and makes various modifications in the financial administration of the Colonies.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—M. Forcade, the Minister of the Interior, has announced his intention to repress all abuses of the rights to assemble public meetings. The Conference of the Great Powers met to-day to receive the communication from Athens, of which M. Walewski was the bearer. The reply of the Greek Government to the propositions of the Conference was satisfactory, and a resolution was adopted that, Greece having yielded, the Great Powers reserve to themselves the right to protect the lives, property and interests of the Christian inhabitants of Turkey. The representatives of the Powers finally gave their signatures to the Protocol, and the Conference dissolved.

American Despatches

Havana, 19th.—Two thousand troops are expected to-day from Spain. The Spanish party appear to be confident that the rebellion will finally be put down. The authorities are filling the prisons with suspected parties, while emigration of Cubans from the Island is increasing.

Washington, 19th.—According to present indications, even with an average amount of receipts from customs, internal revenue and miscellaneous sources, the next monthly statement will show a considerable reduction of the public debt.

New York, Feb. 19.—The *Herald's* Havana special says, Captain-Gen. Dulce has issued a decree closing all ports where there are no custom houses.

Intelligence from Santiago, Cuba, to the 13th, reports that more estates have been burned by the insurgents. The cholera was increasing, 20 more deaths from it having been reported. Many troops in the hospitals are suffering from it. Gantanamo sugar was arriving rapidly. On the 13th there were three clearances for New York. In consequence of the insurrection the crop will be reduced to about 20,000 hhds. It is not considered probable that there will be any tobacco shipped this season from this part of the island.

ANOTHER BRUTAL OUTRAGE IN DUNDAS.—Another of those brutal outrages which are fast bringing Dundas into notoriety as a town controlled by lawlessness and at the mercy of a pack of ruffians of various grades, occurred in that town on Wednesday night, the 10th inst., by which a very respectable man named Brown was brutally beaten, and lost one of his eyes. It appears that Brown had recently started a waggon-shop at Bullock's Corners, and went to Dundas for the purpose of procuring a few articles for his family. He had come out of a drug store, and was walking along the street, when he was accosted by a perfect stranger, who asked him if he "was going to treat." Upon declining the proposal, he was set upon by the ruffian, who dashed him to the ground, and afterwards gouged out his left eye. The brutal assailant made an effort to take out the remaining eye, but was prevented by Mr. Brown covering his face with his hands. The ruffian is unknown to Mr. Brown, and from the cowardliness which has recently characterized the actions of the local authorities of Dundas, it is hardly probable that he will be brought to justice. Mr. Brown is a quiet, sober, industrious man, and is now at the Hamilton City Hospital, a horrible example of the atrocities which can be inflicted by some devilish creatures.—*Hamilton Times.*

A SISTER'S STRANGE REVENGE.—A strange story was in general circulation in the city yesterday, which would indicate most outrageous conduct on the part of one of the parties thereto. It runs to this effect: The wife of a citizen quarrelled with her sister several months ago, and they have been at variance ever since—Sarah, the sister, going to work as a domestic in the family of a well-known merchant. On Saturday Sarah received word from her sister that she had heard from a relative, and if she (Sarah) would call she could read the letter. She went to the house, was pleased to find her sister desirous of "making-up," and they became quite sociable. A child of the married sister was lying ill at the time, and its mother asked Sarah to take it awhile. She did so—fondled and kissed it. The mother then informed her, in a manner indicating great gratification, that the child had the small-pox! Convinced that she was the victim of a diobolical trick, Sarah left the house, and went to that of her employer and informed the lady of the house of the circumstance, refusing to go in, for fear she might communicate the disease to the family; then went to the office of a physician, got thoroughly vaccinated, hired a room, and is awaiting the result of her sister's treachery.—*Sacramento Union, Feb. 1.*

NO SMALL-POX IN GALT.—We regret to observe in several of our contemporaries, says the Galt *Reporter*, statements to the effect that the small-pox is prevalent in this town. The statement first appeared in the Waterloo *Chronicle*—which paper always seems anxious to give publicity to any statement that may affect the interests of Galt—and has been copied from thence into many of the papers of the Province. We are happy in being able to give the statement an unqualified contradiction. No case of this loathsome disease has appeared in Galt; and it would only be an act of justice if those papers which have published the paragraph in question would now give the contradiction.

WILD OATS.—We once saw a young man bravely turning up the glass. He was a free-hearted, glorious fellow; he was, as he said, sowing his wild oats.—We afterwards saw the constable hauling a miserable drunkard from the gutter to the jail. It occurred to us that the oats were being dragged in. A glorious crop! The gutter and the bar-room and gutter are exhaustless in their fertility.