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Grand Trunk Railway.

GODERICH STATION

Trains leave as follows,—
Mail.....7.00 a. m.
Express.....9.45 " "
Mixed.....12 30 p. m.
" .....3.30 " "

Trains are due as follows,—
Mixed.....10.00 " "
Express.....2.00 p. m.
Mixed.....5.20 " "
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Huron Signal.

GODERICH, Nov. 12, 1873.

GLORIOUS NEWS!

THE REIGN OF CORRUPTION AT OTTAWA BROUGHT TO AN END.

Resignation of the Ministry.

THEY GO OUT TO SAVE BEING KICKED OUT!

Mr. Mackenzie sent for.

PERSONNEL OF THE NEW REFORM GOVERNMENT.

It is with great satisfaction that we announce the downfall of the John A. Macdonald Government at Ottawa. "Steeped to the lips in corruption" as one of his late colleagues said of Sir John, he filled the measure of his iniquity by the sale of the Pacific Railway Charter for American gold wherewith to bribe the electors and gain for himself a new lease of power, but we are glad to know that in a parliament, many members of which were returned by such corrupt means, a sufficient number have been found with independence enough to come out manfully against such practices, and ensure the overthrow of those who were ready to resort to any means, no matter how disgraceful, for the sake of retaining office.

On Wednesday last when the House met, Sir John rose in his place and announced that as it was evident from the discussion the night before that the Government had lost control of the House, he and his colleagues had placed their resignations in the hands of the Governor General, and that he had accepted them. In doing so Sir John showed his usual tact. He saw that if it came to a vote he would be defeated, so he forestalled that event by resigning, thus saving, if not himself, many of his followers from the disgrace which would attach to them if they voted to sustain him in his iniquity. Mr. Mackenzie, the leader of the Opposition, was sent for and entrusted with the task of forming a Government, which he accomplished by Friday, when the Governor came down and prorogued the House with the following speech :—

"*Hon. Members of the Senate:*
"*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

In consequence of the resignation of my late Ministers during the debate on the Address, I have called a fresh Administration to my Council. A large number of seats in the House of Commons having thus become vacant, I have decided with due regard to the circumstances of the case, that it will be most convenient in the interests of the public business to prorogue this Parliament."

The following is the composition of the new Reform Government:—

Mr. Mackenzie—Premier and Minister of Public Works.
Mr. Dorion—Minister of Justice.]
Mr. Blake—Member of the Privy Council without a Department.
Mr. A. J. Smith—Minister of Marine and Fisheries.
Mr. Letellier De St. Just—Minister of Agriculture.
Mr. Cartwright—Minister of Finance.
Mr. Laird—Minister of the Interior.
Mr. Christie—Secretary of State.
Mr. Burpee—Minister of Customs.
Mr. D. A. McDonald—Postmaster General.
Mr. Coffin—Receiver General.
Mr. Fournier—Minister of Inland Revenue.
Mr. Ross—Minister of Militia and Defence.]
Mr. R. W. Scott—Member of the Privy Council, without portfolio.

Ontario has six representatives in the Cabinet, Quebec three, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick two each, and Prince Edward Island one. Mr. Blake refused at first to enter the cabinet but was finally prevailed upon to become a member without office or emolument.

Mr. Mackenzie is to be congratulated upon his success. He has got together a strong Government, which will we think be accepted as satisfactory by the country. The new Ministers will go back for re-election at once, after which they will mature their policy and be ready to meet parliament about the usual time.

The Opposition have selected Sir John A. Macdonald as their leader and they profess to hope that they will soon occupy the Treasury benches again. Defeated not on a question of policy but for malfeasance of office, and disgraced, we doubt if such will be the case, and if the new Government develop a liberal policy, as we have no doubt they will, they cannot fail to have the support of the country and secure for themselves a long lease of power.

We heartily congratulate the country on having got rid of the corrupt crew which has too long ruled its destinies, and we trust that under the new Reform Government it will enter on a new era of prosperity.

Thanksgiving Day.

Thursday, the 6th inst., having been set apart by the Ontario Government as a day of thanksgiving for the many blessings we have enjoyed during the past year, religious services were as usual, held on the occasion. That held in Knox church was a union meeting, composed of Episcopal and New Connexion Methodists and Presbyterians. A fairly numerous audience assembled. Rev. Messrs. Ure and Wright conducted the preliminary services, after which Rev. Mr. Nugent, pastor of the N. C. Church, delivered an able and appropriate address. Taking his text, Psalm xxx, last verse ; he remarked that thanksgiving was a national, a social and an individual duty. As regards nations, they are to be thankful for peace, prosperity and plenty. In this duty of thanksgiving the women must take part with the men, the Rev. gentleman giving Deborah as an example to follow, praising her song as the finest poem in the English language. Socially we have much to be thankful for, while as individuals, although we may have troubles, yet we ought to be thankful that things are no worse than they are. The peroration was eloquent, but the address, which was marked by careful preparation, original thought, and a good delivery, and of which the above if but an imperfect sketch, can not be properly appreciated by any except those who had the pleasure of listening to it.

The music was led by the choir belonging to the church in excellent at The collection which would have much larger had it been previously announced, amounted to about $30, and was handed to the Ladies Benevolent Society for the benefit of the poor.

In St. Andrew's Church divine service was held in the evening, Rev. J. Sieveright, the pastor, preaching an eloquent and able discourse from the words "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Rev. Mr. Nugent took part in the services.

Rev. S. B. Kellogg of Clinton preached before the congregation of St. George's Church, in the Court House, an appropriate sermon for the occasion. The day was generally observed as a holiday all the principal places of business being closed.

Another Railway.

A requisition is in course of signature, asking the Mayor to call a public meeting of the Ratepayers of Goderich, at as early a date as possible, to consider the propriety of holding out inducements to the promoters of a proposed railway from Port Perry or neighbourhood, westward to Lake Huron, to make Goderich the terminus of said road. There is no doubt our town is naturally the most favourable point for such terminus, but other places will hold out inducements to be selected, and unless we do something we may lose it. The said proposed road will connect with the Ontario and Quebec line from Ottawa to Toronto, and in connection with the Northern Colonization road will form the shortest line to the Atlantic seaboard. With a good harbour here (and at no point on the eastern shores of Lake Huron can there be such another), there is no reason why a large portion of the trade of the Great West should not pass through this town and over the proposed road. Now that Sir Hugh Allan has given up the charter of the Canadian Pacific, the Ontario and Quebec and Northern Colonization roads in which he is largely interested, will in all probability be pushed through at once. Mr. Fowler, an energetic railway man, has given notice of application for a charter for the road from Port Perry to Goderich, and we have the assurance of his Solicitors that he means business. It only remains for our citizens to assist him by all the means in their power. If they do so the advantages of increased railway accomodation may be secured at an early date and in its train will follow additional business and prosperity for our town. The Mayor will of course comply with the requisition, and at the meeting facts will be placed before the ratepayers which will we trust show them the necessity of doing something in this matter. If they allow the present opportunity to pass unimproved it may be a long time before such another occasion is offered for benefitting the town to the same extent.

The Last Act—An Outrage.

The morning that Sir John A. Macdonald's Government resigned it made the following appointments,—

Hon. S. L. Tilley, M. P., Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick.
John Crawford, M. P., Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.
Hon. Hugh Macdonald, M. P., Judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.
T. R. Ferguson, M. P. P., Collector of Customs at Collingwood.

A number of other appointments are rumoured.

We believe this is the first time in our history that a moribund administration has been guilty of such an offense. It has always been the practice when a motion of want of confidence was pending, to refrain from making appointments, and any other course is subversive of the principles of responsible government. For an administration, a few hours before its being turned out, to appoint two of its members to responsible offices, and to shelve its supporters, is a gross outrage, and we think Mr. Mackenzie would be quite justified in cancelling the commissions.

—It is worthy of remark that during Mr. Blake's speech in reply to Sir John A. Macdonald the latter was absent from his place in the House. The convincing arguments and scathing exposures of the former were too convincing for the ex-Premier to listen to comfortably.

Hon. Mr. Gibb's election for South Ontario is being contested.

Bribery.

In addition to the attempt made to bribe Mr. Cunningham, as stated in our last issue, to vote for the Government, it appears powerful inducements were brought to bear in other cases. Mr. Hagar, the member for Prescott, was elected as an independent member but he has always voted with the government. He announced his intention to vote against them on the Pacific Railway matter. It appears he has recently failed, his liabilities being estimated at $23,000. He was approached on behalf of the government who offered to pay off that amount if he would vote with them, but he refused. It is not every man who would have turned his back on such a tempting offer and Mr. Hagar is entitled to credit for having resisted the tempter.

In another case the wife of the ex-premier used all her blandishments over a certain young member to induce him to vote with the government but in vain. Desperate must have been the state of the ministry when they had to resort to such means to keep themselves from disgrace.

A Co-incidence.

On the 5th of November 1605 Guy Fawkes made an attempt to blow up a Parliament—but failed ; on the 5th of November 1873 Mr. Huntington attempted to blow up, if not a Parliament, a Government—and succeeded. It was rather a strange co-incidence that the next day should have been thanksgiving, but it was not inappropriate, and many felt that they had an additional cause for giving thanks that day, in that the country was now rid of that body of corruptionists who had so long misruled it.

—It is probable C. E. Fitzer, M.P.P. for South Grenville, will succeed Hon. R. W. Scott as Commissioner of Crown Lands for Ontario.

LOCAL NEWS

Returned.—The person who carried off a copy of the Canadian *Illustrated News* from our office on Monday, is requested to return it forthwith.

Contract Awarded.—We learn that Joseph Whitehead, Esq., of Stratford, has been awarded the contract for the construction of the railway from Port Dover to Woodstock.

Convent School.—We understand the new Roman Catholic Convent School was opened on Monday with a good attendance of pupils. It is under the charge of Irish teachers.

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Fall Assizes.

The Fall Assizes were opened here on Wednesday last before His Honour Judge Hughes of St Thomas. In addition to the local bar we observe the following legal gentlemen in attendance,—C. Robinson, Q. C. Toronto ; Arthur Hardy, Brantford ; J. K. Gordon, Toronto ; J. Aikman, Cayuga ; S. Kingsmill, Toronto ; H. Beecher, London and F. Davis, Crown Counsel, Sarnia.

The following were sworn in as the GRAND JURY.

D. B. Hodge, *Foreman.*	
Thos. Anderson	Samuel Johnston
John Bowman	Thomas Kelly
Ralph Brown	John Keys
Patk. Carroll	John McMullen
Chas. Dornyn	H. J. Nott
Robt. Ferguson	Thos. Stanbury
Jas. Forrest	Alex. Simpson
Jas. Hysloy	Wm. Thompson
Jas. Hazlewood	Wm. Young

His Honour addressed the Grand Jury as follows:—

Mr. Foreman and Gentlemen of the Grand Jury:

The holding of the present Assizes was assigned to the Hon. Mr. Justice Gwynne, but owing to his taking the duty elsewhere in the absence on leave of another Judge, I have been requested to preside here in his stead.

This being the last County on the Western Circuit till fall, it happens, as is generally the case, that a good deal of civil business has to be disposed of, and I am sorry to inform you that the Criminal Calendar is not light although the cases (considering the state of the country) are of a trifling character. The number is comparatively small, it consists of one case of perjury in which a Bill of indictment have already been found, and will not therefore engage your attention, two cases of larceny and three cases of assault.

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There are certain crimes which can only be proceeded with by a grand jury after proceedings have been commenced elsewhere—(here read Dom. Stat, of 1869 page 209 sec. 23). This law was passed in order to prevent vexatious indictments and to guard parties against accusations being sprung upon them by surprise in a form which was very commonly resorted to by wicked and designing or vindictive people.

It is your duty to inquire whether there be sufficient evidence of a crime having been committed at all, for you to go further; next having established in your own minds that a crime has been committed, is there reason to believe that the person accused, either as principal or accessory before or after the fact, had part or act in the deed; if so, then, 3rd, to ascertain and determine what that act or part was, and to act accordingly.

Your duty is confined to hearing evidence on the part of the prosecution, and only that of witnesses whose names appear on the back of the indictment. You cannot call up other witnesses before you or hear the case on the part of the defence, for it is no part of your duty to try the case as that would be to assume the functions of a Court and petit jury which can only be legally performed or justly discharged in the presence of the accused and the accuser and in the most public manner. If you think there is sufficient evidence to raise a presumption of guilt your duty ends, and you should find a Bill. It is nevertheless your duty to protect the accused against the suggestion of crime which is unsupported by reasonable testimony and ignore a Bill.

It was formerly required that every witness before he went before the grand jury to give his evidence should be sworn in open Court. This is not now necessary, the foreman or any member of the grand jury who may be for the time being acting as foreman in the examination of witnesses in support of a Bill of Indictment, may administer the oath, and the name of every witness to be examined is endorsed on the indictment, and the foreman is to write his initials against the name. Each witness sworn and examined, and none others than those so examined without a breach of your oaths as Jurors.

You will have the assistance of counsel who represents the Attorney General and who aid in the discharge of your duties in any matter that may require his assistance, and I am sure you will perform your duties very burdensome as they are, with fidelity and impartiality, for you, I suppose may call witnesses, examining them, because an indictment should not be preferred against a person in some other form which may be more supported by the evidence and thus put a stop to a Bill before all the evidence is exhausted you could not take it up again, but the case would have to start for another Assizes and thereby cause expense to the public and inconvenience to the parties concerned.

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