

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

Rev. Vicar-General Kelly, of Kingston, died on Thursday.

Messrs. Mitchell and Cotton have got the contract for excavations at the deep cut on the Welland Canal.

Westward, Ho! is to be the name of a new paper which will shortly appear at Ottawa, in the interests of emigration.

The Lord Mayor of London has called a public meeting for Tuesday, in aid of the British expedition for the relief of Dr Livingstone.

Lady Franklin has offered a reward of £2,000 for the recovery of the records of the Erebos Terror, supposed to have been deposited in King William's Land.

EDUCATION IN SWITZERLAND.—In Switzerland there are 7000 elementary schools, conducted by 6000 masters and mistresses. They are visited by 400,000 pupils. Further, there are 276 secondary schools and 46 seminaries for the education of Teachers.

It seems that the ashes of Columbus, which have already made almost as many voyages as the living navigator, are to be again disturbed. The Havanese, who have had possession of the mortal relics of the discoverer of America since 1746, propose to remove them to a new cemetery, and erect over them a suitable monument.

The expedition organized by the Royal Geographical Society of England, to seek for Dr Livingstone, will, it is expected, speedily overtake the American expedition headed by Mr Stanley, who appears to have become involved in disturbances with the natives. It is stated that the last letter received from Dr Livingstone was dated May 30, 1869, from Ujiji, Lake Tanganyika. In June, 1870, the British Government granted \$5,000 to supply fresh stores and men to Livingstone, which were sent into the interior by the consul at Zanzibar. A native in charge of a portion of these stores is reported to have received a letter from the Doctor, dated Oct 15, 1870. It appears probable that he is detained in the interior against his will.

Rosa D'Erina's Concert.

This talented vocalist gave a concert last night in the Town Hall to a very good audience, considering the extreme coldness of the night. She was accorded an enthusiastic welcome, and well sustained the high reputation which she has so deservedly earned on this continent and in Europe. Not only is Rosa D'Erina a splendid vocalist—having a rich, sympathetic and highly cultivated voice—but she has a thorough appreciation of the sentiment contained in the words as well as in the music, and gives full and legitimate force to both. Her introductory remarks are short but in excellent taste, and serve to connect her programme into one beautiful whole. Her illustrations of the different kinds of music—sacred, classic, operatic, &c.—were admirably chosen, and rendered with much effect, which is greatly heightened by her naturalness and simplicity of style. We might mention especially her rendition of "Angels ever bright and fair," "Home, sweet Home," "Comin' thro' the Rye," and the exquisite serio-comic Irish songs "Kate Kearney," "Kate's Letter," and "Barney O'Hea," the last of which was given with a spirit which was irresistible. As a true and accomplished interpreter of the music of many lands, we have heard no equal to Rosa D'Erina for many a day, and this is the secret of her great popularity and success. We are glad to know that she will give a second and last concert here next Wednesday evening, when we are sure she will be greeted by a very full house.

THE GUELPH MERCURY comes to us in a new dress, and presenting a handsome appearance. The Mercury is a credit to Provincial journals, and its success is a marked illustration of the worth of enterprise, care and industry in this department of business. We wish brother James the continued prosperity which he so richly deserves.—Hamilton Standard.

ENTERPRISING.—The Guelph Mercury comes to hand, this week, in an entirely new dress, and looks the better of it. Its enterprising proprietor is determined to keep pace with the times, and he deserves, what he is undoubtedly receiving, a handsome return in new subscribers, for his very heavy outlay.—Fergus Lightning Express.

The Guelph Mercury is coming to us enlarged and improved in appearance. It deserves success, and is evidently obtaining it.—Globe.

THE GUELPH MERCURY, one of our best exchanges, is out in new type, looking as gay as a fresh blown rose.—London Advertiser.

THE GUELPH MERCURY has put on a new dress, which is very becoming.—Brentford Courier.

There is a German lager beer seller in New York who has not been outside his place of business for several years. He has grown so enormously stout from beer and indolence that he could not possibly be got through the doorway; and as he will be obliged to leave the place in May, the question with his friends now is whether to reduce him by training or to enlarge the doorway.

The wife of a sick man, living in Saginaw County, Michigan, shouldered her husband's axe, went into the woods and manufactured two hundred hoop-poles and then drove seventeen miles to market, in an open sleigh, with the mercury nine degrees below zero, to sell them. The mill fires had burned up their stock of axes, and the sickness of the husband had made the family destitute.

Advices from the Cape of Good Hope represent that rich discoveries continue to be made in the diamond fields. Among others, two diamonds have been found of 1,000 carats each.

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES BY TELEGRAPH

Pacific Railroad Blockade.

German Evacuation of France. Terms Almost Completed. Rare Opportunity for Speculators. Fifty Millions between Napoleon and Royalty. United States and Cuba. Spain "Howls Down" Annexation.

Omaha, Jan. 25.—Reports from the stations along the Union Pacific Railway show indications of the worst blockade of the winter at Rawlins.

New York, Jan. 26.—A special cable despatch says that Thiers is endeavoring to secure the complete evacuation of France by the German troops, and Prince Bismarck has given his consent on condition that three milliards of francs be paid earlier than previously agreed upon. The announcement stimulates the tobacco monopoly project.

During the recent crisis Thiers said to Gen Crissay that if Napoleon had fifty million francs he would be in power in fifteen days.

In the Spanish Cortes Diaz Quentera said that it was quite time to annex Cuba to the United States, and he was howled down by the whole House.

Ontario Legislature. Toronto, Jan. 25.

Hon Mr. Scott moved that Messrs. Ardagh, Boulton, Boulton, Fitzsimmons, Farlee, Prince, Clarke (Wellington) Perry and Fairbairn do comprise a committee to consider the resolution adopted by the House yesterday respecting the charges made by Mr Cameron concerning the resignation of Mr. Wood, but in consequence of some objection made by Mr. M. C. Cameron, it was put it as a notice of motion.

Mr. Rykert enquired of the Ministry whether they were prepared to recommend His Excellency to offer a substantial reward for the apprehension and conviction of the murderers of Thomas Scott.

Mr. Blake—They are.

In answer to a question Mr Blake said it was not the intention of the Government to deal with the Municipal Loan Fund this session.

Mr. Lander moved, "That a select committee be appointed to enquire into the truth or falsity of certain statements contained in numerous sworn affidavits published in certain newspapers, to the effect that one Lewis, acting in concert with others, and who was recently a Government Inspector of lands in the Townships of Melancthon and Proton, in the county of Grey, had during the last election for said county represented to the inhabitants of said townships that he was authorized by the Government to state that if the voters of Proton voted against Mr Lander, one of the candidates, they should have the full benefit of the low estimate which had been made of the value of their lands, but not otherwise."

The said committee to enquire into the circumstances connected with the alleged improper interference of said Lewis in said election, and the authority on which he so acted. Such committee to report the result of such enquiry to the House, together with the evidence taken by them. The committee to have power to send for persons, papers, and records."

Mr Scott (Grey) seconded the motion.

Mr Blake asked the hon gentleman if he would produce the affidavits.

Mr Lander said he would not.

Mr Blake—then the Government does not consent to the alteration of the motion. The motion as put was out of order, because it was not the same motion of which he had given notice.

After some discussion the motion was allowed to stand as a notice.

Mr J. S. Macdonald moved for an address for the name of all parties or firms holding timber licences in Ontario, on the first of January.—Carried.

NORTH BRIDGE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this Society was held at Harrison on the 16th. The receipts for the year were \$1182.64 and the expenses \$1106.61 leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$75.93. The following officers were then elected for the year:—James Cross, President; John Prain, 1st Vice; Peter Robb, 2nd Vice; Robt. Mitchell, Secretary; R. Gordon, Treasurer; Auditors, J. Draper and — Goodall; Directors, Sydney Smith, Arthur; M. B. Moore, Minto; T. B. Patterson, do; A. G. Markle, do; Wm White, Luther; A. Buschen, Arthur; T. G. Smith, Mt. Forest; Thomas Garbutt, Peel; R. Hay, Maryboro; Representative to Agricultural Association, Geo. Murton, of Guelph. It was agreed that the membership fee be \$1 up to 1st June and \$2 from that date up to the day of the show, and that non-subscribers pay \$1.50 for each entry, also that the annual dinner be held this year at Markle's Hotel and the meetings of the Directors at Allan's Hotel.

MINTO AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this Society was held at Markle's Hotel, Harrison, on the 12th. The receipts including \$101.34 cash on hand from previous year, were \$204.02. The following officers were elected:—President, John Darroch; Vice-President, Robert Scott; Auditors, H. C. Kaye and James Young; Secretary-Treasurer, R. G. Lambert; Directors, G. Preston, W. Bride, T. B. Patterson, J. Prain, R. Head, J. Frenchie, G. Bodpath, J. Moore, J. Lang; Special Directors, J. Fallis, Thos. Dunbar, T. McLellan, A. Johnston, M. Patmore, A. Montgomery, B. Mitchell, D. Stoble, A. Patterson, J. McLelland, B. Wright, W. Cairns, J. Connell, P. Fife, J. Haight.

Rev Morley Punshon delivered a most interesting lecture in the Wesleyan Church, Quebec, on Tuesday night last, to over 2,000 hearers, of all creeds, on "The Mayflower; or, Pilgrim Fathers."

The loss involved in the publication of a daily religious newspaper in New York is said by Mr Dougall to be at the rate of \$36,500 per annum; which shows that the majority of New Yorkers are so good that they don't require religious reading of that sort, or so bad that they want try it.

DIED.

Lowry, in Guelph, on the 24th inst, Catherine, wife of Mr. W. Lowry, late of Mr. R. Ruthford's, aged 38 years.

The funeral will take place from his residence, York-shire street, near Robert's Ashery, to-morrow (Saturday) at 2 p.m. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend without further notice.

A deserted shop in Pittsfield, Mass., boasts of an anvil that has done duty for more than three hundred years, and it is as sound to-day as it was in 1533, when Ellwood Pomeroy wielded the ponderous horse-shoes for the Stuarts.

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AT WHOLESALE Splendid Quality and Cheap

AT JOHN HORSMAN'S Country Merchants

Would study their own interest to purchase of JOHN HORSMAN

New Advertisements.

A NEW BUSINESS IN GUELPH. WILLIAM HANS, has rented the barn on the premises lately occupied by Messrs. Gowly & Stewart, Woolwich street, where he will supply all parties in want of HAY, STRAW, FEED, OR WOOD, in quantities which they may require, and deliver the same in any part of the town. WM. HANS, dit

TEACHER WANTED.—A legally qualified Teacher wanted immediately for School Section No. 3, Eramosa. Apply personally, or by letter, to THOMAS CARTER, Eramosa P.O.

SITUATION WANTED as Salesman in a Wholesale or Retail Store, either Dry Goods or Groceries. Would assist at the books and make himself generally useful. Is competent to take charge of a store in the country. Has the best of references. Apply to A. B. Mercury Office, Guelph.

BAZAAR PRIZES ON EXHIBITION AT PETRE'S DRUG STORE.

Tannery for Sale or to Rent This Tannery, on Surrey Street, Guelph. Possession given on the 1st March. Apply on the premises to JEHU CLARK, Proprietor. 19dw

Two Servant Girls Wanted Immediately A Rockwood Academy, Wages Liberal. Apply at this office, or to A. McMILLAN, Rockwood Academy. 15dw

Berkshire Boar "John A." THE Subscriber begs to notify the breeders of Swine that he has purchased the above Boar, imported from England by George Bonch, Esq., of Hamilton, which will serve sows this season. Terms \$4 cash. Pedigree as stated by Sampson out of Swinton 1, by 2nd Duke of Glouster; dam Sniper 1, out of Bobtail 1, by Tom Whittler. W. A. BOOKLESS, Royal Hotel Guelph, Dec 8, 1871. Proprietor. 15dw

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Hotel Keepers and Families supplied with pure Brandy, Stuns, Gins, Wines, Old Irish, Scotch and Canadian Whiskeys from the best distilleries.

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SOUTHERN EXTENSION Notice to Contractors

TENDERS are invited for the construction of the Southern Extension of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway

FROM LISTOWEL In the Township of Wallace, TO LUCKNOW

In the township of Kinloss—a distance of 42 miles. Plans and Specifications may be seen at the Offices of the Company, Canada Life Assurance Buildings, James street, Hamilton, on and after the 27th inst.

Tenders marked "Tenders for Construction of Southern Extension," addressed to the Secretary, will be received up to noon of Friday, the 16th of Feb., 1872

W. McCULLOCH, W. McGUIVERN, Secretaries. Hamilton, Jan. 27, 1872. 4d.

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To Hand, another Lot of New Crop Teas, comprising all the favorite kinds in

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Choicest Java Tea 75 cts. per lb. Extra Fine Young Hyson 75 do A splendid Mixed Tea 50 do

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PEOPLE naturally go where they can get the Best Selection of Goods, the best value for their money, and the best attention and the consequence is that, while others are complaining about dull times, &c., we are as busy as ever, selling away at our Dresses, Millinery, Shawls, Jackets, &c. &c. THIS WEEK, we will show a remarkably cheap lot of Beautiful Silk Finished Black Lustrous, bought at a great bargain about six weeks ago, the prices are 20c, 25c, 30c, and 40c, and they are not equalled in this town at a much higher figure. We are also clearing out this week another lot of Choice Fancy Dress Goods at 12c. per yard. Still on hand, a good selection of PURE WHITE and Fancy Clouds, of every kind.

REMEMBER THIS, LADIES! Our stock is all new, and composed of First Class Goods of every description. We must have the best Goods produced in the British and Foreign Markets in order to give our customers satisfaction.

N. B.—The recent advance in Cotton Goods will not affect our prices for the present, as we have a large stock on hand. Come and see.

A. O. BUCHAM, Fashionable West End Dry Goods Store, Alma Block.

LUMBER

NOTICE WE the undersigned, beg to inform the public that we have sold out our Lumber Yard on Upper Wyndham Street to

MESSRS. DOUGLAS & BANNERMAN, And as they have been in our employment for a number of years, we have much pleasure in recommending them to the public as our successors.

AND we also beg to inform our numerous customers that our business will hereafter be carried on

At the GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY STATION Where we will as usual, wholesale and retail. Guelph, Jan 16, 1872 dw

Gowdy, Stewart & Co.

NEW MILLINERY SHOW ROOMS PUBLIC CAB.

MISS ELLIS BEGS to inform the public that she has just received a fresh lot of

Millinery Goods IN ALL THE LATEST STYLES, and respectfully solicits an early call.

One door east of the Royal Hotel Guelph Oct 5, 1871. do

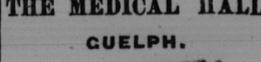
THE Subscriber begs to inform the people of Guelph that he has purchased a handsome and commodious Cab, which will always be at their service. He will be at the Railway Stations on the arrival of all trains. Parties wishing to hire by the hour or otherwise will be charged the most reasonable rates. As he will make it his study to see to the comfort of all passengers he hopes to receive a share of public patronage. Orders left at the Express Office, Mr Hugh Walker's, and at the Post Office will be promptly attended to. JOHN DUGAN, do Guelph, Sept 4, 1871

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