

The Contest in South Oxford.

Speaking of the election in South Oxford the Woodstock Reviewer says: "There is, of course, some little dissatisfaction at the selection of an outsider to contest the constituency in the Reform interest; but that dissatisfaction is confined principally to one municipality, and that municipality the town of Ingersoll. To be sure there are those in the township who would have preferred a local candidate, but as the Convention it was easily to be seen that any could only be secured by an outsider. The local aspirant who developed the greatest strength was Mr. Noxon, and closely following him came Mr. P. J. Brown. Between the friends of these two feeling ran high, and had either been selected many friends of the other would have 'bolted' undoubtedly; that is they would have declined to support the nominee of the Convention. That this would be the case was quite plain, therefore it can scarcely be said that the delegates at the Convention acted otherwise than with wisdom in casting aside the claims of both and centering upon one calculated to obviate that great source of weakness and common cause of defeat—internal bickering and strife."

We are glad to see that Mr. Alex. Pirie's talent in the lighter line of newspaper work on the Toronto Sun is being so highly appreciated by our contemporaries. Jamuel Briggs, of the National, pays our confere the following handsome compliment:—"Mr. Pirie, of our evening contemporary the Sun, has made quite a hit with his 'Sun Skits,' which are, or is, one, or more, of the popular features of that lively journal. Pirie has abundance of ready humour and vivacity, and his political sarcasms are very effective. We open the Sun evenings with fear and trembling lest he should have anticipated some choice humorism that we were carefully hoarding up for publication day."

The Supplementary Estimates contain the item of \$1,537,145, which may be regarded as a harbinger of Pacific Railway construction expenditure. The sum of one million and a half dollars is set down for Pacific Railway construction, and improvements on navigable waters in connection therewith. There is another item in the same connection under the head of Telegraph Lines in British Columbia \$13,000. The late catastrophe caused by the breaking up of the ice at Quebec also entails a charge in the estimates of \$26,000.

Since the beginning of May 1,707 immigrants have arrived in Toronto. Of these 780 were English, 277 Irish, 230 Scotch, and 490 Germans. The British people for the most part have remained in Ontario, while the foreigners have gone through to the States. It is said that farmers are always at the station waiting to engage men, but it is a rare thing that they succeed. The emigrants appear to have their destination fixed before they reach the city, and proceed on their journey without any delay. It is said that Joseph Arch is working himself to death in the case of the British laboring men. His voice hollow, and his physical weakness painfully evident. On his return home, recently, from one of his hurrying, speaking, agitating journeys, he had five miles to walk to his own door, and it took him two hours to do it; and his altered appearance naturally excited the concern of his family.

The North West Committee. The North West Committee had a long sitting on Friday, and examined Lieutenant-Governor Archibald. The tenor of his evidence as to the events which immediately preceded his arrival in Manitoba in 1871, was that a firm conviction prevailed in the minds of the French population that an amnesty had been promised covering all offences. He admitted having at that time taken steps to induce Riel to leave the country, and at some length detailed the circumstances, also of the subsequent Fenian raid, and the celebrated hand-shaking interview. He declared his conviction that Riel had acted loyally on that occasion, and whilst admitting that the Metis had leaped forward too long to make their offer a graceful one, he alleged that Riel, at the several meetings held to discuss the course they should take, had tried to influence his fellow-countrymen to take loyal action. He denied that he was personally aware at the time that Riel was one of the men he shook hands with. In his explanations respecting the Raid, he is said to have laboured hard to convince the Committee of the danger that would have arisen had he adopted towards the Metis any other than a conciliatory line of conduct. His evidence does not come down to the time at which the second departure of Riel from Manitoba took place, under peculiar circumstances that have already excited so much comment.

DESPERATE ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.—A Berlin Telegraph of the 15th inst. says:—"A case of most determined suicide occurred in Waterloo township, about four miles east of Berlin, the particulars of which, so far as we can learn, are as follows:—Elias Brubacher, an elderly man residing near Shantz Station, left home on Saturday morning last at one o'clock, came to Berlin, and in the afternoon went down the road leading to Mr. David Weaver's farm, near the Grand River. Mr. Weaver saw him and spoke to him, but Brubacher soon passed on as if going home. He was not heard of again until Tuesday evening last, when a boy passing along the river bank saw the form of a person in the water. He gave the alarm, when Mr. Weaver and his son went down to the river, and upon turning the body over found that it was that of Elias Brubacher. Dr. Pipe, Coroner, who was immediately notified, held an inquest next day, Wednesday forenoon, when it was found that the deceased had cut his throat from ear to ear with a razor, which weapon, strange to say, he still held firmly grasped in his right hand. It appeared evident from the spot selected and the depth of water, which was about four feet, that he was determined if cutting should fail from any reason, that drowning should complete the job. His family did not feel uneasy about his absence, as he had for many years been subject to fits of mental aberration, at which times he would leave home and return in a few days. The jury returned the following verdict:—

that deceased, committed suicide whilst laboring under a fit of temporary insanity."

THE MACDONALD-REIL AFFAIR.—The papers are scanned daily for copies of resolutions passed in Orange Lodges, protesting in the most indignant manner against the payment of \$4,000 of Canadian money as an inducement for the murderers of the loyal Scott to leave the country, and thus evade the punishment they merited. It seems to take some time to prepare these resolutions, but of course they will come by and by; for the murderer has been so strenuously denounced, that those who aided in his escape must be held to be likewise guilty in a certain degree.—Bowmanville Statesman.

A Buffalo editor, commenting on the price of gas in London, gives vent to his feelings as follows:—"What! only 75 cents per 1,000 cubic feet of gas (the illuminating power is legally fixed under a penalty at the light of sixteen sperm candles) and coal higher than with us! We pay \$3 per 1,000 cubic feet of gas, which sometimes requires sixteen sperm candles to see it burn."

REMOVAL.—Mr. G. B. Fraser, has removed to the store formerly occupied by John A. McMillan, directly opposite his old stand, and has just to hand a large, varied and choice stock. See advertisement.

THE BRITISH NAVY.—The question has been often asked whether the Navy of Great Britain, numbering as it does over six thousand guns, and manned by 75,000 sailors, exceeds the navies of France and the United States, or France and Russia, and were it not that we might be considered a little egotistical we should say it did exceed them altogether; but it is useless speculating upon this when there are other questions that do not admit of any doubt—no one after using the "Canadian Pain Destroyer" doubts its being the very best thing for the cure of coughs, sore throat, diphtheria, pains in the stomach, sides and back, spinal affections, &c. Sold by all Medicine Dealers at 25 cts per bottle.

The first approaches of consumption are so insidious that thousands remain unconscious of its presence until it has brought them to the verge of the grave. The immediate use of "Bryan's Pulmonic Wafers" upon the first appearance of the cough, pain or soreness of the throat or chest, would generally preclude a fatal result; therefore, when you take a cold use "Bryan's Pulmonic Wafers" and thus prevent the necessity for taking them in more dangerous complaints. To be obtained of all druggists and country dealers. Price 25 cents per box.

TOWN HALL.

ONE NIGHT ONLY.

Thursday Evening, May 21st.

The Unapproachable Comedy Alliance.

JAMES TAYLOR

The Champion English Comique, and the Great

COOL BURGESS

Prince of Negro Comedians, and their

CONSOLIDATED TROUPES,

The greatest combination of Talent ever concentrated in one entertainment.

Admission 45 cents. Rese. red seats 50c.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Guelph, May 16, 1874.

PLANTS.

1,000,000

Plants Now Ready

Comprising all the choicest varieties of the undermentioned, which are grown from selected Stock Seeds:

Cabbage,

Cauliflower,

Tomato,

Celery,

Kale,

Kohl Rabi,

Asparagus.

VERBENAS,

PETUNIAS,

ASTERS,

BALSAMS,

ZINNIA ELEGANS,

PELOX DRUMMONDII,

And other Bedding Varieties, for sale at

SHARPE'S SEED STORE

Or at their Gardens down the Waterloo Road, Guelph.

C. & A. SHARPE.

Guelph, May 15th, 1874.

NEW

WALL PAPER

AT

DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

The Largest, Choicest, and Best, as well as the Cheapest Stock of

Fine Paper Hangings

Will be found at Day's Bookstore.

For stylish, nice new Wall Paper, and at low prices go to DAY'S, for he has now in stock the papers to suit.

Call and Examine

The papers and prices for yourselves, and you will find that

DAY SELLS CHEAP.

The jury returned the following verdict:—

AUCTION SALE

OF

Household Furniture.

The undersigned has been instructed by Mr. Duncan Bailey to sell by auction, on the premises, Surrey street, Guelph, near Mr. Sallow's blacksmith shop, on MONDAY, May 18, at 1 o'clock, the following Valuable Furniture, comprising a splendid Organ, with 6 stops (from Bell's manufactory), hair seated sofa, wardrobe, cane-seated chairs, centre table, carpets, bedsteads, washstands, bureau, parlor and cooking stoves, deep kitchen tables and utensils, Windsor chair, turning lathe, cupboard, spring mattress, sink, &c. Also, a box for a pedlar's wagon or sleigh. Terms cash.

W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer.

Guelph, May 11, 1874.

UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE

OF

Valuable Household Furniture!

AND EFFECTS

Belonging to the late Robert Chance, Esq., of Guelph.

W. S. G. Knowles is instructed by Mrs. Chance, who is returning to England, to sell by 1 o'clock the following Valuable

On Tuesday, the 19th of May, inst.,

at her residence, Woolwich street, opposite the English Church, Guelph, the whole of her valuable household furniture and effects, comprising

Drawing Room—Chairs, Sofa, Centre Table, Easy Chair, Whatnot, Engravings, Tapestry Carpets, Lace Curtains, and Valance Fire Irons, and a splendid 7 octave Piano-forte.

Dining Room—Extension Table, Cane-seated Chairs, Rocking Chair, Folding do., Oil Lamps, Carpets, Fire Screen, Muslin Curtains and Valance Pictures, an Oberon Sewing Machine, set of Trays, Electro-plate, clock, glass, china and delph.

The Bed room sets complete, bureau, spring beds, wash stands, toilet sets, carpets, night commode, counterpane, blankets, rep lounge, mirrors, stoves, curtains, blinds, pictures.

Head and Stair Carpets, Carpet Rugs, with a general assortment of kitchen utensils. The whole of the property is in excellent condition.

Terms cash, except the piano-forte, the terms of which will be stated at the time of sale.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, sharp.

W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer.

Guelph, May 7th, 1874.

AUCTION SALE

OF A

VALUABLE PARCEL OF LAND

IN THE TOWN OF GUELPH.

Mr. W. S. G. Knowles has received instructions from the Executors of the late G. M. Stewart, to sell by Public Auction,

On Wednesday, 20th May,

inst., at the Town Hall, Guelph, at Twelve o'clock, noon, those certain parcels of land and premises being composed of

Lots Nos. 11 and 12, in the First Range of Division F, in the Town of Guelph, containing nine and one-third acres, more or less.

The land is all cleared, and is nicely situated upon De la Street, immediately in rear of Mr. Guthrie's residence.

Terms—One-fourth cash, and the remaining three-fourths in three equal annual instalments, with interest at 7 per cent., secured by mortgage upon the property.

For further particulars apply to Thomas W. Saunders, Solicitor for the Vendors, or to

W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer.

Guelph, May 11, 1874.

GREAT

CLEARING SALE

OF

WALL PAPER, &c.

Enlargement of Premises

Owing to increase of business, Mr. J. Anderson is desirous to enlarge his premises, and before doing so will sell off his immense stock of Wall Paper, Books, Stationery, &c., at

GREATLY REDUCED PRICES

Call at once and secure bargains while they are going on.

ANDERSON'S

BOOKSTORE,

Wyndham St., Guelph.

RETURNED TO GUELPH.

D. TRIPP

Begs to inform his old friends and the public that he has returned to Guelph and opened his

Root and Shoe Store on West Market Square,

Near to Pallister's Hotel.

He begs to thank them for past favours and hopes to continue to receive their patronage.

D. TRIPP, do

Guelph, April 27th.

SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE.

For sale, several first-class Sewing Machines, different makers, all new and cheap for cash. Apply at the Mechanics Office.

FERGUS BOOK STORE.

The subscriber, in thanking the public for past favours, begs to inform the public of a new arrival of

Fancy Goods and Books,

Stationery and School Books,

Wall Paper, very cheap

and

Window Blinds.

AGENT for the WEEKLY MERCURY AND ADVERTISER, Sunday School Time and Working. Also, any Book or Magazine ordered at the shortest notice. Call and see for yourself.

Remember the Stand, next door to the Post Office, Fergus. WM. M. SMELLIE, Fergus, Dec. 10th, 1873.

TWO COUNTRY MERCHANTS.

Store and Dwelling for Sale

An excellent opportunity is now offered in the Village of Treacastle, on the Town Line between Wallace and Maryborough, and within one quarter of a mile of the W. G. & B. railway, 2 miles from Palmerston and from Hustonville, in the centre of a rich, agricultural country.

The main building is 30 by 42, two storeys high and well finished throughout, with kitchen in the rear, storerooms 18x24, stable 30x24. There is half an acre of land, which is well filled with fruit trees and shrubbery. Parties purchasing to keep the post office. This is a decided bargain.

For terms apply post-paid to the proprietor, James Shields, or to J. R. Hamilton, Agent, Palmerston.

Possession given at once.

Guelph, April 20, 1874.

New Advertisements.

CHEAP, STYLISH, DURABLE

BURR & SKINNER'S

NEW FURNITURE WAREROOMS

A Splendid Assortment of

FANCY CHAMBER SETTS

Of New and Handsome Designs

Imitations on Walnut, Chestnut and English Oak, all beautifully ornamented, made of the cheapest and most stylish furniture people can put in their houses.

Call and See them at once.

ALSO, ALL KINDS OF FINE FURNITURE, UPHOLSTRED GOODS, Spring Beds and Mattresses, cheap as the cheapest.

Come to the New Warerooms for Bargains in Furniture.

Manufacturers and Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Furniture

Mayfield

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REMOVAL.

G. B. FRASER

Has removed directly opposite his old stand, where he has opened with a brand new stock at much lower prices than could be bought earlier in the season.

G. B. Fraser is too modest to advertise that he is selling much cheaper than those who make a great blow. Still facts are stubborn chieftains, and a discerning public pronounce Fraser to be the cheap store to deal in.

G. B. Fraser gives his old friends a cordial invitation, and invites all who wish to save money to call and see his new stock.

G. B. FRASER.

Wyndham Street, opposite his old stand.

Guelph, May 16, 1874.

Co-Operative Store.

NEW ARRIVALS!

SATIN STRIPE GRENADINES; THOMSON'S GLOVE FITTING CORSETS; AMERICAN BLACK LUSTRES; JOB LINE DRESS GOODS; ASHTON'S DARK FANCY PRINTS; LACE CURTAINS,

TABLE LINENS, COTTON TWEEDS, HOSIERY AND GLOVES, STRAW HATS, FELT HATS, CARPETS, TICKINGS, SHEETINGS, PARASOLS, LACES, SHAWLS.

Boot and Shoe Department fully assorted.

CLOTHING MADE TO ORDER.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co.

GUELPH May 9, 1874

FRESH ARRIVALS DAILY!

5000 Cocoanuts,

100 Boxes Oranges,

50 Boxes Lemons,

10 Barrels Pine Apples,

FOR SALE TO THE TRADE AT CITY PRICES.

HUGH WALKER,

Wyndham-st., Guelph.

Guelph May 5, 1874.

GREAT CLEARING SALE

OF

FURNITURE

AT

MITCHELL & TOVELL'S

Warerooms, next door to the Post Office.

A large assortment of first-class Furniture to be rushed off in the next few weeks, consisting of

Parlor Suites, Bed Room Setts,

Dining Room, Hall,

AND ALL OTHER KINDS OF FURNITURE.

Parties may rely on getting cheap bargains. TERMS CASH.

MITCHELL & TOVELL.

Guelph, April 20, 1874.

IMPORTANT

SALE OF PIANOS

The Committee appointed to dispose of the Pianos at the manufactory of

JOSEPH F. RAINER,

WEST MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH,

Will offer them at a considerable reduction on cost on reasonable

TERMS OF CREDIT.

The stock consists of about

40

First-class Instruments!

Similar to those shown at the last Central Exhibition, and for which he was awarded the first prize.

They are equal in compass of tone, finish and durability to the best instruments of any of the celebrated manufacturers, and as such an opportunity seldom occurs, parties in want of pianos would do well to avail themselves of it.

An inspection invited.

A competent person will be on the premises, near Mr. John Harris's, who will show the instruments.

Guelph, March 18, 1874.

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R. CRAWFORD'S

SALE

Watches,

Clocks, and

Jewelry

Will only last till the 1st of June, when the stock will be transferred.

STILL ON HAND

Some Fine Gold Watches, \$100;

Fine Silver Watches, all prices;

CLOCKS AND JEWELRY IN EVERY VARIETY.

All who want such articles will save money by purchasing from me, as I will give bargains such as cannot be had again for some time.

Call early and judge for yourselves. Store next the Post Office.

R. CRAWFORD, dw

Guelph, May 5, 1874.

DOMINION BOOT AND SHOE STORE

SPRING STOCK

OF

BOOTS AND SHOES

FOR

Mens', Womens', Misses and Children's Wear.

We meet the demands of the times with the best goods and the lowest prices.