

Guelph Advertiser

EXTRA.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 19, 1850.

COUNTY DIVISIONS.

It has been well understood that the Government intended to introduce another Representation Bill during the present Session of Parliament, in which this County would have a more just proportion of the Representation of the Province awarded to it, and certain divisions of its territory take place. Last year great efforts were put forth by interested parties to make Galt a County Town, and to find a territory to support the scheme, it was intended to rob the Wellington District of its fairest portions. Proper steps were taken to counteract this plan, when the loss of the Representation Bill and the utter defeat of a special Bill settled the matter for the Session.

Since the commencement of the present Session, the Administration have been seeking advice of the Member for this County as to the way in which any future division, to be introduced in a new Representation Bill, should be arranged, which that gentleman submitted in accordance with the expressed wish of the County Council. But in defiance of his opinion, at the very time they professed to be seeking, a measure was introduced into the House of Assembly by the Hon. the Attorney General for Lower Canada, containing the following divisions:

"The County of Halton shall consist of the Townships of Erin, Esquesing, Trafalgar, Nassagaweya, and Nelson.

The County of Waterloo shall consist of the Townships of North Dumfries, including the Town of Galt, Waterloo, Wilmot, Wellesley, Peel, and Maryborough.

The County of Brant shall consist of the Townships of Brantford, including the Town of that name, Onondaga, Tuscarora, Oakland, South Dumfries, and East Burford.

The County of Wellington shall consist of the Townships of Puslinch, Guelph, Nichol, Garafraxa, and Eramosa.

The County of Peel shall consist of the Townships of Normanby, Egremont, Proton, Melancthon, Minto, Arthur, Luther, and Amaranth.

The County of Grey shall consist of the Townships of Derby, Sydenham, Saint Vincent, Sullivan, Holland, Euphrasia, Collingwood, Bentinck, Glenelg, Artemesia, and Osprey."

Comment on the above is unnecessary, for every rate-payer and every freeholder in the proposed County of Wellington will

at once see that their interests are entirely sacrificed to the Village of Galt—to accomplish the exaltation of that place to a County Town it is necessary to take from Guelph more than it leaves—to commence a new County for the aggrandisement of Galt it is necessary to surround it with a population of 26,000; whilst the present County Town is left with 13,000,—half the number.

And what is of the same character; whilst Halton with its five Townships is to have two Representatives in the Legislative Assembly, Guelph, Puslinch, Eramosa, Nichol and Garafraxa, is left with one!

We have the best authority for stating that this arrangement is entirely in opposition to the well-known views of Mr. Fergusson,—that the whole thing has been arranged with a full knowledge that he is entirely opposed to it,—and that he will use his utmost endeavours to defeat the plan.

Electors! Freeholders! and Rate-payers! will you not support your Member! Then attend a Meeting to be held in the Court House, Guelph, on Saturday next.

Let this measure pass, and in a short time your Taxes will be doubled.

COUNTY DIVISION SCHEME.

To BENJAMIN THURTELL, Esq., Warden of the County of Waterloo.

SIR:—The undersigned Freeholders of the County of Waterloo respectfully request you, at your earliest convenience, to call a *Public Meeting of the rate-payers* of the said County, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of opposing its division in the way proposed by a measure recently introduced into the House of Assembly by the Hon. L. H. Lafontaine; and also for making such arrangements as may be deemed advisable for effectually carrying out the views of the said meeting.

Guelph, 17th June, 1850.

Signed by T. Sandilands, Wm Hewat, James Webster, John Harland, John Smith, Alfred A. Baker, A. D. Ferrier, Wm. Clarke, and Richard Jackson, Esqrs., and a number of other Freeholders of the county.

In compliance with the foregoing Requisition, I hereby appoint

Saturday, the 22nd inst.,

At Two o'clock, P. M., for a Meeting of the Inhabitants of County of Waterloo, to be held at the

COURT HOUSE, GUELPH,

For the expression of their opinion on the foregoing subject.

[Signed]

BENJ. THURTELL,
Warden.

Guelph, 18th June, 1850.