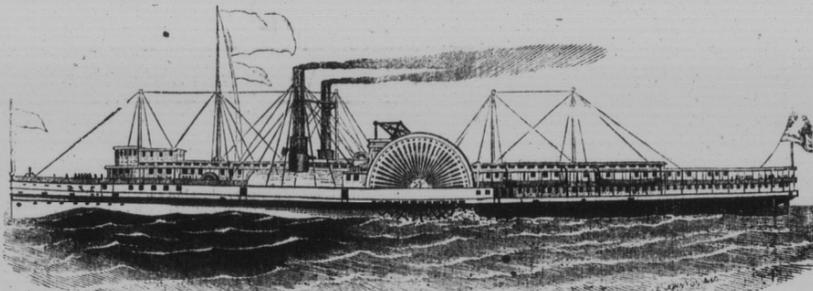


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Guelph Evening Mercury
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SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 8, 1868.

THE RIVAL RAILWAYS.

In the editorial correspondence of the *Hamilton Spectator* of Friday we find the following:—In the Railway Committee yesterday, the Attorney-General made a most important statement in relation to the policy of the Government on the subject of the gauge of Canadian railways. The Southern Bill was before the Committee, and a suggestion having been made that the gauge should be inserted in it, Mr. Thompson objected strongly, declaring that the charter would not be worth ten cents if that were done. The Attorney-General at once, and with great emphasis, declared that "the Government could not consent to the construction of a road with any other gauge than 5 feet 6 inches."—And, upon that statement, the gauge was inserted. What renders this announcement on the part of the Premier peculiarly important is the fact that this uniform Provincial gauge is insisted upon for local traffic. Authority is given in the Bill to lay a third rail for through traffic. During the discussion a view of the question, which has not been sufficiently considered, was urged, and apparently acquiesced in unanimously by the Committee, viz: the military consideration. Mr. Cumberland stated that, during the late Fenian raid, which was a comparatively small affair, the rolling stock of no less than five different railways passed indiscriminately over all the roads; and that but for the uniform gauge, which enabled them to do this, it would have been impossible, with sufficient rapidity, to have moved troops and military stores. It will be remembered that the 13th Battalion were carried over the Buffalo and Lake Huron road, and the 16th Regiment over the Welland road, in Great Western cars, and that but for this the greatest delay must have occurred in getting troops to the front. It is this question of defence that may be said finally to determine the Government against permitting any break of gauge; and the unanimity with which the principle of uniformity, in this respect, was insisted upon in the Committee, may I think, be taken as setting the question for the present at rest.

THE DUTY ON SUGAR.—The *London Grocer* of the 11th January, on the late changes in the Canadian Tariff, remarks, "It will be seen from the figures that, on the higher grades of Sugar, the duty is much higher in Canada, and on the inferior, which are used entirely for refining, they are lower. The effect of this is to prevent the direct importation of the higher grades of sugar altogether, and to interfere very seriously with the foreign trade of the Province. The refiners in Montreal have thus an enormous and most undue protection over the English or Continental refiners. They have not only the higher duty on refined sugar but they have added to it the lower duty on the raw material which they use, the whole amounting in some cases to 75 cents on the 100 lbs., and, in addition to this, they have an indirect protection to the extent of the ocean freight and insurance, and the difference of exchange. There is no good reason why the great body of the consumers should be taxed for the benefit of the Montreal establishments, a branch of trade which, in the very nature of things, can hardly become a general branch of manufacture in the country.

The *St. Catherine's Journal* is informed that the 30th regiment is shortly to be stationed along the Niagara frontier, which it takes as an indication of expected visitors.

Prussia a Naval Power.

Prussia, according to the *London Times*, has now got the most formidable iron-clad in the world—a fleet in herself. The King William was built in the Thames for the Sultan, but as the Commander of the Faithful seemed averse to parting with his piastres, she was offered to the British Government by her builders. While the Lords of Admiralty were in turn calculating her dimensions in terms of yards of red tape, Count Bismarck stepped in and bought her over their heads. She carries eight inches of iron, and ten of teak backing, while the disposition of the coal in bunkers on either side still further protects the vital parts of the machinery. Her armament consists of twenty-six 300-pounders, and she is expected to make fourteen knots an hour. The *Times* asserts that no British vessel afloat would have a chance with her, and in naval tactics now-a-days individual strength is supreme—if the King William could sink the *Warrior* single handed without sustaining injury, then six *Warriors* would be of little more avail.

This buying and selling of iron-clads is one of the strangest features of the strange time we live in. Because the Sultan was hard up, the English Admiralty dilatory, and a Thames shipbuilding company anxious to realize, Prussia becomes a naval power! Bismarck is not a man for half measures, and there is nothing to prevent Prussia, who a few years ago had not a dockyard or a ship, having just as good a chance of becoming the first naval power in Europe as France or England. The Clyde, the Thames and the Tyne are open to all buyers, and the Power that makes the largest operation in iron-clads wins. Before long there will be a regular iron-clad exchange established, and rates will fluctuate like those of gold.

ITALY.—A new conflict has arisen between the Pope and the King of Italy. The Pope has directed the Italian clergy to have a *Te Deum* sung in all the Italian churches for the victory at Mentana. Victor Emmanuel, naturally, has forbidden, within the bounds of the kingdom, the celebration of religious services which, indirectly at least, are aimed against the Italian Government no less than against Garibaldi. It is absurd to expect a lasting compromise between views so radically different. Sooner or later the one must conquer and the other must submit.

The breach between Sir John A. and Cartier is wider than ever. It is said the plucky little Frenchman is endeavoring to form new alliances, with himself as Premier. Other reports make Macdougall and Sandfield Macdonald at work on a new combination. It is evident there's something in the wind. The rumor that Sir John A. is willing to be Lieut-Governor of Ontario gains strength daily.

Chignons have fallen; those abominations have at last come to grief, and there is scarcely one to be seen in all Paris. The flat of fashion has gone forth and chignons are abolished. The new way of doing hair is to roll it up in a large flat cartwheel on the top of the head, coming to within an inch of the forehead. It needs no artificial aid.—*Ladies' Own Paper.*

REPEAL IN NOVA SCOTIA.—The resolutions in favour of a repeal of the union were to be discussed in the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia to-day.

There were 4,465 deaths in Montreal in 1867, being at the rate of about one in 26. There were 791 Protestants and 3,674 Catholics—1,988 children under one year of age.

MARRIAGES.

CAROL M. MARTIN—On the 22nd ult., at the residence of the bride's father, Township of Guelph, to Anne, youngest daughter of F. McArthur, Esq.

MARTIN SMITH—At Rothsay, on the 29th ult., by the Rev. D. Anderson, Mr. James Martin, farmer, Minto, to Miss Jane Smart, of the same place.

THOMPSON ALAN—On the 29th ult., at the residence of Mr. John Cunningham, Cass St., Illinois, by the Rev. James Gardner, Wm. Thompson, to Miss Eliza Allan, lat.

DIED.

HOON—In Guelph Township, on the 5th inst., Samuel, son of Mr. William Hoon, aged 7 years and 10 months.
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JOHN CRIDFORD, Secretary.
Guelph, 7th February, 1868.

Cow Strayed or Stolen.

STRAYED or stolen from the Fair Ground yesterday, a red cow, is giving a little milk, in good order, was bought of a man near Morriston. Any one returning her, or giving such information as will lead to her recovery will be rewarded.

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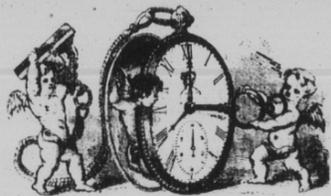
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