

Wellington and the Census.
From the second volume of the census of Canada, just received, we extract some information in reference to the County of Wellington, which will be found of interest.

The total population of Wellington in 1871 was 63,289, and the census shows their ages to have been as follows:—

Age.	Male.	Female.
Under 1 year.....	1,915	2,077
From 1 to 5.....	5,237	4,893
" 6 to 10.....	4,772	4,287
" 11 to 15.....	4,316	4,717
" 16 to 20.....	3,779	3,270
" 21 to 25.....	5,032	4,528
" 26 to 30.....	3,483	3,136
" 31 to 35.....	2,524	2,193
" 36 to 40.....	1,997	1,333
" 41 to 45.....	985	749
" 46 to 50.....	563	345
" 51 to 55.....	76	87
" 56 to 60.....	19	13
Over 100.....	1	1

This shows that boys between one and six years of age, and men between 21 and 31 years of age, are the most numerous classes in the county. Next in numbers come the women between 21 and 31, and the girls between six and eleven. By reference to the table the proportion of the remaining ages are given, and any of our readers who are desirous of knowing how many cotemporaries they have of about their own age, can see it at a glance. The totals for the Dominion give about the same results.

The next table in the census gives the ages of the married. There appear to have been 18,924 married people in Wellington in 1871, of whom 9,485 were men, and 9,439 women. The ages of the married present some curious features, as will be seen from the following figures:—

Age.	Husbands.	Wives.
From 16 to 21.....	11	284
" 21 to 31.....	1,836	3,628
" 31 to 41.....	2,815	2,721
" 41 to 51.....	3,718	2,824
" 51 to 61.....	771	434
" 61 to 71.....	227	133
" 71 to 81.....	30	14

From the age of sixteen years to that of thirty-one, it will be seen that the wives have the best of it in numbers, but after the latter age, the husbands take the lead and keep it to the end.

The widows and widowers are next dealt with; and we see that there are in this county more than twice as many of the former as of the latter. The figures are 1,266 widows, and 549 widowers. What is the reason of this? Is it because women are more faithful to old memories and old loves than men? Or is it that married women have a harder time of it than married men, and when they are again free, they want to keep so? Or is it because the men have the privilege of asking? Our readers may each take that one of these reasons which best suits him or her. There were in the county two widowed persons under the age of 21, one of each sex.

The largest stock of both widows and widowers is between the ages of forty-one and sixty-one.

Taking up the next table, we find that there were in the county 615 males and 596 females unable to read or write, and 1,048 males and 1,430 females unable to write, though able to read a little. This is not many out of over 63,000 persons; but the less the better. There were 46 deaf and dumb persons in the county; and about 16,000 boys and girls going to school.

The healthfulness of the county is shown by the fact that there are in it 2,631 persons over 61 years of age. One out of every twenty-four of the people of Wellington is an old man or woman of over sixty-one. The proportion of the four larger Provinces of the Dominion, however, is still more favorable, being one in every twenty.

We conclude by giving a summary of the occupations of the inhabitants of the county:—

Agricultural class.....	9,688
Commercial ".....	863
Domestic ".....	843
Industrial ".....	3,349
Professional ".....	563
Not classified.....	2,193
Total.....	16,522

The total of these figures, nearly 17,000, represents, we presume, the able-bodied men of the County of Wellington. Considerably more than half of them are farmers and their assistants. The mechanics and general workmen come next in point of number, being one-third as numerous as the agriculturists. Then comes a detachment, two thousand strong, of men who would not, could not, or did not tell their occupations. The storekeepers and others engaged in commerce are about equal in number with the domestic employees; and the doctors, lawyers, teachers, &c., bring up the rear. For the whole Province the recapitulation is not very dissimilar, but the industrial class are larger in proportion, being 212,000, whilst the agriculturists number 479,000.

BRITISH COLUMBIA ELECTIONS.—A telegram from Victoria, dated on Tuesday, gives the following in reference to the contest in Yale district:—"Dewdney has sixty six majority, and three polling districts yet to be heard from, but they cannot alter the result."

STARTLING NEWS comes from Ash-anteo. It seems that the telegrams which recently announced the capture of Coomissie, the capital, are incorrect, and that, on the contrary, General Wolsley is fighting hard for its possession. The British troops are reported to have sustained heavy losses, and to be in a critical position. Great anxiety is felt in England as to the result.

Irish Catholic Benevolent Society.
Last evening a large and enthusiastic meeting of the Irish Catholics of Guelph was held for the purpose of forming a St. Patrick's Catholic Benevolent Society.

Mr. M. J. Moran was chosen as chairman, and Mr. P. J. McKague acted as Secretary.

The Chairman introduced Mr. John F. Murphy, who in an address of considerable length stated the objects of the meeting, and the great necessity of forming an Irish Catholic Society, to meet the wants of numbers of their countrymen hereabouts. Mr. Murphy was listened to throughout with great attention, and his speech told well on those present.

The following resolutions were put to the meeting and unanimously carried:—

"That the society which of late has been in existence under the name of the 'Guelph St. Patrick's Society' has not met and cannot meet the views and expectations of the Irish-Catholic people of this town, and be it resolved that the gentlemen who compose this meeting pledge themselves to support the Society which commenced under such favorable circumstances this evening, and which is intended to meet the wants and wishes of numbers of our race and creed who are residing in this part of the Dominion, or who may arrive from Ireland and reside hereabouts."

"That this meeting pledge themselves to support the Society inaugurated this evening under the name of the St. Patrick's Catholic Benevolent Society, as the same is in accord with the views and expectations of the Irish-Catholic community of this town."

The following gentlemen were elected officers for the current year:—

PRESIDENT.—M. J. Moran.
VICE-PRESIDENT.—Patrik Molloy.
2ND VICE-PRESIDENT.—Thos. H. Lynch.
SECRETARY.—John Francis Murphy.
TREASURER.—Daniel Brandon, sr.
COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.—Messrs. Thomas Birmingham, John H. Kennedy, John Hoban, James Clancey, and Michael Clancey.

The following committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws to govern the Society, and to report thereon at the next meeting, which will be held next Wednesday at the Harp of Erin Hotel:—Messrs. John F. Murphy, P. J. McKague, D. Brandon, sr., M. Clancey, John Kennedy, and Thos. H. Lynch.

Some thirty members were enrolled, after which the meeting closed.

Ontario Legislative Assembly.
Toronto, Feb. 25.

In answer to Mr. Clarke, Wellington, the Attorney-General said with respect to Mr. John Montgomery's claim, the Government were of opinion that they would be justified in paying the sum originally awarded to the late Mrs. Montgomery and her family, as compensation for stores taken for the use of the troops. That amounted to \$1,589, and this with an allowance for interest, they proposed to submit for the approval of the House.

In answer to Mr. O'Donoghue, the Attorney-General said the Government would proceed as quickly as possible with the Normal School at Ott-wa. It had been necessary to revise the plans in order to keep the expenditure within the amount of appropriation.

In reply to Mr. Chisholm, the Attorney-General stated it was not the intention of the Government to bring down a measure amending the Act of last session so as to allow of the money paid to Municipalities being applied to ordinary school purposes.

Mr. Boulton then moved, pursuant to notice, a resolution declaring that Dominion salaries should not be taken as the rule for the guidance of the Local House, and that some system should be devised whereby the salaries under the authority of the Legislature should be placed on a proper basis, present inequalities adjusted, and present injustice remedied.

The Attorney-General replied. He said the proposition was contrary to all principles of responsible government.

Mr. Stephen Richards deprecated the constant revival of the salary question. He did not consider the gentlemen referred to over paid, having regard to the nature of the duties they were called upon to perform. He regarded the repeated allusion to them as most undesirable, and calculated to have a bad effect. He recommended his friends on that (the Opposition) side of the House to examine the items under the head of "contingencies" to see that too many officials were not engaged in any Department, and to let the officials' salaries, when once settled, alone. His remarks were cheered by the House, and recess put an end to further debate. The motion, and an amendment proposed by Mr. Oliver, both stood over.

Mr. Crooks moved the second reading of the Bill to amend and consolidate the law for the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors, explaining the improvements which it was proposed to make in the existing law—improvements which have been already explained—and the effect of which would be to elevate the trade and greatly diminish the evils attending it.

After some discussion the Bill was read a second time.

EPISCOPAL REPORT.—Bishop Lewis delivered an address in Ottawa on Sunday in condemnation of the Episcopal reform movement in that city and elsewhere. In conclusion he said he predicted the failure of this movement, and earnestly impressed upon his hearers the duty of considering well the responsibility and serious consequences of it, commencing so rashly and unnecessarily recommend. God forbid that some of them, if not all, should not hereafter change their minds and confess their error; but if they did not—if they persisted in standing aloof from the church and resisting her authority—they should be cut off from her privileges and benefits. After giving careful thought to the whole matter, and collecting all information within his power on the Cummins movement, he felt bound to characterize it as nothing more than an uncalculated attempt to break up the true old Church of England for the purpose of setting up a petty American sect.—The Ottawa correspondent of the Hamilton Times says that this address has widened the breach in the Episcopal Church at Ottawa and given strength to the advocates of reform.—A number of the Clergy of the Diocese of Ontario arrived in the city on Wednesday. It is understood they have been summoned by the Bishop, in order to take counsel as to the action to be adopted in reference to the movement now on foot.

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.

Mr. J. S. Lynch has issued a counter-statement in reply to the manifesto that Riel published. He vindicates the character of Scott, and thinks that there is no excuse for Riel.

A trotting match at Ottawa on Tuesday afternoon, between Sheriff Powell's bay colt and Neeldoggy for \$300 a side, was won by the latter.

DIED.
CHANCE.—In Guelph, on the 24th inst., at 12 o'clock noon, Robert Chance, aged 48 years.
The funeral will take place on Friday, the 27th inst., at 8 p.m. Friends and acquaintances are requested to attend without further notice.
OSBORN.—At Fonthill, on the 19th inst., Andrew Leonard, youngest son of Mr. Andrew Ord, aged 2 months and 3 weeks.
ORTON.—At Morrison, on the 22nd inst., Henry, son of Dr. R. Orton, aged 5 weeks.

MASONIC.
A special communication of Speed Lodge, No. 180, A.F. & A.M., will be held in the Masonic Hall, on Friday next, at one o'clock, in order to make arrangements for the funeral of our late Brother, Robert Chance. A full attendance of the Brethren is requested.
Stdw. By order, J. JIMMACK, Sec.

GUELPH LODGE, No. 258, A.F. & A.M.
The Brethren of the above Lodge are requested to meet at the Guelph Masonic Chambers, on Friday next, at one o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Brother Robert Chance. The Brethren of the Sister Lodges are respectfully invited to attend.
By order, E. F. JOHNSTON, Sec.
Guelph, Feb. 25, 1874. 2d-1w

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No. 1, Foot Power.
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Furnished with plain tables, half, or Cabinet Cases, as required.

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Jobbing will receive careful Attention.

THOS. WORSWICK,
Guelph, Ont.
Dec. 17, 1873.

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—AT—
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Co-Operative Store.
The following Goods have been reduced in price in order to effect a clearance:

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WINTER JACKETS
WINTER SHAWLS
WOOL PANTS
WOOL VESTS
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WOOL HOODS
WOOL CLOVES
WOOL SCARFS
WOOL GLOVES
WOOL STOCKINGS

BED BLANKETS
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BOYS' OVERCOATS
FELT OVERSHOES
FELT GAITERS
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GUELPH, Feb. 1874 dw

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We are now actively engaged taking stock and expect to finish on or about Wednesday next, the 26th inst., after which we will be prepared to enter with great energy upon the

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Guelph, Feb. 19, 1874. dw

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New Fruits, Teas, Coffees
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Choice Gunpowder Tea at 50 cents per lb.
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Superior Young Hyson Tea at 75 cents per lb.
Finest Young Hyson Tea at \$1 per lb.
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Coatings,
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Guelph, Oct. 15, 1873.

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Call and see our stock before you purchase elsewhere.
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Respectfully yours,
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