

A Shameful Bargain.
On Wednesday evening, in the Dominion Parliament, Mr. Huntington—a barrister of twenty years' standing, a Queen's Counsel, a member of Parliament for thirteen years, and formerly a member of the Executive Council—brought in a motion, of which he had previously given notice, for an inquiry into all the facts connected with the contract recently conferred by Government on the Pacific Railway Company. Mr. Huntington, in his motion, directly charged the Government with having been bribed by the United States promoters of the Pacific Railway Co. to grant them the contract, with a large sum of money (\$300,000) to be used in corrupting the electors at the recent general election. And this fearful charge he declared in his motion his readiness to substantiate before the Committee when formed. When he rose to read the motion there was a flutter of expectation, and then an impressive silence. The resolution was read twice by Mr. Huntington, and repeated by the Speaker, and everybody looked to the Ministerial benches, expecting the Premier to rise. Even those who knew the truth of Mr. Huntington's statement expected, if not a denial and evasion, an excuse or palliation. Nobody thought that the Ministry would be so completely exposed as not to have a word to say for themselves. There sat 107 of those whose elections were secured by the expenditure of the \$300,000, and amongst them, we are sorry to say, were thirty six from Ontario—ready to vote down the motion when it came up. Not a single member denied the truth of the astounding statement, but sat in their places, perfectly dumb. There was no attempt at palliation or equivocation. Revelling in the truthfulness of the charge in all its force, utterly condemned by their own consciences, but determined to vote against what they knew to be a righteous charge. What a humiliating position for men to occupy who are sworn to do their duty to their country and their Queen. Had they not been devoid of all shame, they would have blushed to the roots of their hair. How can these individuals face their constituents and give an account of their stewardship? Talk of the highway robber, the assassin, and the incendiary—these are honorable men compared with those who would sell the interests of the Dominion to serve their party chief.

Harrison Correspondence.
The fair on Friday was not so well attended as has usually been the case during the winter months, and a proportionally small amount of business was transacted. The best lots of cattle remain unsold, and those parted with did not realize remunerative prices. Few sales were reported. Andrew G. Smith sold a yoke of oxen at \$35; Nelson Smith, 1 yoke do, \$80; Jas. Murdoch, one yoke of oxen at \$105; John Train, cow and heifer, \$75; David Peoples, cow, \$31; Thomas Heading, cow, \$19; Joseph Lavery, 2 heifers, \$91; Jno Thompson, 2 cows, \$53; Thomas Dunbar, 3 cows, \$56; Geo. Redpath, heifer, \$32; Richard Wilkins, 5 head, \$305. Messrs. Scott & Strauss, of Galt, advertised for heavy horses, but few such were in the market for sale. Mr. Schneider bought one for \$129 and another for \$135.

The matter of the protest of Messrs. Kennedy and Jacobs, against the election of Colonel Higinbotham to the House of Commons, is beginning to create considerable interest. The action of the petitioners does not meet with favor even from those most anxious to have Mr. Drew elected, and they generally feel cautious and cold regarding the result. In the event of the election having to be gone over again, some of them will not vote at all, whilst others will actually join with and support the party with whom in common they have no sympathy. Reformers are again buckling on their armor, scarcely tarnished by rust, and free from other stains before, at, or since the last great battle. A meeting is to be held here on Friday first, at which the whole matter will be gone into with a will, and the ball of strife, which might have been allowed quietly to rest for the next five years' will soon once more be in motion. In regard to the final result there is only one opinion here. If the seat is awarded to Mr. Drew without a struggle he will, of course, take it, but in no other way can it possibly be occupied by him during the present Parliament.

Extensive preparations have been made for the manufacture of maple sugar, but the weather necessary for the purpose has not yet appeared.

THE LIBERTY OF THE PRESS.—Our readers are aware that an individual named McGibbon, of Montreal, commenced a libel suit against the proprietors of the *Witness* newspaper of that city, for an article published condemning McGibbon's conduct in supplying intoxicating drink to the members of the snow shoe club. The publishers were acquitted, and the liberty of the press sustained. A number of Temperance Lodges have passed resolutions commending the manly and outspoken conduct of the editors, and professing to bear their portion of the expense of the defence. This is just exactly what we like to see, and will do more to raise the cause of temperance in the estimation of the people of Ontario, than anything which could have otherwise occurred. It is what we call practising what is preached. The Independent Order of Good Templars of Toronto, at their last meeting, unanimously passed the following resolution:—

"Whereas, Messrs. John Dougall & Sons, editors of the Montreal *Witness*, in the exercise of their rights as public journalists, did publish the unbecomingly and unseemingly conduct of some persons who had attended and partaken of so-called refreshments at an entertainment of a semi-public character, and righteously denounced the placing of temptation before the youth

THE LION! THE LION!

STILL AHEAD OF ALL COMPETITION.

NEW SPRING GOODS!

CHANCE & WILLIAMSON

Are now receiving part of their New Spring and Summer Goods, which will in a few days be complete, and ready for the Spring and Summer Campaign. We are now showing

150 pieces of Scotch Tweeds worth \$1, for 62½ cts;

256 pieces of WHITE COTTON, cannot be sold by any other store in Guelph less than 12½c. We will sell them at 10 cents, over forty inches wide.

75 pieces COLOURED DRESS SILKS, the Choicest Goods ever seen.

We have the best PRINTS in Guelph at 12½ cents per yard. We have a splendid stock of Dresses, Parasols, Mantles, Hats, Bonnets, Ribbons, Collars, Gloves, &c. the best in Ontario. We have also the

Largest assortment of Gent's Readymade Clothing, Hats, Caps, Shirts, Collars, Ties, Braces, etc. etc.

In Ontario. See new advertisement every week, announcing fresh arrivals per steamers from Britain, via New York and Portland.

CHANCE & WILLIAMSON.

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of our land on such occasions, we feel it to be our duty to accord to the editors of that able and fearless journal our hearty thanks for so doing; and if pecuniary support be required we do promise our aid as a tribute to an honest and outspoken exposure of the evils of the drinking custom."

Ed. DENNIS, City Deputy, I.O.G.T.
H. M. GRAHAM, Degree Templar, I.O.G.T.

TOO CONFIDING BY HALF.—About two weeks ago a young and rather respectable dressed man, named Parker, whose name appears in the Police Court Report, came to this city and took lodgings, but he had the knack of being hard up. The detectives saw him and noted his presence, though not particularly, as they had no time during the Assizes to look after him. During his brief stay, he became acquainted with quite a large number of our town swells, and made him self particularly at home with them, they seeming to like his company very much. He was on jocund terms with several schooner captains and the jorum bowl was frequently discussed. He was invited by them to call around, and he unfailingly did so and had a seat at the hospitable board. He was an excellent frequenter of hotels, but this desire to be free and jovial at his own expense was infernally hampered by the tightness of his money market. At last the detectives got wind of him and arrested him as a thief, and the evidence was so direct that he pleaded "guilty" and has got altogether about ten months imprisonment to work out in a Canadian prison; we say Canadian because Parker claims to be an American, and when searched his pocket book shewed a number of railway tickets for all parts of the States. There were also found three pawn tickets for gold rings, pledged in Cincinnati, where probably, as well as in other places, he may be wanted. This is another warning for people to be careful of whom they become acquainted with. Parker, excepting a skull-cap, was well dressed, and had rather a good appearance, being young and well dressed. He received his sentence with apathy, and seemed to care nothing for his position until he was handcuffed to a constable and walked off through the streets to the prison.—*Hamilton Times.*

"MISTAKEN GENEROSITY."—Mr. Kerr moved, in the Court of Queen's Bench, that the verdict of the Grand Jury in the Montreal *Witness* libel case be returned, and that they reconsider the case. Judge Drummond expressed surprise and said he would have to consider such an extraordinary application before taking action. McGibbon is desperate, and if this falls through, will likely try for Mr. Dougald's committal on another sentence in the article—"mistaken generosity." Much interest is felt in the case.

DIED
BARBER—In Nichol, on the 6th ult., of bronchitis, Duncan Barber, aged 47 years, a native of Oldmeldrum, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. Aberdeen papers please copy.

SPRING HARDWARE.
GARDEN TOOLS
Of all kinds, consisting of
Garden Spades and Shovels,
Garden Hoes and Rakes,
Garden Lines, Reels, Edging Knives and Ladies Sets,
Lawn Scythes and Lawn Rakes,
Seed Sieves, Pruning Knives,
Carpet Tacks and Carpet Hammers,
Bird Cages, Children's Trays,
Toilet Sets, (consisting of Water Jug, Foot Pan and Slop Pail) neatly painted and gilt.
Fishing Tackle, (splendid lot).
Also just received a nice lot of Oil Cloth, suitable for halls, dining-rooms, &c., (cheapest patterns).
Also Cocoa Matting, Mats, &c.

John Horsman,
Hardware Merchant.
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NEW Confectionery Store.
The subscribers beg to inform the people of Guelph and surrounding country that they have opened a new Confectionery Store in J. R. Porter's old Watch and Jewellery Store, Wyndham Street, where they will always have on hand Cakes, Candies, and everything in the Confectionery Line.

Bridal, and other Cakes,
Made to order on short notice, and in first-class style.
They will shortly fit up and open Coffee and Ice Cream rooms up stairs, of which due notice will be given.
They hope by promptly attending to all orders, and giving satisfaction to their customers to merit a share of public patronage.
W. W. WARDER & SUTTON
Guelph, March 28, 1873. dwf

SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE.
For sale, several first-class Sewing Machines, different makers, all new, cheap for cash. Apply at the MERCURY Office.

New Advertisements.

Co-Operative Store.

PROFITS BEING SHARED

The Public who have bought Goods from us during the past three months, and have kept Pass Books, can now draw in Cash 3 cents on every dollar purchased from us.

The dividends are paid every January, April, July and October.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co.

GUELPH, April 3, 1873 dw

NEW SPRING GOODS

R. CLAYTON

HAS JUST RECEIVED

25 Cases of Spring Goods:

- New Light Prints,
- New White Cottons,
- New Scoured Calico,
- New White Sheeting,
- New White Brilliants,
- New Light Dress Goods,
- New Light Costumes,
- New Black Silks,
- New Colored Silks,
- New Black Alpacas,

IN FACT, EVERYTHING NEW

—AT—
R. CLAYTON'S CASH STORE,
Upper Wyndham Street.

JAMES CORMACK,

TAILOR and CLOTHIER,
Begs to announce to his customers and the public the arrival of his

SPRING IMPORTATIONS!

His stock is now complete in **BROADCLOTHS,**
Fancy COATINGS,
Fancy VESTINGS,
Fancy TROUSERINGS,

English and Scotch Tweeds;
Also, a large and varied stock of
CANADIAN TWEEDS!

READY-MADE CLOTHING
BOYS SUITS!

See Gent's Furnishing Goods of the best quality and latest styles.
NO. 1 WYNDHAM STREET.

50 ACRES OF LAND FOR SALE
Quarter of Lot 27, Con. 1, 9 miles from Brock Road, comfortable house, and large log barn and stables. Will be sold cheap, and on liberal terms of payment, or low property will be taken in exchange. Apply through Guelph Post Office, box 161, or to Messrs. Hart & Spiers, Guelph.

A LARGE NEW STOCK

WALL PAPER

Opened Out

DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

GREAT SALE OF Watches, Jewellery, etc.

CONTINUED
AT R. CRAWFORD'S OWN STORE.

Having to remove the Bankrupt Stock of John R. Porter from his old stand, the great cheap sale of the same will be continued at my own store.

Next the Post Office,
FOR ONE MONTH LONGER.

As the balance of the stock must be cleared out in that time, the goods will be sold at
An Immense Sacrifice.
Guelph, March 4, 1873. dwim

WALL PAPER

WINDOW SHADES,

CHEAP STOCK

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ANDERSON'S Cheap Bookstore.

Opposite the Old English Church, East side
WYNDHAM STREET.

FASHIONS For Spring and Summer.

All the Novelties of the Season.
A Splendid Line of New Goods!

At J. HUNTER'S

The Largest and Best Stock in Town of Sewed Muslins, Edgings, Trimmings, Frillings, Braids, Point Lace Patterns, and materials; Ladies' Corsets and Underclothing; Infant's Waists, Robes, Wrappers, etc.

Chignons, Braids, Coronets, Curls, and Switches in real hair; also, in Jute, Silk, and Mohair.

Jewellery and Small Wares

In great variety, and cheaper than ever.
SPEX—Another Lot of those Celebrated
Rock Crystal Spectacles.

A full assortment of Madame Demorest's reliable and fashionable patterns for Spring and Summer.
Stamping done to order with neatness and despatch.
AT J. HUNTER'S
Berlin Wool, Fancy Goods, and Toy Store, Wyndham Street Guelph.

JUST RECEIVED, an assortment of

Lubin's Toilet Soap.

Ribbon of Bruges,
For Fumigating Sick Rooms, &c.

Arcadian Pink,
The most fragrant and lasting perfume manufactured.

Ladies Cachous
For imparting an agreeable odour to the Breath.

E. HARVEY & Co.,
Dispensing Chemists,
Corner Wyndham and Macdonnell-streets, Guelph.
Guelph, Mar 25, 1873. dw

MEDICAL DISPENSARY.

Just Received, a Large Supply of LUBIN'S

"GRAND TRUNK,"
The most elegant and fashionable Perfume of the day.

PIESSE & LUBIN'S

RIBBON OF BRUGES,
A very fragrant Fumigator

FOR THE SICK ROOM

MEDICINE SPOONS,
TEA AND DESSERT SPOONS,
A fresh supply, at the Medical Dispensary.

G. B. McCullough,
Dispensing Chemist
(Late McCullough & Moore.)
F274dw

GUELPH.



HE HAS JUST OPENED

15 CASES

—OF—

HATS & CAPS

ALL NEW STYLES.



TOWN OF GUELPH.

Tenders for Lumber.

The undersigned will receive tenders up to
Monday, 7th April, 1873,

at noon, for supplying the said town with lumber, such as may be required during the present year.

Description of size and quality can be obtained at my office.
JOHN HARVEY,
Town Clerk.

Guelph, April 2nd, 1873. dw

FREDERICK STURDY,
GUELPH, ONT., CANADA,

is now prepared to supply
Eggs for Hatching

From his FIRST PRIZE and IMPORTED BIRDS, of the following varieties: Dark and Light Braconas, Partridge and White Cocksins, Whited Faces, Black Spanish, Black Red Game, Spangled Gold and Silver Hamburgs, Grey Dorkings, Rouen and Aylesbury Ducks.

A few birds for sale at reasonable prices. Guelph, Mar. 19, 1873. dwim

NEW BUTCHER SHOP.
The public are respectfully informed that the undersigned has opened a Meat Shop in Hat's Block, and will supply customers with meat of the best quality, at the lowest rates. Meat delivered in any part of the Town.
CHAS. FENNELL,
Guelph, Dec. 20, 1872. dw