

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

The partnership heretofore existing between McLagan & Innes as Printers and Publishers has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

The business will in future be carried on by the undersigned, who is authorized to collect all outstanding debts and subscriptions due to the late firm, and who will also be a clear account against the same up to the date of dissolution.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 14, 1899.

THIS MORNING'S DESPACHES.

LONDON, July 13.—In the House of Commons to-night Mr. O'Byrne, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in reply to the remarks of Mr. Sykes in respect to the relations of England with China, admitted that it was to the interest of England to strengthen the central Government of that country, and not weaken it by gubnot policy and extravagant demands.

The debate on the Irish Church Bill in the House of Lords was resumed last night. Earl Clancarty moved that a third reading be postponed three months.

Earl Derby was still opposed to the Bill, but favoured the amendments. The Bill was then read a third time.

An amendment was then adopted by 80 to 82, omitting the clause permitting Bishops to retain their seats. A proviso was adopted by 121 to 114, providing furnished residences and glebes for the Catholic and Presbyterian clergy, and adopting the principle of concour rent-endowment. The Bill then passed. Earl Derby's protest was then presented, and the Lords adjourned after an exciting session.

A collision occurred at Sheffield to-day between two parties of miners, one belonging to the union and the other consisting of anti-union men. The fighting was severe and many were injured, one fatally.

PARIS, July 13th.—All the ministers have resigned. The resignations of M. Rouher and Lavallette have been accepted by the Emperor. The other members of the Cabinet remain. The new ministry will be a transitional one. The Radicals are indignant at the prorogation of the Legislative body.

MADRID, July 13th.—The new Ministry has been formed. The remains of a Spanish lady who died in the Protestant Cemetery were interred to-day in the General Cemetery. This is the first case of the burial of a protestant in the cemetery which has occurred under the recent order of the Alcade, permitting and defending such funerals. Nearly 200 Spanish protestants were present. There was no disturbance.

New York, 14th.—Steamship Scotia from Liverpool has arrived.

Arrival of the Great Eastern. The French Atlantic Cable Successfully Laid.

ST. PIERRE, July 13th.—The voyage of the Great Eastern is completed. She arrived off the island this morning from Brest, with the end of the French Cable, and announced that the line is complete working order. The shore section which was laid some days ago is now being spliced with the main cable, and before the day closes communication will pass and re-pass from land to land.

BREST, July 13th.—News from the Great Eastern announces her arrival off Miquelon, but a dense fog prevailed, in consequence of which she has been unable to find the shore end and make a splice. The cable has been cut and buoyed to prevent accident until the fog clears up.

Erin Correspondence. At midnight, on Saturday last, a storm such as is seldom seen in this section of the country passed over this township. The injury done must be very considerable.

We hear of fences being levelled, fruit trees broken down, reserve woods all but laid flat, barns unroofed, others swept bodily away, and fields of grain flattened as if a heavy roller had passed over them. The rain descended in torrents for a short time, the lightning flashed, the thunder rolled, and gale after gale of wind came with such force as to cause the most strongly-built houses to shake to their foundation.

The crops here look very well upon the whole, and whatever the yield or quality of grain may be, it may be decided, we think, that there will not be the same reason for complaint as there was last year—scarcity of fodder. The hay crop has made rapid growth in the last two weeks, and though at one time doubted will be a very fair crop. It is much later than last year. While farmers are just now thinking about commencing to cut, at the same time last year the greater part of it was safely housed.

The volunteers left on Friday morning for Guelph, to perform their battalion drill. The company is small, but all were in good spirits. To camp out is a new feature in the drill to many of them.

The "Twelfth" was celebrated by the Rockwood, Drumhill and Ballinad Orange Lodges marching through Erin Village, and visiting and dining at the different hotels. The number was comparatively small. After spending a few hours they left in a very orderly manner.

CABINET CHANGES.—The Globe says: It is generally believed that Mr. Ross will resign his seat in the Dominion Cabinet on his return from Washington. If the cause of this step is correctly reported, the relinquishment of his seat in the House of Commons will speedily follow. It is said that he will leave Canada to take a position as partner in a great London banking house. Who is to succeed him remains to be seen. Mr. Gale appears to be out of the question; but it is possible to state to what straits Ministers may be reduced. One of their journals proposes that in addition to the Trunk, and the Intercolonial, Mr. Ross should undertake the charge of the Dominion finances.

SELLS FOR JULY.—Mr. J. B. Armstrong sent us "Bow Bells" for sale number.

Mr. Thornton, bookbinder, has received a supply of Hitchcock's New Dime Music. It is of a superior class to the half dime, though millions of pieces of the latter have been sold. We recommend the new series to all lovers of good music. Each piece costs only ten cents.

THROUGH TO SAN FRANCISCO.—Mr. Jackson, of the Exchange Office, is now agent for the sale of tickets through to San Francisco, by the Pacific Railway. The fare from Guelph to the Californian capital is about \$120 in gold, for first class, and seven to ten dollars less for second class. Connections made promptly and no delay experienced.

The wheat crop has nearly all been gathered in Maryland, and by the end of this week little will be left standing. Our exchanges speak of the yield as excellent.

JUMPING AT THE CAMP.—The contest for the best running jump, between the Fergus and Mount Forest Companies, came off on Tuesday at noon, and was won by Wm. Hutchinson, of the Fergus Company, in one jump.

WESLEYAN CHURCH PIC-NIC.—This picnic, which was postponed, will now be held on the grounds of H. W. Peterson, Esq., on Thursday, the 22nd inst.—The programme of amusements will be a most interesting one, and to enhance the pleasures of the day, Lawrence's Cornet Band will also be present, and disperse some of their finest music.

THE CAMP.—Last night some of the boys out at the camp amused themselves and others by Calithumpian performances somewhat similar to those of the night before. They are jolly fellows, those volunteers, jolly under circumstances which even Mark Tapley might envy. The Battalion, according to present arrangement, will parade for inspection by Lieut.-Col. Taylor D. A. G., at 10 a. m. on Friday. Blank cartridge will be issued in liberal quantity, and a regular "field day" may be looked for. The new Adjutant General is also expected to be present. The Battalion numbers over 500 strong, with 35 officers. We noticed in town yesterday, Lieut.-Col. Service, Brigade Major for this District. He is down on business connected with the Battalion, and he informed us yesterday that the 30th Battalion is the finest he has yet seen on parade.

CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY. ESTABLISHED 1847.

The only Canadian Life Company authorized by Government for the Dominion. Rates are lower than British or Foreign Offices. A larger amount of Assurances and of Investments in Canada than any other Company, and its rapid progress is satisfactory evidence of the popularity of its principles and practice. Last year there were issued

920 New Policies, for Assurance of \$1,284,155, With Annual Premiums of \$51,182.

Agencies throughout the Dominion, where every information can be obtained, or at the Head Office in Hamilton, Ont. A. G. RAMSAY, Manager.

Agents in Guelph: F. W. STONE, Wellington, Halton and Peel. R. TROTTER, Guelph, 8th July. dtv

MARRIAGES. PATTERSON.—By the Rev J Hill of Hespeler, on the 22nd ult, at the residence of the bride's father, John Patterson, of the City of Flint, Mich., to Mary Jane Patterson, of Waterloo.

DIED. MCGREGOR. At his homestead in Nassagawey, on the 11th inst. in the midst of a large and sorrowing family, Donald McGregor in the 71st year of his age. He was born in Barrington, Parish of Kenmore, Perthshire, Scotland, and emigrated to Canada in the year 1832. His latter end was peace.

New Advertisements. MONEY TO LEND. \$5,000 to lend on farm security. Apply to E. O'CONNOR, Solicitor, &c., No. 8 Day's Block. Guelph, 14th July. w3m-46

BOARDING. Parties requiring board, with either single or double-bedded rooms, can be accommodated by applying at MISS GARD'S, "The Grove," Quebec Street. Guelph, 14th July. dtf

POTATOES FOR SALE. RECEIVED to-day, a car-load of good Potatoes for SUMMER USE, at No. 4, Day's Old Block, Gordon Street. Guelph, July 14 dt D. MOLTON.

FOUND LOST. Lost, a black, white and tan fox hound bitch. The finder will be rewarded by bringing her to the kennels at Mr. Sharpe's, Waterloo Road. Guelph, 14th July. dt

ANNUAL PIC-NIC. WESLEYAN METHODIST SABBATH SCHOOL. The annual Wesleyan Methodist Sabbath School Picnic will be held

On Thursday, 22nd of July, on the grounds of H. W. Peterson, Esq. Tea at 1 o'clock. Tickets 25 cents. Children under 12 years of age half price.

Lawrence's Silver Cornet Band will be in attendance. A. O. BUCHAM, Secretary. Guelph, 14th July. dtw

SINGING MEETING. A singing meeting will be held at the B. M. E. Chapel, Essex Street, on THURSDAY evening, 14th inst. Names of several pieces:—"The Evergreen Shore," "Christian Champion," "Deathbed Warning," "Jesus did on Calvary's Mount," written by Rev. G. R. Blount. Doors open at 8 o'clock; admission 12 cents. All are invited to attend. JOSEPH CORNISH, Minister. Guelph, 14th July. dt

STORE AT ELORA TO LET. To be let, with immediate possession, a small store, being part of the stone block opposite Biggar's Hotel, and adjoining the grain market. Apply to Mr. R. MITCHELL, or at the OBSERVER office. Elora, June 19. dtm-S&W

GRASS FOR SALE. For sale about three acres of grass near the Great Western Station. Apply to R. J. JEANNERET, watchmaker and jeweller, Market Square Guelph, 13th June. dt

APPRENTICE WANTED.—Wanted a stout, active, well-educated boy, about 15 or 16 years of age, to learn the printing business. Apply personally at the MERCURY office.

BOY OR MAN WANTED competent to take care of horses, and with some knowledge of gardening? Apply to J. B. ARMSTRONG, at the carriage factory. Guelph, July 12 dtf H. W. PETERSON.

SPECIAL ATTENTION. The highest market price paid for Wool, Hides, Sheepskins, Calskins and Wool Pickings, at No. 4 Day's Old Block, Gordon Street. July 8. dtwly D. MOLTON.

BOW BELLS FOR JULY

THORNTON'S Must be Rushed off at any Price WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

Consequently, during the next ten days

Extraordinary Bargains will be offered in the following first-class Departments:

DRESS GOODS, JACKETS, MILLINERY, MANTLES, AND CLOTHING.

Housekeepers, Heads of Families, and others, should not allow this opportunity to pass.—Don't forget—For the next ten days "BIG THINGS" may be expected at this great Sale of Bankrupt Stock. Guelph, July 14 dtw BY ORDER OF THE ASSIGNEE.

STILL AHEAD. The UNPREJUDICED OPINION OF THE PUBLIC.

A FAIR COMPETITION HAS SHOWN THAT WE CANNOT BE UNDERSOLD.

TEAS. TOBACCOS. Best Young Hyson, 90c. Crown, 10's - - 25c

Extra Moyune - - 80c. Solace 12's - - 45c

Best Black - - - 75c. Derby 5's - - - 35c

SUGARS. Bright Sugar, 11 lbs for \$1

Yellow Refined Sugar, 10 1/2 lbs for \$1

No. 2 1/2 Yellow Refined, 10 lbs for \$1

Crushed A Sugar, 9 lbs for \$1

Broken Loaf Sugar, 8 lbs for \$1

Ground Loaf Sugar, 8 lbs for \$1

Best Golden Syrup per gallon, 60c

West India Molasses per gallon, 45c

FRUITS, &c. 25 lbs. good new Currants, extra, \$1

15 lbs good new Valencia Raisins for \$1

17 lbs Sultanais Raisins for \$1

1 box Muscatel Raisins 90c., equal to 25 lbs. for \$1.75.

Lawrence's and Joyce's Jams, 25c.

Corn Starch per package 12c.

Salt, extra refined, 12c per bottle.

Best Soft Shell Almonds, 20 cts.

Good old Factory Cheese, 12c.

EARLY PRIMROSE POTATOES (this year's growth) received and constantly on hand.

Orders promptly filled at the above rates, and sent to any part of the Town.

New Advertisement. BANKRUPT STOCK MUST BE SOLD.

Has received instructions from the Assignee of his Estate that the balance of Stock now on hand

Must be Rushed off at any Price WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

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EDUCATIONAL. MRS. WM. BUDD, Organist of the Congregational Church

Begs to inform her Pupils and friends that her School re-opened on MONDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1899. She will also be prepared to give Private Lessons on the Organ, Piano and Melodion. Residence: Norfolk Street, Guelph. December 30. dtw

CUNARD OCEAN STEAMERS. LEAVING New York every Thursday for Queenstown or Liverpool.

FARE FROM HAMILTON First Cabin - - - \$57, gold value Storage - - - 20. Berths not secured until paid for. For further particulars apply to CHARLES T. JONES & CO., Exchange Brokers, Hamilton.

Agents for the Erie and New York Railway, Fare from Hamilton to New York \$7, gold value Hamilton 1st June, 1899. dtw

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1864. In the matter of SAMUEL SMITH, An Insolvent.

The creditors of the above named Insolvent are notified to meet at the office of the undersigned assignee, at the Court House, in the Town of Guelph,

On THURSDAY, THE 22nd OF JULY at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, for the public examination of the said Insolvent, and the ordering of the affairs of the estate generally. THOMAS SAUNDERS, Assignee. Guelph, 6th July, 1899. dtw

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE. DIVIDEND No. 4.

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of Four per cent, upon the paid-up capital stock of this Institution has been declared for the current half year; and that the same will be payable at the Bank and its Branches on and after FRIDAY the second day of July next.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 30th days of June next to both days inclusive. POSTPONEMENT. The amendment to the Charter of the Bank, recently sanctioned by Parliament, changes the date for holding the Annual General Meeting from the first Monday to the SECOND TUESDAY IN JULY.

Stockholders will therefore please note that the meeting this year will be held on TUESDAY, the THIRTEENTH INSTANT. Chair to be taken at twelve o'clock noon precisely. By order of the Board, E. J. DALLAS, Cashier. Toronto, 23rd June, 1899. dtw

UNFAILING EYE PRESERVERS. LAZARUS, MORRIS & CO'S

PERFECTED SPECTACLES! AND EYE GLASSES.

The large and increasing sales of these PERFECTED GLASSES is a sure proof of their superiority. We were satisfied that they would be appreciated here as elsewhere, and that the reality of the advantages offered to wearers of our beautiful lenses, viz: the ease and comfort, the assured and readily ascertained improvement of the sight, and the brilliant assistance they give in all cases, were in themselves so apparent on trial, that the result could not be otherwise than that, in the almost general adoption of our Celebrated Perfected Spectacles by the residents of this locality, with a full knowledge of the value of the assertion, we claim that they are the most perfect optical aids ever manufactured. To those needing Spectacles, we afford at all times an opportunity of procuring the best and most desirable.

D. SAVAGE, Watchmaker, Jeweller and Optician, Agent for the well-known Waltham Watches, Guelph. Has always on hand a full assortment, suitable for every difficulty. We take occasion to notify the public that we employ no pedlars, and to caution them against those pretending to have our goods for sale. Guelph, 4th May. dtwly

BISCOE & OLIVER, BARRISTERS, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery and Insolvency, Notaries Public, Conveyancers, &c. Office—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, Guelph. N.B.—Money to lend.

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CUTHBERT, Guelph, 12th July. dtw

BILLIARDS. GREAT EXCITEMENT. Billiard Hall Refitted New Tables. Exhibition Twice a Week.

AT O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL. Guelph, 23rd February. dt

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D. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN. Guelph, April 1, 1899. dtw

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The best teachers everywhere are making it the Standard Instruction Book for Cabinet Organs and Melodions. This Valuable Work is not published in order to advertise Clarke's Organ, but to give the greatest aid to those who desire to become accomplished players on these pleasing instruments. Be careful and order Clarke's New Method, published by Ditson & Co., as a much smaller work published by the same Author several years since, has just been re-issued by another house under the pretence of being new! Price in boards, \$2.50. Sent post-paid on receipt of price. J. Ditson & Co., 277 Washington Street Boston. C. H. Ditson & Co., 711 Broadway, New York.

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