

# Guelph Evening Mercury

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## Business Cards.

**MEDICAL CO-PARTNERSHIP.**  
We, the undersigned, have entered into partnership for the practice of the Medical profession under the style and firm of Keating & McDonald.  
THOS. A. CHAMULY KEATING,  
M. D. M. B. C. S., England  
A. A. MACDONALD,  
M. B., L.R.C.P., Edin., and L.R.C.S., Edin.  
Guelph, July 1st, 1873. dlm

**REMOVAL OF SURGERY.**  
**DR. HEROD**  
Has removed his Surgery to the rooms above the Guelph Drug Store, where he may be consulted from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance on Cork Street. After 6 p.m. at his residence at usual.

**DUNBAR, MERRITT & BISCOE,**  
Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, etc.  
Office—Over Harvey's Drug Store.  
A. DUNBAR, W. M. MERRITT, F. BISCOE.  
Guelph, Oct. 7, 1873. dw

**OLIVER & MACDONALD,**  
Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, etc. Office—Corner of York and Quebec Streets, up stairs, Guelph, Ont. (dw)

**GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,**  
Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Guelph, Ontario.  
D. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. R. CUTTEN.  
Guelph, March 1, 1871. dw

**LEMON & PETERSON,**  
Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Conveyancers and Notaries Public.  
Office—Brownlow's New Buildings, near the Registry Office.  
A. LEMON, H. W. PETERSON,  
CHAS. LEMON, 1 County Crown Attorney  
WILLIAM J. PATERSON,  
Official Assignee for the County of Wellington.  
Times—Opposite Town Hall, Guelph. dw

**STEPHEN BOULT, Architect, Contractor and Builder.** Planning Mill, and every kind of Joiner's Work prepared for the rate and the public. The Factory is on Quebec Street, Guelph. dw

**F. STURDY,**  
House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter  
GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.  
Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. (dw)

**IRON CASTINGS**  
Of all kinds, made to order at  
**BROWNE'S IRON WORKS,**  
Norfolk Street, Guelph.  
154 W JOHN CROWE, Proprietor

**ROBERT CRAWFORD,**  
PRACTICAL  
Watch and Clock Maker, Jeweller.  
Wyndham Street, Guelph.  
Gold and Silver Watches, Chains, Brooches, Rings, &c., Hair Plate and Device Work, Clocks and Time Pieces, Jewellery repaired and made to order. Plated Goods in variety. Guelph, Feb. 13, 1873. dw

**THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH,** remodelled and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers. Free omnibus and from all trains. First-class Liquor in the bar. Proprietor, May 1st, 1873. JAS. A. THORP, Proprietor

**PARKER'S HOTEL,**  
—DIRECTLY—  
OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH  
First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.  
The best Liquors and Cigars at the bar. He has just fitted up a room where Oysters will be served up at all hours, in the favorite style.  
Pickled Salmon, Lobsters, and Sardines.  
Guelph, Feb. 1, 1873. dw

**HOTEL CARD.**  
The Right Man in the Right Place.  
THOMAS WARD, late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has acquired possession of the Victoria Hotel, next door to the Post Office, where he hopes by courtesy, attention, and good accommodation, to make a fair show of public patronage, both from old and new friends. The best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars, and constantly on hand. A good hostler always in attendance. Remember the sign—next door to the Post Office.  
THOMAS WARD,  
(Late of Crown Hotel),  
Proprietor.  
Guelph Dec. 5th, 1872. dw

**J. H. ROMAIN & Co.,**  
Successors to Nelles, Romain & Co.,  
CANADA HOUSE,  
General Commission Merchants,  
AND SHIPPERS,  
26, City National Bank Building,  
Chicago, Ill.  
References: Sir John Rose, banker, London, England; F. W. Thomas, Esq., banker, Montreal; The Marine Company of the Victoria; Messrs Gault Bros., merchants, Montreal; Senator F. Smith (Frank Smith & Co.) Toronto; J. M. Miller, Esq., Perth, Ont. (late of J. M. Miller & Co. commission merchants, Chicago); W. Watson, Esq., banker, New York; D. Butters, Esq., Montreal; J. Whitehead, Esq., M. P., Clinton, Ont.; C. McGill, Esq., M. P., Hamilton, Ont.; T. C. Chisholm, S. B. Foot, Esq., Toronto.  
Solely  
W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S.,  
SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH.

Office over E. Bar & Co's Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham and Macdonell-sts., Guelph.  
Nitra Oxide (Smelling salt) administered for extraction of teeth without pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable.  
Reference kindly permitted to Drs. Herod, Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Keating, Cowan and McGreor, Guelph; W. K. Graham, Dentist, Erie, Ont.

**PRIZE DENTISTRY.**  
**DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL**  
Licentiate of Dental Surgery  
Established 1864.  
Office next door to the "Advertiser" of the City, Wyndham St., Guelph.  
Residence opposite Mr. Boulton's Factory  
37 Street, Teeth extracted without pain.  
References: Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herod, McGreor, and Cowan, Guelph. Drs. Buchanan and Phillips, Toronto. Drs. Elliot & Mowbray, Dentists, Toronto. dw

## NEW GOODS

**AT**  
**JNO. A. WOOD'S**  
**Town and County News**  
5 boxes Lemons,  
5 kegs Grapes,  
100 boxes New Figs,  
100 boxes Table Raisins,  
100 dozen Carling's Ale,  
100 dozen Sleeman's Ale,  
100 dozen Bass,  
100 dozen Tenant's,  
100 dozen Young's,  
100 dozen Guinness' Porter,  
100 dozen Bloods,  
1 case Real Scotch Ling,  
2 cases Keilor's Marmalade,  
100 Prime Stilton Cheese

## AT

**JNO. A. WOOD'S**

## New Advertisements.

**LOST**—In Guelph on Friday afternoon two rolls of Sheet Music, with the owner's name written on each piece. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving them at this office.

**AGENTS WANTED**—Agents wanted in all parts of the Dominion to sell our Indestructible Fire Kindler. Agents can make from \$5 to \$20 per day. For full particulars apply to the general agent, Great Western Hotel. a

**WANTED,**  
**A PORTER,**  
Must have a good character.  
JOHN HORSMAN,  
Hardware Merchant, Guelph.

**COMFORTABLE DWELLING**  
**TO LET.**  
A large stone house, opposite Mr. Romain's residence, Waterloo road. Possession by 25th Nov., inst. Apply to J. T. Taylor, or Lemon & Peterson, Guelph, Nov. 7, 1873. d30

**LECTURE.**  
**The Rev. T. Guttery**  
Will deliver his eloquent and deeply interesting lecture on  
**George Peabody,**  
A STUDY FOR YOUNG MEN,  
IN THE WESLEYAN CHURCH,  
—ON—  
**Monday Evening, Nov. 17th.**  
Under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association.  
Admission 15c; to commence at eight o'clock.

**DOMINION SALOON**  
**RESTAURANT.**  
Opposite the Market, Guelph. First-class accommodation for supper parties.  
GEORGE HOPKINS, Proprietor.  
Guelph, Oct. 31, 1873. dly

**RICE'S**  
**BILLIARD HALL,**  
In the Queen's Hotel, Guelph, opposite the Market.  
The room has just been refitted in splendid style, the tables reduced, and all everything done to make it a first-class Billiard Hall.  
Guelph, Nov. 3rd, 1873. 3nd

**Y. M. C. A.**  
The Ladies' Committee for the Building Fund of the Young Men's Christian Association have decided holding their Bazaar on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 23rd and 24th of December, the two days before Christmas. Contributions will be gladly received, and can be left at Mrs. Higginbotham's.  
MRS. HIGGINBOTHAM,  
Guelph, Nov. 8, 1873. dd Secretary.

**MONEY TO LEND.**  
In sums to suit borrowers. No solicitor's fees or commission charged.  
Apply direct to the undersigned,  
GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,  
April 24, 1873. dwtf Guelph

## NEW

## DRUG STORE

**COMPLETED.**  
**G. B. McCullough's**

The subscriber would beg to intimate to his customers who have so liberally patronized him for the last three years that he has completed his new store in Day's Block, and has made it one of the most attractive west of Toronto both in regard to appearance and comfort, where will be found the purest Drugs, Chemicals and Dye Stuffs in Ontario, also the best assortment of

**Fancy and Toilet Articles**  
Ever shown in Guelph.  
Call in and see the new store.  
G. B. McCULLOUGH,  
Dispensing Chemist,  
No. 3, Day's Block,  
Next door to J. E. McElderry's and directly opposite John Horman's.  
Former place of business opposite the Old English Church.

**N. B.**—A choice lot of CIGARS to arrive in a few days.  
Guelph, Nov. 15th, 1873. dw

**DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.**  
This is to certify that the partnership heretofore existing between A. C. Osborne, of the town of Guelph, and T. J. Gavin, of the same place, has this day been mutually dissolved, and all debts due the said firm to be payable to A. C. Osborne, and all debts contracted by the said firm in the town of Guelph are to be paid by A. C. Osborne, and all debts contracted by T. J. Gavin to be paid by himself. The business to be carried on by Mr. A. C. Osborne.  
A. C. OSBORNE,  
F. J. GAVIN.

Witness, JAMES HAMILL,  
November 10, 1873. 31w-31d.

## Guelph Evening Mercury

SATURDAY EV'NG, NOV. 15, 1873

## Town and County News

Mr. JOSEPH FRENCH, of Elora, did not sail, as reported, in the "Medway," which is supposed to be lost.

MIDDLEBORO' Literary Society is in a flourishing condition. The weekly debates are well patronized.

The Quarterly Board of the Wesleyan at Elora, Bradford, Mount Forest and Ingersoll, have voted "Yes" to all the questions regarding Union with the sister churches.

Mr. JOHN SIMMONS, of Elora, has been appointed teacher of the Bon Accord school, and Miss Annie Foote has received a similar position in the Harriston schools.

Mr. James Whitlaw, Pilkington, took last week from four and a half acres, 120 loads of turnips, or about 800 bushels per acre. We don't think many people took more. Who did?

Y. M. C. A.—Deputations from the Guelph and Fergus Associations will visit Elora on the evening of Friday next, with the intention of inducing a Y. M. C. A. organization at Elora that shall be permanent in its character.

SERVICES TO-MORROW.—The Rev. Mr. Wardrop will preach in the Wesleyan Church at 10.30 a.m., and Rev. E. B. Ryekman, B.A., of Dundas, at 6.30 p.m. The Rev. Mr. Howard will preach in Chalmers' Church at 11 a.m.

OLD FELLOWS.—Fergus Lodge is making arrangements to hold its third Annual Assembly in the drill shed on the 28th inst. In addition to that neighbourhood, parties are expected from Guelph, Georgetown, Brampton, Galt, Brantford, Berlin, Harriston, Orangeville, &c.

One of the men employed in covering Knox Church spire, Elora, with galvanized iron, was seized with a fainting fit while up on the scaffold lately, and, but for the powerful efforts of Mr. Watson, the boss, who is a strongly built man, would have fallen to the ground, and no doubt been instantly killed.

THE ELORA FIREMEN have been entertained at an evening supper by Mr. John Bain as an acknowledgment of service rendered by them at the fire which occurred there in August last, at the time Mundell's Furniture Factory and Gibbs' planing mill was burned. Bain & Son's Woodlawn Factory is in great danger.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY of Elora have elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. Alex. Outbent; Vice-President, Mr. David Boyle; Secretary, M. O. Magregor; Treasurer, Mr. George Fraser; Chaplain, Rev. A. D. McDonald; Physician, Dr. Middleton; Committee, Messrs. J. F. Gordon, G. A. Draw, J. M. Fraser, T. Biggar, A. Stewart, and W. Kerr.

THE DANBURY NEWSMAN'S ALMAGAM for 1874 has reached us, sent by Mr. John Anderson. A curious fact is that it is printed in England—by George Routledge & Sons; but there is no doubt it is a genuine Danbury production—it is full of unmitigated Danburyism and well illustrated. One of our exchanges recommends it as good reading for Tories just now.

MISS HOSE.—The Berlin Telegraph says:—On late Wednesday, Mr. John Rose, so long and favorably known as the courteous and obliging host of the "Commercial" in this town, has leased the Wellington Hotel in Guelph. Mr. Rose is just the man to maintain the reputation of the "Old Wellington" for we speak by the book when we say that a more courteous, suave, and attentive host cannot be found in the Province, as it is well known by thousands who in bygone days enjoyed the real comforts of a home in the "Commercial" while under his management.

WHISKEY VS. NONS.—Only a few years ago it would have been thought beyond the limits of possibility to have a "whiskey" or a sale without lots of whiskey. Some time ago Mr. George Whitlaw, of Pilkington, raised a large stable on his farm on the total principle; when one or two ventured on the prediction that he wouldn't, for that reason, be able to get hands enough within a week again for a similar purpose. Well, last week he raised another large building for a dwelling-house, and to the credit of his neighbors, he said, not a man refused to help, and every one present declared they never saw things go on better, the whole of the work being over between two and three o'clock in the afternoon. We commend Mr. Whitlaw's example. Again, in the same same vicinity, Mr. W. Holloway held a sale of farm stock and implements a day or two afterwards, and not a drop of anything stronger than water was on the ground.—Elora News.

DARING ROBBERY.—On Friday afternoon a cash box said to have contained \$700 was stolen from the office of the Mill, in a very daring manner. Two men entered the office and engaged the cashier in conversation. Whilst the cashier was attending to the men, a third man entered the office and stole the cash box off the counter without attracting the attention of the cashier; the principal ran to the box, and his two confederates shortly afterwards left the office. No one arrested yet.

PERSONAL.—Mr. A. H. Monast, who has resided in Berlin for many years, and during a good portion of this time acted as Deputy Clerk of the Peace in Mr. Bowley's office, has lately removed to Guelph, where he will occupy a similar position in Mr. Peterson's office. Mr. Monast is a gentleman deservedly esteemed and he carries with him to his new home the warmest wishes of all for his future success in life.—Berlin Telegraph.

The Grand Union Lodge, I.O.O.F., Berlin, is in a highly flourishing condition, although only in existence about 16 months.

The Mitchell Advocate comes out strongly against the bonus of \$40,000 to the Port Dover & Lake Huron Railway Company, and the one of \$80,000 to the Stratford & Huron Railway Company.

The Mitchell Advocate last week advocated a fair trial for the new Government, and aren't the Tory papers "going" for it now!

## PASSING AWAY.

Spring, Summer, Autumn, now have fled,  
And all their loveliness lies dead;  
No single flower left to trace  
Where grew such forms of finished grace.  
I watched thy coming, gentle Spring,  
With a low sigh you passed away,  
Out to the longing, waiting sky,  
—With feelings close to ecstasy.  
I have these days thy mantle down,  
For Summer flowers to rest upon;  
Then, at the close of lengthening day,  
With a low sigh you passed away.  
And summer came in love and power,  
Breathing on every tiniest flower,  
Till, fragrant with the magic sense,  
It faded into a lifeless scene.  
And sent their glories far and wide,  
O'er garden, vale, and mountain side;  
And left them redolent of bliss.  
And now that Autumn days are o'er,  
Mingle no largely in our lot,  
I seem to stand on border land,  
With a dead world on either hand.  
Ah me! I were sad if I had not  
Mingle so largely in our lot,  
And in our ears prophetic ring  
The promise of another Spring.

## At the Town Hall Last Night.

Yesterday evening the Town Hall was bright with tasteful feminine costumes, relieved by a suitable proportion of masculine black and white exteriors. The audience was not numerous, but sufficiently large to supply the floor well with dancers and promenadeurs after the concert. Some prominent residents of the town were present. The programme opened with an instrumental duet well played by Mrs. and Mr. Heathfield; followed by a song, Miss Wiseman, and Mrs. Wolstenholme, of Galt, sang two fine duets, one of which—the "Singing Lesson," from Verdi's "Daughter of the Regiment"—was loudly encored. Two other pianoforte duets were on the programme, and the audience showed their appreciation of these by the loud applause which greeted the playing of the Misses Robertson and Beattie, and by the warm encores accorded to Miss Hogg and Mr. Heathfield. Miss Tiffany sang two ballads, accompanying herself on the pianoforte. A favorite Scotch song was well sung by Miss Wiseman; and the well-known solo "Angels ever bright and fair" was nicely rendered by Mrs. Wolstenholme, accompanied on the organ by Mr. Heathfield. The A. B. C. duet, serenade, was sung by Mrs. Wolstenholme and Mr. Tyson; and "God Save the Queen" brought the concert programme to a close. A posse of enthusiastic youths then made short work of clearing the floor, and the dance began to the music of Velle's band. A beautiful and well-appointed supper was provided in the front end of the Council Chamber. Dancing was kept up with spirit until the conclusion of the programme at about half-past twelve. It was an agreeable disappointment to find that the severe tempest of Thursday night had given place to a clear bracing air, making pleasant the journey homeward.

## POLICE COURT.

(Before the Police Magistrate.) Nov. 15.

## ASSAULT IN PULFICHE.

John Simpson, a young Pulfiche man living below Morrison, was charged by John Campbell, blacksmith, Pulfiche, with assault on Thursday. The case arose out of a quarrel in a singing-school, when out of playful missiles subsequent fighting arose. Simpson was fined \$5 and costs, and bound over to keep the peace for twelve months, himself in \$200 and two sureties in \$100 each.

## Tragedy at St. John.

One of the most shocking tragedies ever enacted in New Brunswick took place in St. John on a Sunday recently. A respectable dressed couple, man and wife, were passing towards German street, the lady having both hands on her husband's arm. Just as they reached German street corner the man suddenly levelled a revolver and fired. The bullet passed through his wife's brain, she sprang about two feet in the air, and fell dead at his feet. A moment the ruffian looked at his prostrate victim, then discharged the pistol in his own breast.

The shot did not take instantly effect, and he settled down deliberately to the ground, where he attempted a second shot but the cap failed. He then placed the pistol at his ear and fired, the bullet lodging in the base of the brain, after which he lost consciousness and lay apparently dead. All this transpired in the course of a few seconds, and before any of the eye-witnesses had time to rush to the rescue.

The man's name is John N. Doyle, a native of River John, Nova Scotia; the deceased was his wife, and belonged to Napanea, Ont. They had been living at Oswego, N.Y., and were bound for Trent. The cause of the terrible deed is said to be jealousy on the part of the husband, who is evidently in culture and manners inferior to his wife, who seemed accomplished and handsome. She was about 28 years of age, Doyle is about 34. Papers found on the man show that the deed was premeditated.

Mr. Cartwright, the new Minister of Finance, has shown himself capable of criticising a budget; he will now have the opportunity of constructing one. In the selection of a Minister of Finance the choice seemed to lay between him and Mr. Holton, and we are not prepared to say that it has been unwisely exercised. An opposition critic is always tempted to undertake to show that the Minister of Finance is too sanguine; this ground was very strongly taken by Mr. Cartwright when the last budget was under discussion; he took a less hopeful view of the future resources of the country, and a more gloomy one of possible interruptions of prosperity, than Mr. Tilley. If he erred in this respect, he erred on the safe side.—Monetary Times.

The Monetary Times hears that American manufacturers and merchants in making frantic efforts to realize are beginning to utilize the Canadian markets, which they will most likely make a kind of slaughter house for their goods. They can afford to cut prices here as they would scarcely dare to do at home. This is one of the vicissitudes to which our traders are constantly being subjected, very much to their detriment.

Y. M. C. A. LECTURE.—Tickets for Rev. T. Guttery's lecture on Monday evening may be obtained at the bookstores, and also at Messrs. Wm. Anderson's, G. D. Pringle's, Geo. Jeffrey's, and at the door. Price 15 cents.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

### Starved to Death.

**Cannonading Continued.**

**"City of Richmond" Safe.**

**Looking Worse at Versailles.**

**The "Virginus" Slaughter.**

London, Nov. 14.—Intelligence has been received here that famine prevails in Greenland, caused by the failure of the fisheries. In one village alone 150 persons were starved to death.

Mr. Vernon Harcourt has been appointed Solicitor-General, vice Mr. Henry James, who has been appointed Attorney-General. Postmaster-General Monsell has resigned in favor of Dr. Playfair, who issued an address to his constituents to-night for re-election.

A despatch from Carthage reports that cannonading continued all day yesterday, notwithstanding a violent storm. The city has received fresh supplies of provisions and ammunition. The British Consul is the only representative of the foreign Governments who remains in the place.

Queenstown, Nov. 14.—Capt. Brooks, of the steamer City of Richmond, reports that her machinery was disabled by the breaking of her cylinder cover when the ship was four days out from New York. She proceeded under sail, but had contrary winds and heavy weather, which caused a further delay. The City of Montreal came up with her on Monday last, and took her in tow.

Paris, Nov. 14.—The situation at Versailles is again becoming complicated. The compromise between the Right and Left threatens to fall through. The Government and the Right have decided to insist on an unconditional prolongation of President MacMahon's term for ten years.

Three thousand Communists are still in prison awaiting trial.

Bayona, Nov. 14.—Don Carlos has struck a medal in commemoration of the victory claimed by the Carlists in the recent battle at Miranda.

Portsmouth, N.H., Nov. 12.—By an order from the Navy Department, all sailors on board United States receiving ships, sailing from this station, were despatched to New York for service on U.S. vessels in Cuban waters.

Washington, Nov. 14.—It can be stated on official authority that while the present naval preparations do not mean war against Spain or Cuba, there are symptoms of a determination on the part of this Government to protect the American interests at any hazard, and to prevent any such massacres as those which have taken place. Experience has shown that the Spanish Government cannot enforce its own decrees in the Island of Cuba, and therefore it becomes imperative on the United States to protect its citizens from Cuban ferocities.

Boston, Nov. 14.—Orders have been received at the navy yard here to fit out the United States frigate Brooklyn, so that she can sail on the 15th of December. It is stated that the Franklin is also to be got in readiness for sea; 200 sailors leave the receiving ship Ohio to-morrow for the Brooklyn navy yard.

New York, Nov. 14.—A despatch from Washington says that information has just been received that the balance of the Virginus crew has been shot, making 111 executions. Other reports are in circulation here to the same effect, but enquiries led to the belief that the statements are untrue.

The despatches from Washington reporting additional Cuban massacres are believed to have been sent here for jobbing operations.

Great joy is felt among the many anxious friends of the passengers in the City of Richmond, by the announcement of her safe arrival at Queenstown. The news is confirmed by private despatches.

A despatch just received here, via Jamaica, states that on the 9th inst. the remainder of the crew of the Virginus, one hundred and eleven in all, were shot at Santiago de Cuba. They were all marched to the slaughter-house wall, and placed before the firing party by tens, and as fast as one ten fell another ten were marched up, and their dead bodies fell on those already slain.

New York, Nov. 15.—Charles Howard, bookkeeper for the Sylvan Lake Mining Company, at Sylvan Lake, New York, has absconded with \$4,300 of the company's money.

Extension has been granted by the creditors to the firm of McVey & Co., Pittsburg, Pa. Liabilities \$452,000.

The German Bank of Louisville asks to have the Louisville, New Albany and St. Louis Railroad into bankruptcy.

The papers are decidedly beligerent in their tone this morning. The Herald says if the bombardment and destruction of Santiago follows, the atonement will not be too heavy.

The Sea says that the Spanish adherents in Cuba ignore the authority of the mother country, and it is the duty of the United States to go to the spot and make an answer for every crime which has been committed.

The World says if Spain prefers to have Cuba wrested from her rather than

## make reparation the fault will be her own.

The Tribune hopes our Government while hastening to demand reparation will not be deceived by senseless clamor into acts of lawless vengeance.

The Tribune's Washington despatch reports Secretary Fish as saying:—"The policy of the Government will not be developed before Congress meets, and the case will be so stated that the American people will be satisfied."

## Manitoba.

The following letter from an old friend in this neighborhood will be read with interest by his acquaintances, and also by all who desire information respecting the Western Province:

DEAR FRIEND,—We have had a wet summer here, scarcely a week passed without some rain. We have had two or three nights of white frost lately, we had not the least sign of frost previously. The crops were certainly bad, but as soon as the insects got wings they made use of them, and all left for parts unknown.

I had considered trouble to buy oxen, &c., for carrying on work on the farm—as you are aware, the farmers are not willing to part with them, although they have large droves. Cattle imported from Minnesota find ready sale in Winnipeg. I have now three yokes of working oxen, and I shall buy another yoke at McKenzie's sale, which will be all I require. My three horses are in pretty good condition now—they failed greatly from the effects of the journey from Moorhead, ploughing and mowing. We have a large quantity of hay, and we cut about 150 tons—about one-half is still to draw home. We left off hanting some weeks ago, so as to get on with ploughing. We shall have about 100 acres ploughed this fall, and our pasture field contains 150 acres.

I like this country better than ever I expected. The prospect for farming I think could not be better. We feel perfectly secure here, and have tools, chains, &c. lying round, and would not be afraid to sleep with the doors unlocked. Our neighbors are all French half-breeds. We are close to the Assiniboine River, and on the highway to the Saskatchewan. Hundreds of carts and wagons pass daily. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt and family, (Mr. Wilton's daughter) called on their way to Poplar Point. The Wiltons have good crops. They are getting in a nice stock, and are better off than they were in Peel.

There is not any Provincial Show held here this year, on account of the farmers in the neighborhood of Fort Garry not putting in crops. A county show will be held at the Portage on the 1st of October. I intend to be present.

Game was never so plentiful as it is this fall—prairie chickens being in great numbers. William Peter takes a gun out where he is ploughing, and sometimes brings home eight or ten. One half-breed killed six all last week within sixteen miles of this place. We buy all we want at 8 cents per lb. Groceries are moderately cheap here this summer, which are brought in flat boats from Breckenridge. Good tea 65c per lb.; crushed sugar 15c per lb. I pay from \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt. for fine flour.

If you intend coming here, I would advise you to come soon, but get some ploughing, &c. done before you bring out the family.

Dressed fur is dearer here than in Ontario, as small fur is not dressed in this country. With kind regards, I am, yours truly,  
JOHN SMITH.

## The Minister of the Interior.

Mr. Laird, leader of the Liberals from P.E. Island, is the tallest man I ever met with. He is about the same figure as Dr. Pipe of Berlin, but nearly a head taller, with a loose, shambling gait, long legs, long arms, with a somewhat serious expression of countenance. His appearance and manner answer to some extent the portraits and descriptions given of old Abe Lincoln. He has a fine head, and a voice that can be clearly heard in the remotest corner of the gallery, and speaking with a deep Scotch accent. When speaking in the recent debate, he at once struck out clearly and boldly in a manner which indicated that he had a mind of his own, and would act upon his own judgment in drawing his conclusions from the evidence before him.—Correspondent Waterloo Chronicle.

Meaford has had two fires within a week, and the Monitor calls loudly for a fire engine.

They had a lively election time in Chicago last week. The contest was about the Sunday observance law, and the point was really whether it would be enforced or not. A coalition of the Irish Roman Catholics and the Germans carried the day for Sunday liquor by a majority of about 10,000, and Chicago is happy.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Saturday last two young lads named Glazier and Taunterdini went out shooting and by some misfortune young Taunterdini was shot in the abdomen by Glazier as the latter was about loading a very few minutes after the accident. Coroner Freeman held inquest on the body, and a verdict of "accidentally shot" was returned. Deceased was the only son of Mr. Abel Taunterdini, foreman of the Grand Trunk blacksmith establishment at Georgetown. The funeral on Monday was a very large one, being attended by all the school children.

My time, and what I have done with it, by Mr. Burnard, now appearing in Macmillan, and describing his own school days, is quite refreshing, because it brings back the British school-boy as old fogies remember him, not as a monitor dealing out moral reflections with every stroke of his cane, or as a small boy acknowledging the justice of his punishment with a piteous cry beyond his years.

"Was he ten feet high?" asks one of Mr. Burnard's small boys of another.

"Yes," is the reply.

"Will you take your oath of it?"

"Yes."

"Will you take your dying oath of it?" (This need to be a very favorite form of interrogation.)

"Yes."

"Will you bet sixpence?"

"No."