

FROM OTTAWA.

The Commercial Bank Bill was before the Banking Committee on Tuesday morning. Mr. Adam Crooks, Q. C., of Toronto, Solicitor of the Bank, was present. The remarkable statement was made to the Committee by the Directors of the Bank that, since the suspension, about two millions of dollars of the liabilities have been paid off, and that the surplus assets of the Bank are now about two millions four hundred thousand dollars above the liabilities. The statement affords grounds of good hope to the shareholders of that old and favorite institution. The Detroit and Milwaukee bonds are estimated at 50 cents on the dollar, making nine hundred thousand dollars. Only a few clauses of the bill passed the Committee on that day. Holders of a single share of old or new stock will be entitled to vote; original stockholders will still be held to a double liability towards existing creditors; new stockholders will not be liable to old creditors.

The writ for an election in Niagara to the Legislature in Ontario, to fill the place of Mr. Robertson, resigned, has been issued. The public accounts for the fiscal year, ending June 30th, 1867, will not be brought down till February next. They will not be printed for a couple of months yet.

The Montreal Gazette is authorized to contradict the report that Mr. Galt intended resigning his seat in the House of Commons, or accepting a railway commissionership.

NEWSPAPER POSTAGE.

It is well known that newspaper postage was abolished in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick some years ago, but publishers in those Provinces fear lest they should be made participants in what is considered a grievance, now that they have become fractions of one great integer. The members of the press of St. John, N. B., have therefore held a meeting, at which the question was fully discussed, and a committee appointed to draw up certain resolutions, which they did as follows:

1st. That the press being a prominent means of enlightening and educating the people, it is unwise to circumscribe the sphere of its influence by the imposition of a tax, which must have this effect, and which being novel in the Maritime Provinces, would be the more severely felt and especially in the rural districts, and would be appealed to as an evidence of the injurious effects of Confederation.

2nd. That the principle of exempting the press from postage, on the ground of its being a means of promoting education and diffusing scientific and general knowledge, is now recognized in the consolidated States of Canada.

3rd. That the imposition of newspaper postage would involve additional labor, risk and expense on the part of the publishers, to an extent at least equal to the amount of revenue derived from this source, and would therefore place additional burden on a class of persons who pay their fair share of taxation otherwise.

4th. That the collection of newspaper postage, if made effective, and accompanied by proper checks and rigid surveillance over publishers' issue lists, must involve so much additional expenditure on the part of the Post Office as would tend materially to decrease the revenue derived from this source.

5th. That the carrying of newspapers imposes very little expense on the Post office Department in addition to what is incurred by the carrying of letters; and other legitimate means of raising a revenue should for this and other reasons already stated be exhausted before this mode of doing so should be adopted.

6th. That the representatives of New Brunswick in Parliament who concur in the sentiments expressed in these resolutions, be respectfully requested to use their influence to prevent the imposition of newspaper postage. The other journals published in our Province have been commiserated with by telegraph and their concurrence in the above resolution has been received.

EDWARD WILLIS, JOHN LIVINGSTONE, Committee.

The first and second resolutions are all right, and contain only truth; the third we imagine misinterprets the intention of the proposed new postal law, and the fourth is evidently prompted by a complete misunderstanding of the mode by which newspaper postage is at present collected in Ontario and Quebec. We are unwilling to believe that the new bill contemplates making publishers pay the half cent rate on all papers which they send to subscribers. This would indeed be unjust, for the sum that is now paid by five hundred, or perhaps as many thousand, individuals would then have to be handed out by the proprietor or proprietors of a particular journal. It cannot be argued in defence of such a scheme that publishers will have the power of adding the postage to their present subscription price, for the public will not be so generous as not to discern their advantage, nor will they be backward in proposing the alternative, to pay the postage and send the paper at the former rate or stop it. Thus, then, it will be observed that a law making it obligatory on publishers to pre-pay postage would be a heavy load to them, no matter what course they might adopt. If they insisted on their subscribers paying to them a sum equal to that which the former now pay at the post office the result would be a large decrease in circulation, and if they paid the postage out of the present subscription price the margin of profit would be very small indeed. If the new Bill goes no further than to make it imperative that each subscriber shall pay the half cent postage rate invariably in advance, instead of leaving it discretionary whether he shall do that or pay double the amount at the end of the quarter, as he is at present allowed to do; and if the postage law in the Maritime Provinces be assimilated to this, then of course the fourth resolution of the press committee of St. John has to force in it whatever, nor can it have unless the law should prove such as we expected it that which it should be.

St. Andrew's Day.

The programme got up by the Guelph St. Andrew's Society for the celebration of "The Day" on Friday night, is one of the best there has been for a long time in Guelph. The programme concert promises to be of special interest. Among the singers who will take part in it we may mention Mrs. Dr. Howitt, Mrs. Lemon, Mrs. James Gow, Miss Jennie Fraser, Messrs. P. Gow, G. J. Smith, T. Brown, Walker, Jamieson, &c. We may also mention a few of the songs to be sung on the occasion, such as—Sons of St. Andrew,—Blue Bonnets over the Border,—Scotland yet,—A man's a man for a' that,—The Flowers of the Forest,—Jack of Basildon,—Duncan Gray,—Mary of Argyle,—The Sands of the Dee,—The Land o' the Leal, &c. Short addresses will be given by the President and the Chaplains. Mr. Vale will give some of his beautiful songs on the violin, and Mr. Berry will do his best in the way of supplying the refreshments. To the young folks especially the dancing after the concert will form an attractive feature, and we have little doubt will be well attended. We feel sure there will be a large attendance and we are equally confident the celebration will be a most successful one.

SPLENDID SAMPLE OF WOOL.—We have in our office a sample of combing wool taken from a lamb owned by Mr. Joseph Kirby, near Milton, which is superior in fibre, and longer than any we ever saw. Its extreme length is 14 inches. This, considering the bad season for pasture, and that it was taken off a March lamb, is something extraordinary, and is the best evidence that can be given of the superior breed of sheep belonging to Mr. Kirby, who has long been known as one of our most skillful and successful breeders. Mr. Kirby on the other day sold to H. Anderson, Esq., Sanilac Co., Michigan, three splendid Durham heifers, five pair of ewes and one ram—his prize ewe lambs being included in the lot—besides a lot of poultry—chiefly grey Dorkings. Mr. Anderson shipped a car load of improved stock from Georgetown on Monday—all for his farm in Michigan.

TRADE SALE OF GROCERIES.—We would direct the attention of merchants in town and country to the advertisement of the trade sale of groceries which takes place at the stores of Messrs. John Boyd & Co. Front Street, Toronto, on the 4th of next month which appears in another column. This enterprising firm have just received per steamship Belgian and other vessels, direct from the European and other markets, a large stock of fresh groceries, wines, fruits, &c., and the sale will afford dealers an excellent opportunity of procuring supplies for the ensuing season.

A MAMMOTH NEWSPAPER.—We have now in this office a number of the only edition that was ever issued of a paper called the "Illuminated Quadruple Constellation." The sheet is 100 inches by 70 inches, the largest that was ever printed. It was published in New York in 1850 as a newspaper curiosity, and as a proof of the excellence which had been attained in the art of printing in America. It consists of one hundred and four columns, is profusely illustrated, and contains many able articles on scientific and literary subjects, besides an interesting miscellany, and a large number of advertisements. Twenty-eight thousand copies were thrown off, and sold at fifty cents each. It is among newspapers as the cedar tree among the trees of the forest, but like the bloom of the aloe it appears only once in a century.

MAMMOTH.—"Ye Local" of the Hamilton "Times" has left his proper sphere, the cess-pools of scandal, and taken to reading homilies to other members of the press who would blush to own him as one of the fraternity. The column over which that amiable and aspiring urchin presides proves the length of his proberis, but he had better not poke it into the business of the newspapers of Guelph, how well sever the people of Hamilton may tolerate his impudent intermeddling. He turns mentor forsooth! We have heard of Satan reproving sin, but never saw him at the work until now. The Guelph press may be an unclean thing, but it would be doubly defiled if the notorious scandal-monger of the "Times" should put his filthy finger on it.

UNUSUAL MASONIC CEREMONY.—A ceremony was performed in one of the Masonic Lodges of New York city on Tuesday evening, which is but rarely known in this country. It was the conferring of what are known as the Degrees of the Eastern Star, or adoptive masonry upon about two hundred ladies, who were the wives, daughters, sisters, or widows of Masters Masons. Two past grand masters of New York State were present and assisted at the ceremony, and the master of the Lodge stated that "he would hereafter labor in the Grand Lodge of New York to have it use its great influence with the Grand Lodges of the world for the purpose of having some token brought into being, and generally recognized, by which wives, sisters, daughters, widows, and mothers of masons may make themselves known all over the world. In this he intended no infraction of the Masonic law, but he did mean that when such relatives of Masons were in distress they should be known without carrying their relatives' diploma in their pocket." This ceremony of adoptive masonry has not yet, we believe, been introduced into any of the lodges here.

POACHING ON A LARGE SCALE.—It appears that American fishermen have for some time past been in the habit of making a raid upon some of the Canadian fisheries in Lake Erie, sometimes as much as thirty miles of nets owned by Americans, having been set among the channels near a group of islands at the mouth of the Detroit River. They have lately, however, come to grief.—Mr. Witcher, of the fishery office made a descent upon them a few days since, and seized and carried off all the nets belonging to these poachers. The Ottawa Times suggests that one of the gunboats on the Lake Erie station should pay a visit to those fishing grounds occasionally, with a view of protecting the interests of the Canadian fishermen.

Garibaldi saved the lives of a number of priests captured at the battle of Monte Rotondo, although the officers and even his sons, wanted them shot. The Catholic papers place this fact to the credit side of his account.

THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE.—The European Conference on the Roman question has been fully agreed upon, the Holy Father having withdrawn his opposition to it. It will be held at Munich, and, as regards the number of States represented at it, will be the largest assembly of this kind since 1815. It is highly improbable that the Conference will be able to further in the least a solution of the Roman question.

QUIET TRUE.—The semi-official papers of France are of opinion that the speech of the Queen of England encourages the hopes of Italy. They will ere long find out that many more

BIRTHS.

PARKER—At Guelph, on the 26th inst, the wife of Mr. William Parker of a son.

DAVIDSON—At Guelph, on the 19th inst, the wife of Mr. John Davidson, Herald Office, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

DAVIS—KEECH—At Guelph on the 26th inst, by the Rev. John Hogg, Mr. George Davis to Miss Mary Ann Kech, both of Guelph.

McKINNON—THOMSON—At the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. Mr. Kilgour, on the 26th inst, Mr. Malcolm McKinnon, to Miss Mary E. Thomson, all of Erin.

DEATHS.

McLACHLAN—At Erin, on the 22nd inst, Donald McLachlan, aged 70 years. Deceased was an old and respected settler in Erin.

HEFFERNAN—In Guelph Township, on the 26th inst, John H. Heffernan, aged 84 years.

Friends and acquaintances are requested to attend the funeral to-morrow, (Thursday) the 27th, at one o'clock, p.m., without further notice.

New Advertisements.

Female Teacher Wanted

WANTED, a female teacher for the Junior Division, Erin Village School. Apply with references, stating salary, to the Trustees, School Section No. 2, Erin, on 2nd Nov. 1867.

GIRL WANTED.

WANTED immediately, a girl to run a Wanner Sewing Machine. None but a thoroughly competent hand need apply. Liberal wages will be given. WM. MITCHELL, Church-st. Guelph, 27th November, 1867.

FOX HUNT.

THE postponed meet of the Wellington Hunt will take place at the Victoria Bridge, on THURSDAY next, the 28th inst, at 1 o'clock p.m., prompt.

Wellington Co. Council.

NOTICE.

THE Wellington County Council will meet in the COURT HOUSE, Guelph.

On TUESDAY, 3rd of December

at two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment from 7th June last; and on Wednesday morning 4th December, at 10 o'clock a.m., to consider the published By-law for the improvement of a certain road in the Township of Peel.

A. D. FERRIER, County Clerk, Wellington.

NEW FRUIT!

For CHRISTMAS and NEW YEARS.

Crop of 1867.

New Layer Raisins, New Luyck Muscatel Raisins, New Prime Valencia Raisins, New Seedless Raisins, New Patras Currants, New choice Turkey Figs, New Soft Shelled Almonds, New Walnuts and Filberts, New Brazil Nuts, New Canned Fruits, New Candied Lemon, Orange and Citron Peel.

A new stock of General Groceries, Crockery, China and Glassware, now complete in every department.

GEORGE WILKINSON, Next door to Telegraph and Express Office.

Guelph, 27th November, 1867.

TRADE SALE

FRESH ENGLISH GROCERIES

Teas, Coffees, Sugars, TOBACCOES, FRUIT, FISH

WINE, LIQUORS, &c

AT THE STORES OF JOHN BOYD & CO., FRONT STREET,

On Wednesday, 4th of Dec.

Samples may be seen the day previous to the sale. The Goods will be sold either in or out of bond. SALE AT HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK.

Toronto, 27th November, 1867.

REMOVAL.

Military Tailor

J. JONES, Late Master Tailor in the 17th Regiment.

REGS to inform his customers and the public that he has removed from Nottingham-st. to Upper Wyndham-st, next door to Hazelton's Furniture Store, where he will be happy to receive orders for making all kinds of

Military and Civilians' Clothing,

in the latest and most fashionable styles. Having had long experience, he guarantees to give satisfaction to all who may favor him with their patronage.

Guelph, 24th Nov. 1867.

CELEBRATION

1867. 1867.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY

THE St. Andrew's Society of Guelph will celebrate St. Andrew's Day

On FRIDAY, 29th November,

—BY A—

PROMENADE CONCERT!

comprising Addresses and Vocal and Instrumental Music.

AND A BALL!

IN THE TOWN HALL.

Refreshments will be served between the parts of the Concert.

Gentleman's Ticket \$1, Lady's Ticket 50c

Doors open at 7.30 p.m. Concert to commence at 8 o'clock precisely.

The Society cordially invite the attendance of

New Advertisements.

COMPOSITOR WANTED.

WANTED immediately at the Evening Mercury office, Guelph, a good compositor. Apply at once.

MCLAGAN & INNES, Guelph, 23rd Nov., 1867. Macdonnell-st.

STRAYED FIGS.

CAME into the premises of the subscriber, near the Race Course Inn, about three weeks ago, two good sized Figs. The owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses, and take them away.

JOSEPH RYDALL, Erasmoa Road. Guelph, November 21, 1867.

Castle Garden SALOON TO RENT.

THE Castle Garden Saloon facing the Market, Guelph, to rent. Particulars can be had of front, and offers will be received up to Saturday, 7th December, by

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, Guelph, Guelph, 22nd Nov., 1867.

Span of Working Horses FOR SALE.

FOR SALE, a span of 7 years old good working Horses. Warranted to be in good sound working condition. Will be sold for cash, or on approved security, as may be agreed upon. For further information apply to the proprietor, near the Race Course Inn.

JOSEPH RYDALL, Guelph, Nov. 21, 1867.

A Buffalo Robe taken by Mistake.

TAKEN by mistake from the subscriber's stable last (November) Fair day, a Buffalo Robe with the name "Ben" marked on the inside. In place of it another robe was left with the letters "J. B. E." marked on the inside. The party who took it in mistake will greatly oblige the subscriber by returning it at once, which will save him both trouble and costs.

V. WALD, Bay Horse Hotel. Guelph, 20th November, 1867.

Clerk, or Assistant.

A YOUNG man, respectfully connected, seeks employment. Address E. F. G. Guelph, Nov. 19th, 1867.

LAW PARTNERSHIP.

THE undersigned having entered into partnership in the practice of the Law in all its branches, under the name, style and firm of McCURRY & MITCHELL.

PATRICK McCURRY, ROBERT MITCHELL.

Wool, Hide and Leather DEPOT.

No. 4, Day's Old Block, Gordon Street. Guelph, July 31, 1867 (d/w D. MOLTON)

PIANO FOR SALE.

FOR Sale a first-class Piano, by Dunham. Apply at this office.

Guelph, Nov. 19th, 1867.

LACROSSE.

LACROSSE Clubs and Balls for sale at

JOHN McNEIL'S, Guelph, October 14, 1867.

Strayed or Stolen.

STRAYED or Stolen from the premises of the subscriber, about the 9th inst, a dark grey Colt, coming 4 years old, and shod on the fore feet. Any person giving such information as will lead to the recovery of the animal will be suitably rewarded.

JAMES A. THORP, Guelph, 1st 1867.

BERKSHIRE BOAR.

THE subscriber has newly purchased a first-class pure-bred Berkshire Boar, which will serve sows during the season. Terms, \$1 cash.

ALLAN SIMPSON, Blacksmith. Guelph, 5th Nov. 1867.

CIGARS! CIGARS!

AN IMMENSE STOCK of Foreign and Domestic Cigars, Wholesale and Retail.

H. BERRY, Guelph, Oct. 31, 1867.

HAY IN TRUSSES

Constantly on hand. Also fine Straw for beds.

TERMS CASH. JOHN WEST, Guelph, July 22.

XXX OYSTERS,

IMPORTED DIRECT. The trade supplied on Liberal terms.

H. BERRY, Guelph, Oct. 30, 1867.

CONFECTIONERY!

EVERY description of Confectionery Wholesale

H. BERRY, Guelph, Nov. 7, 1867.

H. HOGG'S FLOUR AND FEED STORE

Opposite the Market Shed.

Gold & Silver Plating

A. HOWIE & CO. Royal Hotel Buildings, James-st., HAMILTON.

Watches, Chains, Rings, Penell Cases, and all kinds of Jewellery Plated in Gold.

Tea Sets, Oak Baskets, Knives, Forks, Spoons, &c., Plated at reasonable rates.

Also, Door Plates & Carriage Trimmings

of every description done to order, with neatness and dispatch.

Orders from a distance punctually attended to. Hamilton, November 23, 1867.

SOLE AGENT AT GUELPH for the County of WELLINGTON for the GENUINE SINGER, Planer, Braunsdorf & Co's, Wanner & Co's and Howie's Celebrated Manufacturing and Family Sewing Machines!

Also, Gates & Co's Queen Elastic \$15 Family Sewing Machine, N. CROFT, Canada Clothing Store, Guelph, Ont

NEW MUSIC!

SONGS.

The Birds will come again Little Barfoot 'Tis but a little faded flower Paddle your own Canoe Daisy Deane The Perambulator; or, Matilda's Young Guard Nora O'Neal I'll meet thee in the Lane A Voice from the Waves (duett) The Sunlight of the Heart Write me a letter from Home Little Maggie May Waiting still for thee Would I were with thee Jessie's Dream; or the relief of Lucknow I am Dreaming The Bride (by Longfellow) An hour to-night Origin of the Harp Home they brought her Warrior dead Loving, Loving and Beloved It is not in the summer time Beautiful Life of the Sea Maid of Athens Constantinople Kiss me, mother, Kiss your darling The Swiss Girl Spring returning The Vacant Chair Reply to Bonnie Blue Flag The Olive's Warning Wandering Refugee Kitty Wells Mourning a Princess August's Serenade Pat Molloy (Gallop) Hopless not Heartless; or, No one to Love Bettina Waltz Mocking Bird No one to Love.

AT DAYS BOOKSTORE.

Opposite the Market, Guelph.

Guelph, 23rd November, 1867.

New Kentish Filberts

NEW DATES, New Soft Shelled Almonds, New West End Layer Raisins

Turkey Figs, JOHN A. WOOD'S.

Guelph, November 1, 1867.

FARM FOR SALE.

FOR sale, a bush farm in the Township of Garafraxa, being East half of Lot 18, Con. 5, containing 100 acres. It is well watered, and there is access to it by good roads. The land cannot be surpassed in quality. The lot is about 20 miles from Guelph, 9 miles from Elora, 8 miles from Ferris, 3 miles from Douglas, and about 14 miles from Orangeville. When the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railroad, and the Toronto Central Railroad are finished, it will lie between the two lines of railroad. Cash price \$2,000. For particulars apply post-paid to

ROBERT CAMPBELL, 87 Sunnyside-st., Toronto. Guelph, 24th Aug., 1867.

Valuable Building Lots for Sale IN EVERTON.

THE subscriber offers for sale, cheap for cash, two valuable building lots in the Village of Everton, being No. 102 and No. 108, as laid out on the map made by Wm. Hastings, Esq., P. L. S.—There are two-thirds of an acre of land in the two lots, and being close to the Discipline Meeting House, and in a central part of the Village, form excellent sites for buildings. For terms apply

J. Watson Hall, Dated 11th day of November, 1867.

CHANCEY OF LAND.

PURCHASER to a Deed of the Court of Chancery, dated the 23rd day of November, A. D. 1866, and of a Final Order of Sale, dated the 2nd day of November instant, made in a cause of

Stewart vs. Kingsmill,

depending in said Court, the following property will be sold by

PUBLIC AUCTION, —BY— MR. WILLIAM C. BAINE, Auctioneer, at the Market House, in the Town of Guelph,

On Wednesday, 11th Dec., 1867

At the hour of Twelve o'clock, noon, in 110 parcels, the following lands and premises, situate in the Town of Guelph aforesaid.

FIRSTLY.

Portions of the lands known as the "Kingsmill Survey," situate within a short distance of the Great Western Railway Station, namely: Lots numbers 1 to 4, 5 to 15, 16 to 26, 27 to 50, 51 and 52, 53 to 72, 73 to 82, 84 to 98, 99 to 117, 122, 126 to 135, all inclusive, as laid down and shown on a plan of parts of lots 5 and 6 in Division A, formerly in the Township, now in the Town of Guelph, made for J. J. Kingsmill, by M. C. Schofield, Provincial Land Surveyor, and filed in the Registry Office of the County of Wellington, to be sold in one hundred and two parcels, as follows:

Parcel Number One

Will consist of subdivision Lots 101 and 102. There is a stone cottage on this property containing four rooms, also good frame outbuildings, and a yard and garden. These premises are occupied by Mr. Quin, as a yearly tenant at \$40 per annum.

Parcel Number Two

Will consist of subdivision Lots 99 and 100. There is a rough-cast cottage on this property containing four rooms, also frame outbuildings, and a yard and garden. Mr. Schwager is in the occupation of these premises as a monthly tenant at \$3.50 per month.

Parcel Number Three

Will consist of subdivision Lots 29 and 30. There is a frame house on this property containing four rooms, also frame stable and outbuildings. The premises are occupied by Mr. Quin.

Parcel Number Four

Will consist of subdivision Lots numbers 63 and 65. There is a frame house on this property containing three rooms, also frame outbuildings. The premises are occupied by Mr. Pringle as a monthly tenant, at \$1.50 per month.

Parcel Number Five

Will consist of subdivision Lots numbers 41 and 42. There is a stone cottage on these premises containing four rooms, also frame outbuildings. These premises are occupied by Mr. James McDonald, the other is unoccupied.

Parcel Number Six

Will consist of subdivision Lots 53 and 54. There are two frame houses on this property containing four rooms each, also frame outbuildings and a yard. One of the houses is at present occupied by Mr. James McDonald, the other is unoccupied.

Parcel Number Seven

Will consist of subdivision Lots 104, 106, 107, and 108. There is a rough-cast cottage on this property containing six rooms, also a frame barn and outbuildings, a garden, and an orchard.