

From Ottawa.

Quite a stiff opposition is being manifested to the Grand Trunk Bill. It is looked upon here as a very serious matter to give the Company power to place a new mortgage of \$2,500,000 a-head of the preference bondholders, and all other claims behind them. These two millions and a-half are to be a perpetual lien with the same privileges, and power is given to borrow to keep it so. The power is asked to change the amalgamation agreement with the Buffalo and Lake Huron Railroad. The Grand Trunk, although too poor to pay anybody, with their usual grasping spirit got hold of the Champlain Railway in order to monopolize all the avenues into the city of Montreal. They obtained the right to buy that road in five years and now want it extended to ten years.

Gold News.

We have expressed doubts concerning the riches of Madoc on more than one occasion, but we may have libelled that auriferous region, and lest we should have done so, we give the latest intelligence which has reached us from the famous mines of the wealth that can be crushed out of the rocks. It is from the Belleville *Intelligencer*, which says:—"We were shown yesterday a certificate of an assay made by Prof. Bell which beats anything yet submitted to the test of the mineralogist. The rock tested was from lot 4 Concession B. of the Township of Barrie, and the quantity 9 ounces. It is described in the certificate as being a grey siliceous rock and yielding one grain and sixteenth of a grain of free gold, equal to \$225 per ton."

From the *Madoc Mercury* of to-day we learn that the average yield of 9 tons of ore from various shafts in different parts of the Township of Madoc, which had been reduced by Messrs. Scott & Taylor at their works up to Wednesday, was \$72.86 per ton. This shows that the gold is not confined to the Richardson mine, but exists in other parts of the Township. The average is very large, and mining with such results will prove more remunerative than the richest mine in California or Nevada. With regard to the assay of quartz from the Empire Mine in the Village of Madoc, of which we made mention a few days ago, the *Mercury* says: "The copper in the tailings, we are informed, without any further manipulation than simply barrelling it up, would be worth fully \$40 per ton! This is great and good news for our village, and we congratulate the owners of the mine on the result of their experiment. They have one hundred tons of the rock from their two shafts, already quarried, and are making arrangements for the erection of a crushing mill in as short a time as possible."

A CENTENARIAN AND COMPANION OF BURNS.—There lives at Whiting Bay, a companion of Robert Burns. His name is Ebenezer Baile, and he is a native of Dalrymple, near Ayr. He was born 7th May, 1767, thus making him one hundred years and five months old. When a boy he was at school, and slept in the same bed with the poet; his brother, a tailor, also made clothes for him, and the two amused themselves writing verses together. Ebenezer came to Arran eighty years ago as a weaver, but farmed a little, and in summer employed himself at the herding fishing. He worked at weaving till he was ninety years of age. For the last six years he has been mostly confined to bed, but the other day he was sufficiently well to sit on a chair and have his likeness taken by a photographer. His faculties, we are told, are all sound; and as he is intelligent and has a correct memory he can talk freely of events which happened ninety years ago. He has a large and well-built head, has been a temperate living man, and notwithstanding his great age, has the appearance of living some time yet.

Brigham Young of Utah, has recently instructed the young men of his faith to marry "right off" all the unmarried girls, and not allow themselves to be guided by love, but to marry as they come. Love he pronounces a humbug, and winds up with saying that after a certain time any girls "left over" he will marry them.

REPORTS.—We have to acknowledge the receipt of the report of the Commissioner of Public Works, for the year ending 30th of June, 1866, and the Report of the Minister of Agriculture up to the same period. We have received also a copy of the Public Account of Canada for the fiscal year ending at the same date.

Nova Scotia is troubled with gangs of highwaymen and burglars who for the last three months have committed depredations with impunity. One of the recent robberies was accompanied with violence, a Mr. McLearn being stabbed in the abdomen for refusing to give up the money in his possession, and which was afterwards taken from him.

A FIERCE ACTION.—On Saturday night last some base and unhuman scoundrels placed a mine on the Grand Trunk track about a mile on this side of Montreal. They were discovered and removed by a section master, but afterwards replaced by the evil designing villains who had apparently set their hearts on a sacrifice of life and a destruction of property. A special freight train coming down caught them, but fortunately the obstruction was noticed, not before the locomotive came against it, but before any mischief had been done. What could be the motive for such a deed it were difficult to inquire into, who could perpetrate it are equally

Parliament of Canada.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Ottawa, Nov. 25.
Mr. Shanly moved the second reading of the Bill to Amend the Grand Trunk Arrangement Act of 1863, and for other purposes. The principal object of the Bill was to enable the Company to raise \$500,000 sterling in mortgage bonds, having preference over all other bonds except the equipment and postal bonds. The 4th clause provided that, when the time for which such bonds were issued expired, the amount might be re-borrowed under similar bonds. The 5th clause provided for the convertibility of these bonds into stock. The 6th clause referred to the agreement between the Grand Trunk and Buffalo and Lake Huron, and allowed a modification of that agreement by the consent of the two Companies. The 7th clause extended for five years the time within which the Grand Trunk might purchase the Montreal and Champlain railroads.

Hon. Mr. Howe said he had glanced over this Bill, and it appeared to him that it did away with the value of all the other securities heretofore issued by the Company. He thought it was about time this House ceased legislating for this Company to put on the markets of the world any other description of securities. He had examined a list of the various stocks and securities this Company has issued, and he found some of them were utterly valueless, others worth not more than half, and others worth less than one third their original value; and he considered the House would be incurring a very great responsibility if it enabled the Company to issue any other securities which would be as valuable in a year or two as any others of its securities now in circulation, and which were a loss and damage, and in some instances absolute ruin to those who held them. This railroad, which ran through the heart of Canada, connecting all large cities and traveling the finest agricultural and populous districts, was in a condition which led almost inevitably to the conclusion that the road was not managed as it ought to be managed. By the last of fiscal report he found that during the last half year the working and other necessary expenses of the road exceeded the receipts by £18,000. Now in Nova Scotia, the railroad was as substantially built as any portion of the Grand Trunk; the iron was as heavy, the Bridges were of stone and iron, and, with the exception of station houses, the Nova Scotia road was as good as the Grand Trunk, and a great deal better than some parts of it which he came over the other day. From the time the first five miles of the Nova Scotia road were opened it paid working expenses; and yet this Grand Trunk, after having been completed seven or eight years, did not last year half pay its working expenses. Before this House agreed to enable the Company to issue further securities, which were to go in the way of all previous securities, it did appear to him that the House ought to do; and if no one else moved in the matter before the session closed he would—was to institute a thorough and sifting investigation into the management of this road. He would endeavor to ascertain if there was a majority in the House that would sustain a motion of that kind.

Mr. McKenzie called the attention of the House to the extraordinary provisions of the 6th clause of the Bill. When the Act of last session was before the House, the private agreement between the Grand Trunk and the Buffalo and Lake Huron Companies, which it sanctioned, was appended to the Act as a schedule. Now the 6th clause of this Bill gave permission to the companies to change the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th clauses of that agreement, without any further reference to the House.

Mr. McFarlane said the principle of the Bill was totally at variance with the principle of the Act of last session. In order to meet the objections to the amalgamation, a clause was inserted which specially provided for the priority of the securities which had been issued by the two roads. But the third clause of the present Bill swept that away.

The second reading was carried on a division.

In reply to Mr. Jones of Hamilton, Hon. Mr. Cartier said the government were alive in reference to the great importance of securing a renewal of the Reciprocity Treaty, and would not lose any feasible opportunity of furthering that object.

Mr. Oliver moved for returns of proof spirits, beer, ale and porter manufactured, and the quantity of grain used in such manufacture in each and every distillery and brewery in the late province of Upper Canada since the year 1859 to the present date, and the amount of excise duty paid by each distillery and brewery during the above period. The motion was agreed to.

Execution of the Manchester Fenians.

OPINION OF THE AMERICAN PRESS.

Curtailed from the New York Tribune of Monday.

In its treatment of the Irish question the British Government has made no blunder more serious within the present generation than in hanging the three Fenians—Allen, Larkin and Gould.—These men had undertaken to rescue some of their comrades from the hands of the police. In the struggle one of the officers was shot. The crime was clearly brought home to Allen. In the eye of the law the deed of course was murder. We grant that the jury had no pretext to find any verdict but one of guilty, and the judge no power to impose any other sentence than the one which has been carried out. But punishments are just and wise not so far as they are proportioned to the offence, but so far as they are salutary to the public. The penalties inflicted by human tribunals ought not to be vindictive but exemplary. Vengeance is the prerogative of the Almighty; we have to do only with the welfare and protection of society. The opponents of capital punishment condemn it because, however richly it may be deserved, they believe that it invariably does harm to the community. Now, can anybody believe that the effect of the triple execution in Manchester will be other than unmitigated evil? Can anybody suppose that the peace of the United Kingdom will be more secure, the lives of public officers safer, the spirit of Ireland more tranquil or more timorous, because the law has avenged itself upon these mortals. The execution of Allen, and Larkin, and Gould is the most important reinforcement that Fenianism has yet received. The cause wanted nothing so much as a martyr; now it has three. The people had very nearly lost confidence in their leaders; they had ceased in a measure to give their earnings for preposterous campaigns and abortive insurrections; their rebellion was dwindled down into a sort of guerilla warfare, sustained only by the most headstrong and desperate of their number. Now it is ten times more certain if the flame is not kindled again, confidence may not revive, but enthusiasm will; and enthusiasm, with the Irish

Manchester prisoners will inspire their countrymen with a bittier hostility toward England by their deaths than they ever could have inspired by their lives. Robert Emmet did more harm to Great Britain by being hanged than he did by his Dublin insurrection. If he had been pardoned, or simply imprisoned, his countrymen in after years would have remembered him for his failure; now they are elevated and inspired by the memory of his heroism. Suppose Smith O'Brien or John Mitchell had been executed after the rebellion of 1848; their names would have been worth more to the next rising than hundreds of armed men. What are their names worth now? If the sentence of these Manchester Fenians had been commuted to a long imprisonment, and if then at some not very distant day they had been set at liberty by a general amnesty, their power for mischief would have been effectually destroyed, and a good effect might have been produced upon Irish sentiment. Now Irish rancor has been intensified, and the three men in their graves are more dangerous than ever before. Popular heroes are never so much to be feared as when they have gone to that other world where their frailties are concealed from us, leaving behind them the glamour of patriotic professions, and of suffering endured in the name of their cause.

DUST OF THE OLD YEARS.—"My friend," said one gentleman to another, "I see your hair is getting quite gray." "Yes," answered he, "old Father Time has been sweeping up the years around me, and the dust settled on my head."

BIRTHS.
McLean.—At Guelph, on the 24th inst., the wife of Mr. R. McLean, of a daughter.

New Advertisements.
FOX HUNT.

THE postponed meet of the Wellington Hunt will take place at the Victoria Bridge, on THURSDAY next, the 28th instant, at 1 o'clock p. m., prompt.

Cordwood Wanted.
WANTED, 700 cords of good hard wood. Apply at Brown's Wood Yard, Woolwich-st., nearly opposite the Court House, Guelph.

REMOVAL.
Military Tailor
J. JONES,
Late Master Tailor in the 17th Regiment.

REGS to inform his customers and the public that he has removed from Nottingham-st. to Upper Wyndham-st., next door to Hamilton's Furniture Store, where he will be happy to receive orders for making all kinds of

Military and Civilian's Clothing,
in the latest and most fashionable styles. Having had long experience, he guarantees to give satisfaction to all who may favor him with their patronage.

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1867.
ST. ANDREW'S DAY

THE St. Andrew's Society of Guelph will celebrate St. Andrew's Day

On FRIDAY, 29th November,
—BY A—

PROMENADE CONCERT!
comprising Addresses and Vocal and Instrumental Music.

AND A BALL!
IN THE TOWN HALL.

Refreshments will be served between the parts of the Concert.

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The Society cordially invite the attendance of their townfolk of other national origin at their celebration.

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Hamilton, 26th Nov. 1867. 6m

Insolvent Act of 1864.

IN THE MATTER OF JOHN HANS, AN INSOLVENT.

THE creditors of the above insolvent are hereby notified to meet at the Office of Thomas Saunders, Official Assignee, Court House, Guelph

On Thursday, 5th Dec., 1867,
at one o'clock in the afternoon of that day, for the public examination of said insolvent, and to receive explanations of insolvent's position, and the ordering of his affairs generally.

THOMAS SAUNDERS, Official Assignee.

Guelph, 26th November, 1867. w2

Division Court Sittings.

COUNTY OF WELLINGTON.

THE Division Court of the County of Wellington, will be held as follows:—

New Advertisements.

COMPOSITOR WANTED.

WANTED immediately at the Evening Mercury office, Guelph, a good compositor. Apply at once.

MOLAGAN & INNES,
Guelph, 22nd Nov., 1867. Macdonnell-st.

STRAYED PIGS.

CAME into the premises of the subscriber, near the Race Course Inn, about three weeks ago, two good-sized Pigs. The owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses, and take them away.

JOSEPH RYDALL, Eramosa Road.
Guelph, November 21, 1867. dw3

Castle Garden SALOON

TO RENT.

THE Castle Garden Saloon facing the Market, Guelph, to rent. Particulars can be obtained from, and offers will be received up to Saturday, 7th December, by

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, Guelph.
Guelph, 22nd Nov., 1867.

Span of Working Horses

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE, a span of 7 years old good working Horses. Warranted to be in good, sound working condition. Will be sold for cash, or on approved security, as may be agreed upon. For further information apply to the proprietor, near the Race Course Inn.

JOSEPH RYDALL.
Guelph, Nov. 21, 1867. dw

A Buffalo Robe taken by Mistake.

TAKE by mistake from the subscriber's stable last (November) Fair day, a Buffalo Robe with the name "Red" marked on the inside. In place of it another robe was left with the letters "R. M." marked on the inside. The party who took it in mistake will greatly oblige the subscriber by returning it at once, which will save him both trouble and cost.

Y. WALD, Bay House Hotel.
Guelph, 20th November, 1867. 3dw1

Clerk, or Assistant.

A YOUNG man, respectfully connected, seeks employment. Address E. F. G. Guelph, Nov. 19th, 1867. dw*

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THE undersigned having entered into partnership with the late partner of the Law in all his branches, under the name, style and firm of McCURRY & MITCHELL.

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Guelph, July 31, 1867. (dw D. MOLTON

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Guelph, Nov. 19th, 1867. dw

LACROSSE.

LACROSSE Clubs and Balls for sale at

JOHN MCNEIL'S.

Guelph, October 14, 1867. 73-4f

Strayed or Stolen.

STRAYED or Stolen from the premises of the subscriber, about the 9th inst., a dark grey Colt, counting 4 years old, and shot on the fore foot. Any person giving such information as will lead to the recovery of the animal will be suitably rewarded.

JAMES A. THORP.
Guelph, 13, 1867. daw 3

BERKSHIRE BOAR.

THE subscriber has newly purchased a first-class pure-bred Berkshire Boar, which will serve sows during the season. Terms, \$1 cash.

ALLAN SIMPSON, Blacksmith.
Guelph, 5th Nov., 1867. 4dw6

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Guelph, July 22. daw-4f

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TO LET.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Office of the County Road Superintendent, Wyndham Street, Guelph, up to

Saturday, 30th NOV. inst.,

from parties wishing to rent the Toll House on the

Ospringle & Bristol Road,

in the TOWNSHIP OF ERIN.

Tenders will be open at Fielding's Hotel, Ospringle, on the above date at 2 o'clock, p.m. The party whose tender is accepted will be required to sign a bond with two sureties.

T. W. COOPER, Supt.
Guelph, Nov. 22, 1867.

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Hamilton, November 23, 1867. dw3m

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I am Dreaming

The Bride (by Longfellow)

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Origin of the Harp

Home they brought her Warrior dead

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