

DESPATCH FROM THE DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM.—The Government of Nova Scotia has received a despatch from the Colonial Secretary, in reply to minute of Executive Council protesting against Confederation.

Legislature of Ontario.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Richards, the House went into Committee on the Bill to amend the Free Grants and Homestead Act.

Hon. Mr. Carling moved the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture, Horticulture, Arts and Manufactures.

Mr. Wood moved the second reading of the Bill respecting Tavern and Shop Licenses. He proposed to make the Provincial duty on tavern licenses, in cities, \$16 instead of \$7.

Mr. Gow said he was in hopes that the Treasurer would have abstained from introducing this Bill, considering the petitions which had flowed in against it.

The following officers were then elected by ballot:—Mr. Charles Walker, President; Mr. G. B. Fraser, 1st Vice President; Mr. George Howard, 2nd Vice President; Mr. E. Newton, Secretary; Mr. Geo. W. Sandilands, Treasurer.

THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE.—The Peace Conference at Paris opened, according to agreement, on Saturday.

As all the Great Powers are anxious to preserve peace, it is reasonable to suppose that some sort of compromise will be forced upon both belligerents.

MONUMENT TO THE LATE LORD ELGIN.—This monument is destined for the Cathedral of Calcutta, and has been executed at the expense of the Government, in memory of the services of the late Earl of Elgin and Kincardine.

Out at the end of the Central Pacific Railroad track they have a complete blacksmith shop permanently fixed on a wagon.

Guelph Mechanics' Institute.

The annual meeting of the Guelph Farmers and Mechanics' Institute was held in the Town Hall last evening.

REPORT.

In submitting their report for the year 1868, the Committee of the Guelph Mechanics' Institute has pleasure in testifying to its continued success and usefulness, and to the liberal support extended to it by the public.

Your Committee repeats the acknowledgment of former committees to David Stirling, Esq., M. P., and P. Gow, Esq., M. P. P., for donations and Parliamentary papers; and to the Proprietors of the Guelph Herald, Advertiser and Mercury, and the Elora Observer, for the delivery of their respective papers free of expense.

A valuable donation of a complete edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica, consisting of fifty volumes, has been made by James Anderson, Esq., of Springbank, Painsich, to whom as a slight acknowledgment an honorary membership of the Institute has been presented.

Your Committee has much pleasure in acknowledging the great obligation which the Institute owes to Dr. Howitt for lectures formerly delivered, and now more particularly for the course of class lectures on chemistry upon which he has recently entered, and which are a source of both instruction and pleasure to those attending them.

The Treasurer, Mr. E. Newton, submitted the financial statement, which is as follows: To balance from January, 1868, \$286 82; Subscriptions, 384 00; Government grant, 100 00.

By paid for printing, Herald, \$2 08; Mercury, 2 00; Advertiser, 2 00; Wood and cutting, 20 75; Periodicals, T. J. Day, 56 21; R. Cuthbert, 4 50; Oil and lamps, J. Horsman, 6 23; W. Beattie, 2 50; W. Fraser, 2 95; Savings Bank, 200 00; Deputy Librarian, 2 00; Express charges and postage, 3 18; Bank, commission on Government grant, 0 35; Chemical apparatus, 60 00; Salary for Deputy Librarian, 225 00; Balance on hand, 181 14.

Cash in Bank, \$178 50; on hand, 2 64; \$181 14

A resolution was moved by Mr Howard, seconded by Mr D. Savage, to the effect that the resolution adding to clause No. 3, that all ex Presidents of the Institute be ex-officio members of the General Committee, be rescinded, which was carried.

Moved by Mr Howard, seconded by Mr McLagan, that no resolution appropriating any of the funds of the Institute for any purpose other than the ordinary expenditures of the Institute shall be passed without at least one month's notice of the same. Carried.

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18,000,000 DOLLARS.

The Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company has accumulated a capital of over EIGHTEEN MILLION DOLLARS, and has arrived at the extraordinary condition where the income from Annual Interest alone is more than sufficient to pay all its losses.

SOCIAL AND CONCERT IN GUELPH TOWNSHIP.—The annual social and concert in connection with the School in sec. No. 4, Guelph Township, of which Mr. Hamilton is teacher, was held on Wednesday night.

The large schoolroom was filled in every part, the audience being mostly young people belonging to the section, to which was added a fair sprinkling of the youth of both sexes from Guelph.

Mr. Hamilton discharged the duties of chairman. After abundance of excellent tea and refreshments had been served by an efficient corps of waiters, the evening's entertainment, which was mainly of a musical character, was commenced and kept up with spirit until a late hour.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate.

Thursday, Jan. 14th.—Thomas Hoban was brought up on complaint of Thomas Powell, who charged defendant with having assaulted him on Wednesday morning, at Powell's tavern, Waterloo Road. Thos. Moss, the first witness called, said that he saw four men quarrelling at Powell's. They broke the window at the top of the door, and one of them kicked some vulgar names.

Cross examined.—I saw defendant with the pall in his hand when I went out, and I told him I would strike him if he threw it. I had the poker in my hand at the time. My son ran out with a cordwood stick, after he was kicked, and threw it at the party. I can't say whether prisoner drank his hot whiskey or not.

Chas. Bolden, a teamster in the employ of Mr. J. W. B. Kelly, was charged by the Chief Constable with immoderate driving through the town, and fined the usual penalty of \$1 and costs.

BIRTHS.

Gow.—At Guelph, on the 14th inst., the wife of James Gow, Esq., Inspector Inland Revenue, of a son.

New Advertisements.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

The subscriber has to intimate that during his absence in England all orders left at the shop will be promptly attended to as usual. Parties indebted to him will please call at his house and settle as early as possible.

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TEA MEETING

On Monday Evening, Jan. 18, Commencing at 6 o'clock. After tea addresses by several speakers, and appropriate music by the Church Choir may be expected.

THE BOUND VOLUME FOR 1868

British Workman Infants' Magazine Children's Friend Band of Hope Sunday at Home Leisure Hour

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Each book should contain from 127 to 200 pages, similar in size to ordinary Sabbath School books, and may contain two or more distinct narratives.

The manuscripts must be written in a clear, legible hand, and to be forwarded to the publishers not later than the end of March, 1869. The award will be made the first week in May, by Professor Daniel Wilson, LL.D., University College, who will kindly undertake to examine the MSS. Each package must be accompanied with an initial and address of the author, and those not chosen will be returned.

Any further information may be obtained from the publishers. JAMES CAMPBELL & SON, Toronto, Dec. 30, 1868.

THE GREAT BLANKET SALE AT A. O. BUCHAM'S WILL BE CONTINUED THIS WEEK.

BOARDING. Parties requiring board can be accommodated with good bedrooms in a first-class Boarding House, situated near the Post Office.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE. For sale, a house and lot. Terms, easy. Apply personally, or by letter.

BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES. CHURCH-ST. - - - GUELPH

MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open (D. V.) on the 4th of January, 1869.

ACCOUNT BOOK LOST. A large account book on Tuesday evening between the Market House and Sleeman's Brewery, Waterloo Road. The finder will be rewarded on applying to DAVIDSON & CHADWICK, General Agents, Guelph.

NEW BUTCHER SHOP. The subscriber has opened a new Butcher Shop on the London Road, near the Guelph Marble Works, where he is prepared to sell Beef, Mutton, Pork and Lamb as cheap as it can be bought in the market sheds.

ANNIVERSARY SERMONS & TEA MEETING. SERMONS to commemorate the opening of the new Congregational Church, in this Town, will (D. V.) be preached on LORD'S DAY, JANUARY 17, 1869.

REV. E. T. BROMFIELD, Late Minister of Holloway Congregational Church, London, England. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock, by

REV. W. CAVAN Professor of Theology in Knox's College, Toronto. Collections on behalf of the Church Building Fund, will be made at each service.

TEA MEETING. The Annual Tea Meeting will be held On Monday Evening, Jan. 18, Commencing at 6 o'clock.

Tickets, 25 Cents. May be had at the stores of Messrs. A. Thompson & Co., J. McNeil, and at the door. Guelph, Jan. 12. d2 w1

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On and after the 2nd of January the Books will be closed, and during the sale Goods will be sold only FOR CASH.

WILLIAM STEWART, Wyndham Street, Guelph Dec. 30th, 1868.

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