We are now sending out our accounts to all subscribers in arrears. We want them to settle FORTHWITH, without any more delay. Subscription accounts being overdue will POSITIVELY be put in suit if nay paid within a month. We wish all such to remember that this is a final notice, so the sooner they cash up the better.

NOTICE.

Frederick Garrod is no longer authorized to act as Agent for THE MERCURY, or to collect any accounts whatsoever due to this Office.

THE WORK OF THE SESSION.

Any one who looks over the long list of bills passed during the late Session of the Legislative Assembly, which closed its sittings on Saturday, cannot but confess that it performed a surprising amount of work in a very short time. Our readers have a lively recollection of the stirring times at the opening of the session. How in North Bruce. Dr. Sinclair is retir-John Sandfield Macdonald, confident ing from the contest. John Sandfield Macdonald, confident in his strength and in the power of intrigue, met the Opposition with a confident, even defant front. How the short and spirited debate on the begged for time until the vacant seats could be filled. How defeat followed defeat, until his unprincipled and unscrupulous Government—their Treasurer having previously forsaken their ranks—were compelled to give up the reins of power. How this gave the death blow to the Coalition, which before was tottering this gave the death blow to the Coalition, which before was tottering to its fall—a Coalition from the first—and from its very nature—destitute of principle, and which was only held together by the inherent power of selfishness. We need not recount the incidents in connection with the the incidents in connection with the formation of the present Reform Government-they are still fresh in every one's recollection. Though the House met on the 7th of Dec., it was not till the 18th of January, when it reassembled after a three week's adjournment—that the real Ring. work of the Session may be said to nenced.

Although the members of the Govpare for the work of the session, ey met the House ready to proceed with the public business. Although their many and varied daties taxed their time and strength to the utmost, yet they were never behind, did not delay the House a single day, but promptly brought forward their but promptly brought forward their measures and carried them successfully through every stage. No wonder that they won the admiration of their friends, no wonder that they surprised their opponents, no wonder that they gained the confidence of the people, and in six short weeks brought to a triumphant close a session in which more real and beneficial work has been done than during all the four sessions of the first Parliament of the Province.

ment of the Province.

The great feature of the present The great feature of the present Government is its strict adherence to its pledges, and to the principles by which it and the Réform Party are distinguished. Its members did not profess to hold one set of principles when in opposition, and then throw these aside when in power. It did not favour certain measures when in opposition and then ignore them when in office. In proof of this look at the list of bills, which contains some which the members of the Government with their Reform when in opposition, and then throw these aside when in power. It did not favour certain measures when in opposition and then ignore them when in office. In proof of this look at the list of bills, which contains some which the members of the Government with their Reform friends have sought to carry for years. The Dual Representation question is settled. The Government was pledged to this measure, and although by its operation the Reform party in the Legislative Assembly will lose some of its ablest members, yet the pledge of its ablest members, yet the pledge has been faithfully and fully carried out. The Independence of Parliament has been fully secured. The grants in aid of Railways have been made in a constitutional manner, and in accordance with the wishes of the propole's representatives. A wise Majesty's reign, chaptered thirty-cight. ment in a constitutional manner and in accordance with the wishes of the people's representatives. An after the million and a half surplus with a constitutional manner and in accordance with the wishes of the people's representatives. As the constitution of the million and a half surplus seed and the constitution of the million and a half surplus occupancy, and to million the million and a half surplus occupancy of the million and a half surplus occupancy of the million and a half surplus occupancy occupancy, and to make the million and a half surplus occupancy occupancy, and to make the million and a half surplus occupancy, and the constitution and and a half surplus occupancy, and the constitution and and a half surplus occupancy, and the constitution and and a half surplus occupancy, and the constitution and and a half surplus occupancy, and

that any Government influence was employed during the election in that Riding in its favour.

The Control of the Port Whitby and Port Perry Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the Pacific Junction Railway Company of Canada.

Riding in its favour.

The Government by its honest and consistent course during the late session has earned the confidence of the people. It had a large and ever increasing majority of the people's representatives in the House, and we confidently believe that when the Legislature meets again, it will be able to congratulate its members and the Province on the beneficial results which have followed the legislation of the session just closed, and to bring down other measures, prepared during the recess, which will give a still greater impetus to the prosperity of the country.

EDITORÍAL NEWS.

ministry is expected. A PROVINCIAL Labour Convention is talked of, to meet in Hamilton some

time in April. THE sum of \$200 has been subscribed in three days, at Fort Garry, for

the erection of a new Presbyterian church. KENNETH McKENZIE is making satisfactorily progress with his meetings

this gave the death blow to the Coalition, which before was tottering very large.

THE VALUE OF THE PRESS .- It is the Press of New York, or rather two morning journals of that city, that have broken down the Tammany Ring and the Custom House Ring, and are now breaking down the Un-just Judge Ring and the Quarantine

Since it was proposed to locate the hood of Guelph, several other places this year. ernment had but a short time to pre- throughout the Province have also put in a claim. Hamilton thinks the Lake Shore would be such a beautiful place for the Farm, as the land is so well adapted for fruit culture. excellence of the land about Woodstock. Brantford and other localities WE beg to call attention to Mr Horsman's advertisement about Ploughs. The Plough referred to is having a large demand, so great has it become that three car loads have been forwarded to Mr. Horsman to supply the farmers in this neighborhood this Spring. All pronounce them the best general purpose Plough made; as a guarantee of this we need only say that they are manufactured at the celebrated Agricultural Works of F. W. Glen, Oshawa. The price it will be observed will be kept at \$13, the old figure, until the 1st of April, when it will be raised to \$15 in consequence of the advance in Iron and Steel. We should therefore recommend our farmer friends to loose no time in procuring one at Mr. John Horsman's, Hardware Merchant of this town. is also expatiated on, but the Dundas Banner says the best place, of all is Coote's Paradise, which if filled up would afford every opportunity for

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

The following are among the most important Bills assented to:

An Act to empower all persons to appear on behalf of others in the Division Courts in the Province of Ontario.

An Act to incorporate the Bowmanville, Lindsay & Bobcaygeon Reliway Company.

An Act to allow matters to be record

An Act to allow matters to be proved under oath for the purposes of the Legislative Assembly.

An Act to make further provision touching the appropriation of the Railway Fund.

An Act to amend the Act passes the thirty-fourth year of Hor present Majesty's reign, chaptered thirty-eight and intitled, "An Act to incorporate the Credit Valley Railway Company," and to extend the powers conferred upon the

way Company.

An Act to incorporate the Pacific Junetion Railway Company of Canada.

An Act to confer further corporate powers on the Canada Southern Railway Company.

An Act to enable certain railway con

An Act to enable certain railway com-panies to provide the necessary accom-modations for traffic over their railways and to amend the Railway Act of the late Province of Canada. An Act to provide for the construction of drainage works, and to authorize the investment of certain moneys in deben-tures to be issued for the contruction of such works.

taught.

A few days since a Montreal lawyer returned to the railway ticket agent
in that city one dollar, overpaid him in
making change. For a moment the agent
stood speechless; then, as the tears poured down his checks, he grasped him by
the hand, and exclaimed: "Please stand
still one minute, sir, and let me look at
you—and a lawyer too!"

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Ship building is on the increase in Nova Scotia.

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omson—Fisher—At St. Géorge's Church Guelph, on the 2nd inst., by the Rev. F. Alexander, Mr. Thos. P. Thomson, editor of the "Canadian Gentleman's Journal," Toronto, to Dolia Florence, third daugh-ter of Mr. Geo. Fisher, of Guelph.

WE beg to call attention to Mr Hors

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sures to be issued for the contruction of such works.

An Act to revive and amend the Act incorporating the Stratford and Huron Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the Hamilton and North-western Railway Company.

An Act to amend chapter twenty of the Act passed in the thirty-first year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act respecting Registrars, Registry offices, and the registration of instruments relating to lands in Ontario.

An Act to incorporate the Port Burwell and Ingersoll Railway Company.

An Act to provide for the remission of sums due to the Crown by settlers in certain Free Grant Townships.

An Act to authorize the Cobourg, Peterborough and Marmora Railway and Mining Company to extend its line of Railway and for other purposes.

An Act for the prevention of corrupt practices at Municipal Elections. For Clover Timothy Seed

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