

Mr. Wm. McDougall on the Pacific Railway.

Mr. Wm. McDougall, who is at present in London, has written a long letter to the Standard in that city, correcting some errors and misapprehensions into which that paper had fallen in its attacks on the present Canadian Government in reference to its policy on the Pacific Railway.

Mr. McDougall further says that his statement of Mr. Mackenzie is justified by the clause in the act of union with British Columbia, which received the unanimous assent of the representatives of that Province and which says that "the said railway should be constructed and worked by private enterprise, and not by the Dominion Government, and that the public aid to be given to secure that undertaking should consist of liberal grants of land, and such subsidy in money, or other aid, not increasing the present rate of taxation, as the Parliament of Canada should thereafter determine."

He then combats the assertion of the Standard that the scheme for the construction of a branch line from Fort Garry to Pembina, to use the words of the Standard, "an insidious attack on the independence of Canada," and reminds that journal that "this branch line to connect the Pacific with the American railway system formed an essential part of the scheme of the late Government; that charters for it were granted to two rival companies, either of which might be authorized by the proclamation to build it; and that all the great lines in Canada not only connect with American lines, but practically extend their own systems east and west into the territory of the United States. As far as my observation enables me to judge, Canada is more independent to-day commercially and politically than at any previous period of her history. The number of those who desire "political assimilation" with the neighboring Republic at no time formidable, diminishes at every turn of the political wheel."

Mr. McDougall concludes his letter with an expression of confidence in the honesty and patriotism of the present Government. He says:—"Let us not be unjust to those who have undertaken the responsibilities of administration in a difficult crisis. Your apprehension that the present Liberal Ministry may attempt to abolish the noble Dominion which has fallen into its hands to govern is not shared, I assure you, by intelligent Canadians. I know all its leading members well. I have opposed them in Parliament and on the platform with a vigor which they will neither forget nor forgive, but my opposition was limited to specific questions, and although some of these—notably their motion to reject the Washington Treaty—involved, as I thought, the success of Confederation, to which I was pledged as a public man, I never doubted the loyalty or the patriotism of Mr. Mackenzie or of the leading members of his Government. Party spirit runs high in all young communities of English origin. Its heat has not abated in Canada under the influence of the federal system. But in the present case I must ask you to remember that Mr. Mackenzie and his colleagues, with the distinct repudiation of the railway policy of their predecessors, and indicating the changes now under discussion, have been sustained by a large majority of the people in all the provinces."

Hon. Dr. Tupper will likely lead the Opposition in the Commons. Senators Campbell and Chapais will lead the Opposition in the Senate.

The Free Press of Ottawa has turned another somersault, and come out squarely as a supporter of the Administration.

Judging from the proceedings in the North York Election case, it seems to be pretty plain that the petitioner's name was obtained by fraud.

It is believed that Sir Robert Hodgson, the present Administrator of the Government of Prince Edward Island, has been offered the Lieut. Governorship of that Province, and will shortly be gazetted the Lieut. Governor thereof.

The Montreal Star says it is rumored that the Hon. Geo. Brown is "authorized" to throw in our fisheries as a "sop" to our American neighbour to secure Reciprocity. If we mistake not that "sop" was disposed of by the late Government, consideration nihil.

We have the authority of the Canadian Illustrated News for the assertion that the new Finance Minister "will have to meet a deficiency of nearly three millions in the year's budget." A nice legacy from the spendthrift Administration of Sir John.

It was remarked that at the brilliant gathering in the Senate Chamber to do honour to the Governor-General and Lady Dufferin on Friday evening no member of the late Administration except Senator Aikens was present. Many other leading Conservatives were also conspicuous by their absence.

The Western express on Friday night ran into a locomotive near Gananoque, doing considerable damage, and injuring several passengers, besides the fireman and engineer.

Two Bodies Found.—The Daily News says that on Saturday morning, on drawing off the water from Lock 24, the body of a man, having the appearance of a contractor or boss on the Canal, was found with hands bound behind his back. The body is in an advanced state of decomposition. Strong suspicions of foul play. Also on the level of Lock 25 there was found the body of an infant not much decomposed. It was enclosed in a rough box of pine. It is to be hoped the unnatural parent will be found out.

DEATH OF DR. MUNRO.—We regret to record the death of Dr. Munro of Fergus, after a very short illness. The doctor was attacked with inflammation on Saturday, and died this (Monday) morning. He was an old resident of Fergus, enjoyed a very extensive practice, and was greatly esteemed, not only for his skill as a physician, but for his uniform goodness of heart, and kindness to the poor. He will be greatly missed in and about Fergus by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Affairs in the United States.

The monthly circular of Henry Clews & Co., bankers, of New York, has again appeared. The principal feature in it is a complaint of dullness in nearly all departments of business, a matter which cannot create any surprise in view of the severe panic of last fall, and of its consequence in compelling economy and curtailment. That measures of economy are being heartily entered on is the most hopeful sign of the condition of the country. A nation is like an individual. If a person exceeds his income for several years in succession, he can tide over the difficulty by borrowing, provided his credit be good. But this process cannot go on for ever. So long as it lasts he may go on spending. He may spend, in fact, more than he ever did before, and enlarge his house and improve his grounds, adding a carriage drive here and a conservatory there, besides squandering money in expensive lawsuits with his neighbors or tenants. All this time his family, servants, and friends may suppose him in a high state of prosperity. But pay-day comes at last, and then the only possible course is to stop the leaks that are draining away his fortune, and by severe economy endeavor to bring things round. Servants are dismissed, equipages sold, expenditure on improvement stopped, and a new style of living entered upon. All this is "had for trade" in a certain sense, and shortsighted people would cry out against such a policy; but it is the best for trade in the end. It enables him to pay his debts honorably, and he will be a far safer customer bye-and-bye.

BIRTHS.

BRUCE—At Guelph, on the 25th inst, the wife of Mr. James Bruce, Express Agent, of a son.

WILSON—At Chieftwood, Paisley Block, Guelph, on Saturday, 28th inst., the wife of Mr. James Wilson, of a daughter.

PATON—In Guelph, on the 29th inst the wife of Mr. J. W. Paton, of a son.

MARRIED.

CURRIE—McMURCHY—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 24th inst., by the Rev. D. Strachan, Mr. Arch. Currie, to Margaret, youngest daughter of Angus McMurchy, Esq., all of Erin.

GOULD—On the 26th inst., at Petworth House, Eramosa, the residence of the bride's mother, by the Rev. W. P. Swallow, Jacob Leonard Gould, Esq., to Miss Caroline Elizabeth Sackett, third daughter of the late George Sackett, Esq., and grand daughter of the late Rev. Thos. Sackett, Rector of Petworth, Sussex, England.

Floor Oil Cloth, Floor Oil Cloth, Very Rich and Chaste Designs, Splendid assortment, Patterns Quite New.

FRESH LOT OF Door Mats, Door Mats, NOW OPENING OUT AT JOHN HORSMAN'S, HARDWARE MERCHANT, GUELPH.

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Tuesday and Wednesday, March 31st and April 1st. On Tuesday Evening, 31st, The Beautiful English Comedy entitled A Wonderful Woman; Wealth, Ambition and Poverty, In which the full company will appear. To conclude with Shakespeare's Celebrated Comedy (in three acts) of Taming the Shrew.

Petruccio JOHN TOWNSEND, Katharine, MISS CONSTANCE TOWNSEND Supported by every member of the family and Troupe. See programmes. On Wednesday Evening an entire change of performance.

VALUABLE Property for Sale

IN THE TOWN OF GUELPH In accordance with the last Will and Testament of the late John Mitchell, the residue of the estate is now offered for sale, viz: Farm Property.

About 300 acres of good land (west of the Eramosa Road in the North Ward) in quantities of one acre and upwards to suit purchasers; part of said land is well timbered, and the remainder under cultivation. There are 2 good two-story stone dwelling houses, 2 frame barns, &c. on the same. The above property is very suitable for building sites, market gardens, &c.

Also, Lot 15, in the 10th concession, Egrement, about six miles from Mount Forest, containing one hundred acres of good land, improved and well watered.

Town Lots. Lots 23, 24, 25 on the Eramosa Road. 26, 27, 28, 29 on Queen Street. 32, 33, 34, 35 on Delhi Street. Lot 8 on Pearl St., Lot 11, on King St. and Lot 12 on Derry St.

East 1/2 Lot 9, on Macdonnell St., with 2 story frame dwelling.

West 1/2 do do with Livery Stable. Lot 6, corner Eramosa Road and Mitchell St., with good 2 story stone dwelling house, 11 rooms, cellar, well, cistern, &c.

Lot 7, on Mitchell St., with frame building, 20 x 30, suitable for a work-shop.

TERMS—One fourth in cash; balance in from 2 to 4 years as may be agreed upon, with interest at 8 per cent. A large cash payment will be required on the timbered land. For further particulars apply to ANN MITCHELL, RICHARD MITCHELL, Executors. Guelph, March 27th, 1874. dwtf

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JOSEPH F. RAINER, WEST MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH, Will offer them at a considerable reduction on cost on reasonable

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Similar to those shown at the last Central Exhibition, and for which he was awarded the first prize.

They are equal in compass of tone, finish, and durability to the best instruments of any of the celebrated manufacturers, and as such an opportunity seldom occurs, parties in want of pianos would do well to avail themselves of it.

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300 LADIES' & MISSES' COSTUMES

Opened Yesterday at THE FASHIONABLE WEST END

OUR DRESS DEPARTMENT

We invite the particular attention of every lady in the Town of Guelph to our large and beautiful stock of

New Dress Goods for the Season. Fashionable Dressmaking on the Premises.

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Dominion Boot and Shoe Store NEW SPRING GOODS

Men's American Sporting Boots, Men's Rubber Boots, Men's Shoes and Gaiters for Spring Wear

Ladies American Fancy Shoes, Ladies Goat and Kid Button Boots, Ladies Prunella Button and Lace Boots A VERY LARGE ASSORTMENT.

Misses Wear—All styles in Goat, Kid and Prunella. Child's American Fancy Slippers and Shoes. We have also a large assortment of Boys' and Youths' Spring Wear.

In the Custom Department We have just received the latest styles of American lasts. Repairing done as usual. Remember the House—The Dominion Shoe Store, Day's Block, opposite the Town Hall. Guelph, Feb. 9, 1874. W. M. TAWSE & SON. dw2mtcs

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OUR SPRING STOCK Is now fully assorted in every department.

CLOTHS, HATS AND CAPS, GENTS' FURNISHINGS, READY-MADE CLOTHING.

We would inform our customers and the public in general that we never before offered such a complete and handsome assortment of Goods for Gent's Wear. Shaw & Murton, MERCHANT TAILORS. GUELPH, March 21, 1874

1874 SPRING IMPORTATIONS. 1874

JAMES CORMACK, Tailor and Clothier, No. 1, WYNDHAM STREET.

Is now receiving a large and beautiful assortment of Goods Suitable for the Season

CONSISTING OF Plain and Fancy Woollens in the Best and Newest Patterns.

Hats, Caps, Shirts, Collars, Ties, etc. etc. In great variety. Guelph, March 21, 1874. JAMES CORMACK. dwmtcs

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Each package warranted to color one or more pounds of goods. See sample-card in window. Price 10 cents per package.

ALSO, THE Depilatory Powder Warned to remove false hair without injuring the skin. G. B. McCULLOUGH, Dispensing Chemist No. 3, Day's Block, Next door to J. E. McElderry's and directly opposite John Horsman's.

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