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THE POSTAL BILL.

We print to day a synopsis of the new Postal Bill, which realizes the fours entertained of it by those most interested, and which, if it become law, will compel publishers to pay the he post office to subscribers. This must do, and then they may what terms they shall be able with their readers. No alterations will be made during the ensuing year, but with the advent of 1869, a new things will probably be usherstate of ed in. In order to disappoint public expectation (which was on tip-toe for the announcement of the total abolition of newspaper postage) as little as tible, it is proposed to charge only DOS third of a cent per number on a weekly publication. This is whittling it down slowly, and is somewhat analo gous to the conduct of men who have resolved to wean themselves off a vicious habit by decreasing gradually the number of their indulgences until they finally come to nought. But such modes of action are seldom effectual in procuring the desired result. and we will be very much mistaken if we do not find in case the Bill passes in its present form, that the popular verdict will be, that the law affecting newspaper rates had been about as well left untouched This compromise with public feeling will not be satisfactory in either Quebec or On tario, and the sentiment which it will be sure to evoke in the maritime provinces has been clearly foreshadowed in the first resolution of the press committee of St. John, N. B. But we will indulge the hope that ere the Bill becomes law it may undergo such modifications as will yield a revenue to the government without bearing so heavily on the publishers of newspapers

This is a matter which deeply affects the interest of every publisher in Can-ada, and they should without delay enter their protest against the passing of the clause which will compel them to prepay the postage on all papers mailed from their officee. If the gov ernment is determined not to abolish the postage on newspapers, it may still be reduced as proposed, and the amount collected as at present from subscribers whoreceive their papers direct from the office of publication. A A charge of one cent for every three numbers is to be made, which on one copy sent to a subscriber for a full year would be 17 cents. This could be made payable in advance at the office of delivery, as This could be made payable in advance at the office of delivery, as at present, and thus publishers would be saved all the annoyance and trouble of paying postage or keeping accounts with subscribers for the same, to say nothing of the loss they would inevi-tably sustain if obliged to pre-pay pos-tage for some subscribers which they would never be paid, and they would thereby lose that in addition to the Association is of any real use to the profession now is the time for it to act. Association is of any real use to the profession now is the time for it to act. Let its members and other publishers throughout the country follow the example of the publishers in New Brunswick, and send a memorial to the Legislature protesting against that Brinswick, and send a memorial to the Legislature protesting against that part of the measure affecting their interests, and respectfully suggesting some mode of collecting newspaper postage (if the government is deter-mined to impose such) which will as least bear no harder on the publishest than the present law. It is stated that Mr. Ramsay has been stripped of his govn as Queera's Council because of his persistent refusal to ad dress the the Attorey-General of Quebec-by the tile "Honomable." So says L-Kenement. A newsby who has been solling the Do-triot Daily Union for some time, on Sat mdy deposited in the Savings Bank 500 the laying up of six months work. That

The following is a summary of the provisions of the Postal Bill which was brought before the Sensts on the 27th :-- It is a long Hill of 92 chauses covering 66 pages, royal octavo. It repeate all have the provisionally continues existing postoffice arrange-ments and commissions, cristing bonds, contracts, de., are to continue in force as well as all departmental regulations, unless abrogated by this Act. Clause 7 and subsequent clauses define the duits and powers of the Postmaster-General, and the appointment of Postmaster-General, subject to the provision of an Act relating to the Civil Service. Power is given to the Postmaster-General to nogotiate and arrange for the conveyance of mails between Canada and the West Indies, or between Canada and New Found and, provided such engagement shall not have effect for more than a year unless social to be in all cases prepaid by starms of postage on little of the office if any letter for any distance within the Dominion at a uniform rate of 3 cents per haf ounce, to be in all cases prepaid by starms of postage on mitted to be paid, and such postage shall be recoverable from the sender, if not paid by the party to be on cent per half ounce, in all cases prepaid. Clause 22 and the following clauses provide that have for elester by may letter office if any letter is partially paid, it may be forwarded to a the toflowing clauses provide that have for elester por newspapers published in Canada, issued not less frequently than once a week from a known office of publication, and sent to subscription of the sent of postage on newspapers by may be forwarded to a provided also that until 14 January. 1869, all newspapers shall be indexed, or at the office where duilvered. All other hore of postage on newspapers, where to the postamater-General less of the strate for any clause start of postage on the senter, to be indicated and the U. S. or other foreign contry, t We have received a copy of the rep of the Minister of Agriculture for 18 It is a very large blue book and contai much valuable information not embodi in any of the molecular states of the second ion not embodie s. We find in the of the annu om 1859 to 186 hows that in the tral products e in any of its predecesses. We find in its statement of the value of the annual exports from Canada from 1880 to 1866, both inclusive, which shows that in the former year the agricultural products ex-ported amounted to \$7,839,098 and ani-making the total value of exposts for that year \$11,129,300. In 1864 we find that agricultural products were sent out of the country to the amount of \$10,731,-538, total \$15,678,000. There was a large increase in the first item in 1865, as the value of animals and their products was nearly trebled, it being \$12,531,901. No person will be at loss to account for this tremendous increase, as it will be remembered that the necessities of the States after the close of the war prompted many Americans to come to Canada for cattle, and so vast was the necessity that both horses, and neat cattle were pur-chased to an extent that left scarcely a superfluous hoof behind. The increase in the value of cattle exported during 1855 is set down in round numbers at \$4,000, 000. In 1866 the value of exports under-went a very sensible diminution. Agri-cultural products amounted to \$14,712, 575, animals and their products to \$3,769, 500, or a total of \$2,800,020, being a decrease of nearly aix million dollars on the previous year. In addition to the above Report we have in any of its predecessors. a statement of the value a exports from Canada from both inclusive, which show

376, animas and their produces to eq. (16), 650, or a total of \$22,890,629, being a decrease of nearly six million dollars on the previous year. In addition to the above Report we have received from the same source a statement of the number of animals, in the Province of Ontario, as taken by the Clerks of the various municipalities, from the revised assessment rolls of 1867. In this the total number of astimals, in the Clerks of the various municipalities, from the revised assessment rolls of 1867. In this the total number of a state in the County of Wellington is set down as being 35,909, of sheep 57,352, of horses 10,916, and of hogz 55,662. Waterloo has 24,855 catle, 53,536 aheep, 9,920 horses, and 15,006 hogz. Halton numbers its cattle to the amount of 15,985, its sheep to 32,405, its horses to 6,748, and its hogs to 6,407. Middlescer is the most hoggish of all the counties in Ontario, since it contains within its boundaries grunters to the number of 35,296. Grelph Town owns 447 cattle, 372 sheep, 329 horses, 512 hogz, 193 dogs, and 5 bitches. It keeps but a small number of the latter, probably on account of the aversion which the assessors and collectors entertain for such animals. In 1861 the total number of cattle in the Province was 1,-015,328, of sheep 1,170,225, of horses 377, 681, of hogs 776,001. In 1867 the figures were as follows: total number of cattle 923,882, decrease 91,946, total hogs 23,488, decrease 19,462, total hogs 23,488, decrease 19,4513. For the year 1866-7, 47,899 cattle were exported from Ontario and Quebec, 60,482 sheep, 7,425 horses, and 3,-704 hogs were brought from other count.

GOVERNMENT BELIEF .- The people of GOVERNMENT RELIEF.—The people of Sarnia are to have a meeting to discuss the propriety of asking a temporary loan from government to assist in rebuilding that portion of the town lately destroyed by fire.

New Advertisements.

Four Corners' Hotel,

COLT STRAYED.

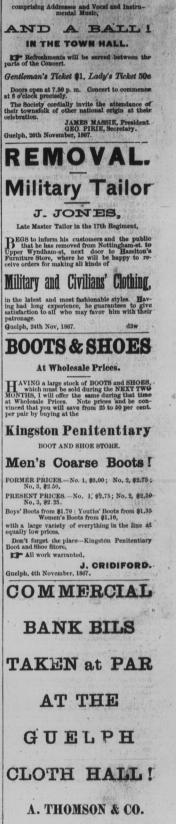
STRAYED from the premises of the subscriber, on Wolnesday the 37th, a roan two year old hig, in good condition, both hind feet white, also nigh fore foot, mane light colored. The mane mark of the state and the bought her from Mr. John Howitt, who bred her. Any one returning her to the owner, or giving such information at this office as will lead to her recovery, will be suitably rewarded. ably rewarded. JOHN W. ARMSTRONG, Lot 22, 1st Concession, Eramosa lph, 29th Nov, 1867. d3w1 XXX OYSTERS! A RRIVING daily at WALKER'S.

Yarmouth Bloaters, Kippered Salmon Trout,



and Uncolored Japans, Im-perials, Twankay, Orange, Pekoe, &c., &c. Bags superior Arracan Rice Cases English Thumb Blue Bbis Brazil Nuts Bags S. S. Almonds "Walnuts "Filberts, Cases Pearl Taploca, "Thin's Pickles "Booth's, Betts' and Bar-clay's Old Tom "John Bull Bitters Crates Wine, Beer and Whiskey Bottles Bottles Cases Orange, Lemon & Citron Kingston Penitentiary Peel Boxes Valencia and Jordan Almonds Cases Table Salt, in glass jars do Liguorice, &c. &c. Men's Coarse Boots ! AND DAILY EXPECTED Crosse & Blackwell's Pickles, Sauces, Preserves. The above, together with a large stock of **GENERAL GROCERIES.** (in Caddies, Butts and & Butts), and WINES & LIQUORS, Pale and Dark Brandles, Hollands and Old Tom Gin, Jamaica Rum Pale and Deep Golden Sherries, Champagnes, &c., Will be sold at unusually Low Prices to the Trade. TERMS LIRERAL.

THOMAS GRIFFITH & CO., WHOLESALE GROCERS, 39 Front Street. Gold & Silver Plating CLOTH HALL!



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ST. ANDREW'S DAY

THE St. Andrew's Bociety of Guelph will cele

On FRIDAY, 29th November, -BY A-

PROMENADE CONCERT !

A newsboy who has been selling the De-triot Daily Union for some time, on Sat-nrday deposited in the Savings Bank \$50 the laying up of six months work. That boy's head is right,

boy's head is right, TEN OCEAN STRAMERS IN ONE DAY.—The New York Post Saturday says:—The magnitude of the commerce of New York is well illustrated by the departure to-day of no less than ten large ocean stammers, all well filled with passengers. Of these two are bound for Liverpool, one for Rio Janeiro, three for New Or-leans, and one for Savannah. The pass-engers list of the Brazilian steamer num-bers three hundred and sixty-seven names, a significent indication of the ex-tent of the trade and communication with St. Thomas. The Ottawa Daily News wants informa-

with St. Thomas. The Ottawa Daily News wants informa-tion. In the public accounts just laid before Parliament, an item of \$220.07 for advertising appears in connection with the Executive Council Department. The bulk sum is stated, with no names attach-ded. Among the incidental items, there is \$10.50 for scap, and the Daily News wants to know why, if they will bear in-vestigation, the details of advertising exponditure are not as explicitly given. Perhaps the \$20.67 was distributed among the organs in return for 'soft scapp Longfellow is a very noticable man as

among the organs in return for 'soft soap's Longfellow is a very noticable man as he walks along the street. He looks the bard in the full affluence of years and the full wealth of genius. His silvered hair is long and wavy. His beard grows while and thick beneath his chin, looking more like a deep lace ruft than any thing else. His voice is melodions as an organ, and his features, handsome as ever, have been bouched with new lines by the action of thought and sorrow. His manners are very beaufill to all persons, and he car-les about him that indescribable atmos-here that marks the perfectly-caleured term.

[•] The London Money Market Review comes out strongly in its last number in favor of Mr. Capreol's proposed Georgian Bay and Toronto Canal.

Bay and Toronto Canal. The New York and Havre Steamship Company held a meeting on the 4th inst , and resolved to discontinue their line and sell their steamers. The company find it impossible to compete with the French steamers, owing to e want of govern-ment subsidy. WANTS TOO MUCH.—The *Globe* learns that Mr. Dickens has refused the offer of \$1,000, made by the Mechanics' Institute of Toronto, for a single night's reading. Mr. Dickens will not read before any association. His agent, Mr. Dolby, thinks it possible, however, that Mr. Dickens may come to Toronto in April or May next.

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TRADE COMP TO THOMOS IN APPLI OF MAY next. TRADE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.— The grain trade is unusually brisk in this Island—it is said there will be some sixty square rigged vessels leave this fall loaded with cats for various ports in Europe. This will be a good thing for the farmers, particularly as the price has ruled high the whole season—from 2s 6d to 2s 8d per bushel. The operations of one house in this city, in grain, will amount to nearly £40,000.—(*harlotteour Islander*.

Islander. THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.—Messra Jacques & Hay have been commissioned to make the furniture for the Assembly Chamber and offices of the Local Govern-ment for Ontario, and their hands are now working extra time, in order to have these completed by the time the House meets. The carpenters are nearly finished indide the buildings, and the progress made in the work lately affords some promise that the chamber will be ready w the time the House is expected to meet.



GUELPH.

JUST RECEIVED

At the Medical Hall a large assortment of

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LAMPS, SHADES

