

NOTICE ABOUT ACCOUNTS.

All accounts for Printing or Advertising rendered to the 1st of January must be paid by the 1st of March, otherwise costs will be incurred.

Guelph Evening Mercury

THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 19, 1874

Mr. Clarke's Municipal Act Amendment Bill.

Mr. Clarke, M.P.P., for Centre Wellington, has introduced a Bill into the Legislature, entitled "An Act to Amend an Act respecting Municipal Institutions, in the Province of Ontario."

Section 231 of the old Municipal Act required that a copy of any by-law should be published both in a newspaper in the local municipality, and also in one published in the county town.

The old Act provides that when part only of a sum of money provided for by a by-law has been raised, the Council may "repeal the by-law as to any part of the residue."

Section 410 of the old Act is altered, by the words in italics being added to it, thus:—(410.) The County Council shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all roads and bridges lying within any township, town, or village of the county, and which the Council by by-law assumes with the assent of such township, town, or village municipality, as a county road, or bridge, until the by-law has been repealed by the Council, &c., &c.

The most important provision of the Act, however, is contained in the 5th, 6th, and 7th clauses. The old law makes it compulsory in cities and towns having a Police Magistrate to have also a Board of Police Commissioners; but these clauses limit the appointment of Police Commissioners to cities. This change will be universally approved of in the town, as there is a strong feeling that the machinery of a Police Commission is useless and expensive in a place no larger than Guelph.

The School Bill.

Judging from the discussion which has taken place in the Legislative Assembly on the School Bill, it is accepted by a large majority of the members as a great improvement on some of the leading provisions of the present Act. The Opposition have expressed their intention of co-operating with the Government in making the bill as perfect as possible, and after it is passed Mr. Mowat has promised to consolidate all the school laws of the Province, and so arrange them that there can be no doubt as to their interpretation.

There was great excitement in Ottawa on Wednesday over a rumor that was current of Riel having been kidnapped and hung, but the report is not traceable to any reliable source.

Alluding, we presume, to British Columbia, the Mail says that the new Ministry "has already thrown one Province into revolt." If that were true—which it isn't—Mr. Mackenzie would only be following the able precedent set by Sir John A. Macdonald at the time Manitoba came into Confederation.

A meeting of Evangelical members of the Episcopal Church, in Ottawa, has invited Bishop Cummings to visit them, with the view of forming a new church in Ottawa on the basis of the Reformed Episcopal Church of the United States.

A curious illustration of the importance of a comma was given lately in the U. S. Congress. By changing the hyphen in the compound word of "fruit-plants" to a comma, in a tariff bill, somebody managed to put fruit on the free list. The bill was made to provide for the free admission of "fruit, plants," instead of "fruit-plants," which made all the difference. This little trick will draw \$500,000 from the Treasury at one stroke.

MARRIED.

MILLER-McLAGAN.—On the 18th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Logan, County of Perth, by the Rev. R. P. Finch, Mr. Robert Miller, of Guelph, to Mary Ann, third daughter of Mr. W. McLagan.

Toronto Correspondence.

On glancing over the Legislative Assembly one is struck with the large number of members who have shifted their "locale." Of course the most prominent change is that effected by the Hon. Rupert M. Wells, who has now the honor of presiding over the Assembly. So numerous are the supporters of the Mowat Administration in the present House that there are not desks enough to accommodate them all on the Ministerial side proper; hence a considerable portion of these gentlemen have had to range themselves on the Opposition side of the House.

Amongst gentlemen obliged so to do was Mr. Wells; his desk is now occupied by Mr. Boulbee, who did not remove to the other side with the change of Government. The Hon. Mr. Currie occupies the desk formerly held by Mr. McKim, being the fourth on the front Ministerial row, and next to that of the Hon. Mr. Pardee, who in turn succeeded to that of Hon. R. W. Scott. The Hon. Mr. Gow now occupies the desk vacated by the Hon. Mr. Pardee, being the first on the second row of the Ministerial benches; whilst the new Provincial Secretary has got that formerly allocated to Mr. Gow. Mr. Patterson, West York, has forsaken his colleague from the East Riding, and he has moved from close proximity to the Ladies' Gallery in the back bench, to the Hon. Mr. Fraser's former seat immediately behind Mr. Gow. Mr. Watterworth, from the seat next to the Speaker's Gallery (which is on the Opposition side) steps into Mr. Patterson's seat; and a new member, the Canadian O'Donoghue, appropriates Mr. Watterworth's sitting behind Mr. Robinson, of Kingston, and alongside of Mr. Finlayson, of North Brant, the same gentleman who was last session rudely informed by "Charley" of Lincoln, in consequence of Mr. Finlayson's laughing at some of Charley's oratorical outbursts.

It will be remembered that Mr. A. Oliver was for a short period out of the House, having had to resign his seat as M. P. for South Oxford, on account of being one of a firm having a Government contract. Mr. Hardy, M. P. for South Brant, appropriated to himself the desk thus vacated, being about the middle of the second Ministerial bench, separating the M. P.'s for the East and West Ridings of Elgin, Mr. Hodgins and Dr. Wilson respectively. In consequence, Mr. Oliver has had to betake himself to the back benches, and now occupies the desk formerly held by Mr. S. C. Wood, Mr. Wood's colleague in the representation of Victoria, Mr. D. McRae, has made a bee line for the seat formerly allotted to Mr. Monteith, the late M. P. for North Perth, in the most easterly corner of the back Opposition bench, and his burly form has settled down amidst a cosy nest of genuine Tories.

Going over to the Opposition side we find that Mr. Rykert has advanced from the second to the first Opposition bench, taking the place of Mr. H. S. Macdonald, late M. P. for South Leeds, beside Mr. M. C. Cameron, as second in command. Mr. Lauder has of course followed suit, sitting in the place of honor previously held by the distinguished Mr. Tom Ferguson. The successor of the latter, Mr. D'Arcy Boulton, steps into the "scrap book" habitation of Mr. Rykert, whilst Mr. Giles, the new M. P. for South Leeds, pays a similar compliment to the spot immortalized by Abraham of South Grey. The gallant Captain Gifford, M. P. for West Northumberland, after having blushed unseen in the back seats, has taken up an advanced position in the immediate front of the enemy, having successfully captured the late Mr. Goyne's desk, situated between those of the M. P.'s for Lennox and Cardwell respectively, in the front Opposition bench. Mr. Snettinger, Cornwall, now occupies the desk formerly the scene of many an oratorical triumph by Big Thunder. The new M. P. for North Wellington and North Perth, whether Ministerialists or Oppositionists, must take the vacated desks of Captain Gifford and Mr. Snettinger, being the second and third most westerly seats of the back Opposition bench.

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Electro-plated Cruet Stands, elegant patterns. Ivory-handled Tall and Dessert Knives. Nickel Silver and Electro-plated Forks to suit. Table, Dessert and Tea Spoons. Electro-plated Butter Coolers. Tea and Coffee Pots. Table Napkin Rings. Bread Platters and Bread Knives. Tea Trays and Waiters. Coal Scuttles. Vases and Pardonians. Fire Irons and Stands. Skates, Boys' and Girls' Sleighs. Snow Shovels, Sleigh Bells. Also, a large assortment of Lamps, new patterns very cheap: Lamp Glasses, Globes, Shades, Wicks, Burners, etc. etc., at

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New Advertisements.

Change of Business.

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W. D. HEPBURN & Co.

WITH reference to the above we have the pleasure to state that we have purchased the stock of Messrs. W. D. HEPBURN & Co., on favorable terms, and are making large additions to the same, which will be complete in a few days.

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Guelph, Feb. 17, 1874.

UP

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SHAW & MURTON.

GUELPH, Feb. 11, 1874.

Remnants, Remnants, Remnants.

The Grand Semi-annual Clearing Sale of Remnants commences on Monday morning, 9th inst., at

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REMNANTS OF PLAIN AND FANCY DRESS GOODS. REMNANTS OF FRENCH MERINOES. REMNANTS OF BLACK LUSTRES. REMNANTS OF COBOURGS. REMNANTS OF TWEEDS. REMNANTS OF COATINGS. REMNANTS OF FULLED CLOTHS. REMNANTS OF FLANNELS. REMNANTS OF SHIRTINGS. REMNANTS OF HOLLANDS. REMNANTS OF TOWELLINGS. REMNANTS OF TABLE LINENS. REMNANTS OF PRINTS. REMNANTS OF TICKINGS, &c.

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