

THE MEETING LAST NIGHT.

No stronger proof of the unpopularity of the Government Banking Scheme in this section is needed, than the strong condemnatory resolutions which were, we may say, unanimously adopted by the meeting held last night. Seldom indeed it is that we see men of different political opinions uniting in giving expression to one feeling and one sentiment in regard to a government measure. But in this instance party politics were thrown aside in view of the more important question affecting the well being of the country, and we were afforded the rare spectacle of seeing Conservatives and Reformers going hand in hand in denouncing the scheme which they believe to be fraught with so much evil to the country. Mr. Reynolds it is true, got rather alarmed when he saw two such staunch supporters of the general policy of the Government as Messrs. McCrea and Davidson coming out so strongly against the new Banking scheme, and more especially when Mr. Cuthbert wished all the Conservatives to pledge themselves to go into open and direct opposition if the measure was passed. But the feeling was too strong to be stemmed even by Mr. Reynolds, and so disliking to be alone in the meeting, or to be considered the agent of a government who don't seem to care a straw for our interests in Ontario, he wisely backed down, and seconded one of the resolutions. We question if ever a meeting composed of both political parties was held in Guelph to discuss a political measure, which was so unanimous as the meeting was last night in condemning the Government Banking Scheme. And if similar meetings were held in every Municipality in Ontario the same verdict would be rendered by the people.

DEATH OF JUDGE WILSON.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Justice John Wilson, which took place at his residence, Westminster, near London, Ont., on Thursday morning. For some months past he had been laid aside by severe illness, but a week or two ago he rallied considerably, and strong hopes were entertained that he would recover. But a day or two previous to his death a relapse occurred, the disease assumed a fatal type, and at last death stepped in and put an end to his sufferings. The deceased emigrated from his native land, Scotland, to this country in his youth, and commenced the study of law with Mr. McMartin, a barrister in Perth, County of Lanark. While in Perth he got into a quarrel with a Mr. Lyon about a young lady who was both paying their attentions to, and who subsequently became Mr. Wilson's wife. The quarrel grew so hot that Lyon attacked Mr. Wilson on the street, when the latter challenged Lyon to mortal combat. The duel took place, Lyon was killed, and Mr. Wilson was tried before Chief Justice Robinson at Brockville for murder. He was found "not guilty"—a verdict which gave the people in that section great satisfaction. After Mr. Wilson was called to the bar, he settled in London, Ont., and commenced to practice. His talents and industry soon raised him to a prominent position in the Forest City. He was elected Mayor of London, and afterwards was returned as representative to Parliament by that city. He was a Conservative till the burning of the Parliament Buildings at Montreal, after which he joined the Liberal ranks, and remained steadfast to the party to the last. Four or five years ago he was elevated to the Bench. He was always held to be an able lawyer and an upright judge. He was married to a sister of Judge Hughes, of Elgin, and leaves a wife two sons and one daughter to mourn his loss.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND CONFEDERATION.

We learn from Ottawa that the Newfoundland delegates have come to terms with the Dominion Government, as to the considerations to be observed by Newfoundland on entering the Union. Compromises have been made on both sides. The terms of Union will be submitted to the people of Newfoundland at the General Election next fall; and on the assembling of the Legislature next January the question will have to be confirmed.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

The Arthur woolen factory, owned by Mr. James Smith, will be in operation on the 20th June. A little daughter of Mr. Wm. Stafford, of Elora, fell out of a wagon on Saturday evening last, and fractured her collar bone. CRICKET MATCH.—A meeting of the Cricket Club will be held at the Queen's Hotel this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Members are requested to attend. The Farmer's Club met at Elora on Tuesday last, and Mr. Elliott, V. S., read an interesting paper on the subject of diseases of the digestive organs in cattle. Radway, of "Ready Relief" notoriety, has entered a suit in chancery at Toronto against Dr. Briggs, to restrain the latter from using the word "relief" as part of the appellation, "Brigg's Magic Relief."

PRESENTATION.

On the 29th of last month, Mr. Arthur Ross, in the name of the members and adherents of Knox's Church, Elora, presented the Rev. John Duff privately, with a donation amounting to \$150. Mr. Duff acknowledges the receipt of the gift and tenders an expression of his gratitude in this week's Express.

DIRECT IMPORTATIONS.

T. J. Day, opposite the market, has received a shipment of *Prussia* and *North American*, and ex ship *Lake Superior*, from Liverpool, several tales and cases paper hangings, all new patterns and good styles, which will be sold very cheap. Call and examine goods and prices before buying, and be satisfied that Day's Bookstore is the right place to buy wall paper.

Mr. John Emery of Wilmot, who is well known as a most successful dispenser of a specific for the prevention or cure of hydrophobia, having never lost a case, but who has hitherto kept the secret to himself, now offers to part with it for a consideration.

THE EXHIBITION ON THE MARKET SQUARE.—The musical wonders, the Circassian girls, the singing, the dancing, and the clarinet playing which may be seen and heard on the Market Square, this and to-morrow evenings, are well worth the price of admission charged.

TURNING THE FIRST sod OF THE INTERCOLONIAL.—The Halifax Express has the following: A letter dated Sackville, N. B., says that the first sod of the Intercolonial Railroad was turned on Monday last, about six miles from that village, by Charles Stewart, Esq.

CIRCASSIAN BEAUTIES.—Circassian has long been noted for its pretty women, and justly; and in the tent near the Market House, which can be visited with propriety by the most fastidious, will be seen Circassian ladies, very pretty and pleasing both in appearance and manner. Besides there are two musical wonders of surprising musical talent, with white hair and pink eyes; a two clarionette players of great ability, and a clog dancer, who claims the champion clog of Canada.

JUVENILE CONCERT TO-NIGHT.—Dr. French's class of 170 pupils will give their farewell concert in the Town Hall to-night. A new programme is prepared and a variety of exercises will be produced which are entirely different from any of the preceding. The stage has been decorated with evergreens. Reflectors have also been arranged so as to give brilliancy to the scene. The class when seated has been compared to a bouquet of flowers—the boys in the centre representing the leaves and branches. It is expected the concert to-night will be superior to either of the preceding. Tickets, 25c. Children under 10 years, 15c. Curtain rise at 8 o'clock.

KNOX CHURCH SOCIAL.—The Social in connection with the above church, held in the Town Hall last evening was largely attended by those comprising the congregation, the major part of whom were the adults. The Rev. Mr. Ball presided over the happy gathering. After refreshments had been served, several of those present delighted the assembly with sweet, inspiring music, both vocal and instrumental. During the evening the managers, through their chairman and secretary, Messrs. C. Mickle and Wm. Wilkie, stated the position in which the affairs of the congregation stood. The statements made were received with satisfaction, as, notwithstanding the advance in wages, and a proportionate advance in the contracts, lately let over the original estimate, the financial condition is very cheering and hopeful. The new edifice on Quebec St., will be pushed on to completion as rapidly as possible, and when finished, will in every respect be worthy of the zeal and public spirit of the congregation for which it is being erected, and an ornament to the town. The company appeared to enjoy themselves amazingly in the fraternal greetings which were taking place, and until the benediction was pronounced did the lively interest taken in the proceedings appear to wane. The party broke up at an early hour, well satisfied with the evening's re-union, and all that they had heard.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, May 3.—The Evening Standard today in a leading editorial says it believes America does not wish for war. The Standard is confident that as soon as the irritation caused by the too animated discussion of the question of issue subsidies, men on both sides of the Atlantic will be ready and eager to hold out their hands to each other. In the House of Lords to-day, a bill for the creation of life peerages passed in committee with an amendment, limiting the number of Peers to be created under its provisions to two annually. Sir Stafford Northcote has nominated Mr. Geo. Peabody to be Trustee of the Hudson Bay Company, vice Sir J. Emerson Tennent, resigned. Advice from Hong Kong to May 11th, state that the civil war in Japan still continued. The Mikado had a powerful fleet against the rebels at Hakodadi. It was reported the French officers supported and aided the rebels there.

New Advertisements.

Speed Lodge No. 180.

The Regular Meeting of Speed Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, on TUESDAY EVENING the 8th of June, at half-past seven o'clock.

ARTILLERY COMPANY.

The Guelph Artillery Company will meet for drill in the Drill Shed on FRIDAY EVENING, at half-past seven o'clock. These absent themselves are liable to be fined for non-attendance. WM. DAY, Captain.

MONTREAL OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

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The first-class, full-powered, Clyde-built Steam ship of this line will be despatched every Friday as follows (carrying the Canadian and United States mails):

QUEBEC TO LIVERPOOL.

Peruvian ..... 12th June  
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Prussian ..... 26th  
Austrian ..... 3rd July

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St. David ..... 1st July

Through Passage Tickets, Return Tickets, and European Pre-paid Passage Certificates issued at lowest rates.

CABIN.—Guelph to Liverpool \$70.50 and \$50.50  
STEERAGE, do do 30.50  
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For every information apply to  
GEO. A. OXNARD,  
Agent G. T. R.  
Guelph, June 3, 1899. dwt

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

The business carried on under the title of D. Molton & Co., as Produce Dealers and Commission Merchants, has this day been dissolved by limitation of time. All parties indebted to the said firm, either by note or book account, will please call and settle the same. All accounts not paid within thirty days will be handed into A. A. Baker, Esq., for collection. Any person having claims against said firm will please bring them for adjustment. We further appoint Mr. Watson Day to collect all accounts due us, and he will give receipts for the same.  
Witness: D. MOLTON.  
Guelph, 31st May, 1899. dwt

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VINDICATION!

TO THE EDITOR OF THE GUELPH MERCURY.

Sir.—We see from an article headed with that name in your issue of Friday that our opponents now think they have found a veritable mare's nest. By mistaking the meaning of the word "vindication" we think we admit that Mr. Wood was a real partner at the time of the Exhibition, and then they accuse us of untruthfulness when we call him our workman. Mr. Wood, as the agreement shows, got no credit on certain parts of the business; as for instance the sale of pianos, and was never consulted in any transaction involving the selling of them. He received a percentage on certain parts of the work to counterbalance a reduction in wages of \$2 per week, which certainly did not make him a partner. The prize instruments cost him nothing, and he cannot therefore claim a share of the prizes to the exclusion of two real partners who owned about four-fifths of the articles exhibited. They take no notice of the most important parts of our article, but show a declaration, signed by some workmen, two of whom, T. Pearson and M. Snowden, were never even inside the factory up to last December, proving that Mr. Wood was a partner in September preceding. Said declaration is ingeniously worded, being intended to convey the idea that Mr. Wood had authority over them all while only one (W. Snowden) could conscientiously say so, and Mr. Wood's authority over him was self-assumed, at least so far as we were concerned. Nearly all the men have heard us say that Mr. Wood had no right to interfere with them; and we can find numbers of people who have heard some of the statements (Mr. John Budd in particular) that Mr. Wood had no right to do with them. We assume also that Mr. Wood is also convincing. We admit, what we presume is all they mean to prove, that Mr. Wood had sole charge of the tuning, which was done solely by himself. These same employees attribute the success of the late firm mainly to Mr. Wood's ability and Mr. McLeod's effect sales at a distance, and we will know that it was the work of R. Bell in particular to keep the accounts, carry on the correspondence and effect sales at a distance, and the agencies. We suppose we can give Mr. McLeod credit for transacting business over and above what we have mentioned. He may have some developed business faculty, which the men have observed, but which has always been invisible to us.

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