

Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE ..... MACDONNELL STREET

SATURDAY EV'NG, MARCH 6, 1869.

PUBLIC FOLLY AND ITS PRICE.

The people of Canada seem destined to pay sweetly for the folly of sustaining the present Dominion Government at the last election. We have always held—and do still—that the verdict in their favor was obtained fraudulently; that the country was deceived by the political chicanery by which Sir John A. Macdonald secured McDougall, Howland and Sandfield McDonald, and by the false cries of the "Union in danger," and the pitiful whine for "a fair trial." But this does not alter the result. Thousands of the people of Ontario—who now regret it as much as anyone—were led astray by the wily schemes of the Tory leader, who found himself for the first time, on the assembling of the Dominion Parliament at Ottawa, with a Conservative majority from his own section. Taking all the Provinces together the Government started with a large support—at least two to one—a fact, we fear, pregnant with no little evil to the Dominion and its interests. How this majority was secured matters not. The first test vote showed that Sir John had secured it, and the results were not long in manifesting themselves.

Finding themselves thus backed up, the old Coalition leaders commenced to carry on the affairs of State with a high hand. Not simply did they forget all their fine promises during the elections about starting our new governmental machinery with economy, and release into that system of waste and extravagance which brought the late Province of Canada to the very verge of bankruptcy more than once; but reckoning on the subservience of their Tory pliancy, they have as a Government rode on the top of their commission—in some cases induced Parliament to abdicate its functions, and in others trampled upon its privileges, if not tampered with its independence.

Things have altered since Confederation became an accomplished fact. Before that time, Messrs. Macdonald and Cartier—reckless though they were—were kept somewhat in check by fears of a Parliamentary defeat. But this restraint is wanting at present. The political twins—as John A. once called Cartier and himself—now consider themselves omnipotent, treat their colleagues as so many ciphers, and the old system of Coalition misrule goes on at Ottawa as during the palmiest days of their official life.

The course of the Government has been such as to darken the Dominion's prospects. Besides commencing Confederation with unnecessary extravagance in creating thirteen Public Departments, they have caused Parliament to launch into expenditures as if they conceived our Finances could bear any strain, and there was no end to the resources of the country. Everybody complained of our heavy public debt before Confederation, and was well aware how desperate were some of Mr. Galt's expedients to make both ends meet. But notwithstanding this, Mr. Ross's Budget last year showed an increase of about \$5,000,000 in our annual expenditure! After making due allowance for contributions from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, these figures exhibit quite a startling increase. The Government obtained a vote of \$15,000,000 for the Intercolonial Railway, and having taken it by the roundabout and costly route, they will certainly require five or ten millions more. Mr. Cartier, burning to show his zeal as Minister of Militia and gratitude for his Baronetcy, demanded and got \$5,000,000 to be expended on useless fortifications, to be erected nobody knows where, and composed of nobody knows what. These Ministers induced Parliament to commit itself to the payment of a large and indefinite sum for the purchase of the supposed rights of the Hudson's Bay Company. During our first session the Coalition proposed measures which will involve an addition of at least \$35,000,000 to our indebtedness! This is an increase of over fifty per cent. upon the whole public debt with which the Dominion started.

It may be said that some of these expenditures had to be incurred. But this is no excuse for the numberless items which so swelled out Mr. Ross's estimates, nor will it answer the question: where is the Dominion to find money enough to meet its largely augmented expenditures? The British North America Act is all very well in its way, but it could not of itself increase the wealth or paying power of the different Provinces, and knowing that Confederation would of necessity cause increased outlay, the Coalitionists ought to have practised the strictest economy, instead of rushing into a reckless waste which threatens to endanger the fabric of the Union, and plunge us into a sea of financial difficulties.

The manner in which Macdonald and Cartier treat the present Parliament is well exemplified by their course on the Intercolonial Railway. They thought so meanly of their supporters, as to propose early in the first session that Parliament should abdicate its functions, by legislating away its right to say which route should be selected, and to the everlasting disgrace of the majority of the House, they carried their point. A vote more utterly subservient was seldom ever given by a Legislative body, and we have only to mention the words "North Shore," to bring to mind how the Government has abused the power which they thus obtained. By their manoeuvring, the Govern-

ment may have prevented a break-up of the Cabinet on the railway question, but they have saddled the country with several millions of increased cost, and for the longest and most useless line proposed. Those supple representatives who gave Sir John A. Macdonald the power to betray us to the Province of Quebec in this matter, and sacrifice our interests to keep himself in office, will have a long account to settle when they come again before the electors.

We proposed to show how the Coalition were tampering with the independence of Parliament, by referring at some length to the increase of placemen and office-seekers on its floor. But we defer such remarks, to point out the increased burden which Sir John's "conciliation" of Mr. Howe will entail upon the Dominion exchequer. That bargain is nothing more or less than the price for which Mr. Howe agrees to ground his arms, and go into the Coalition ship. It is simply a sop, given not because of any real injustice done to Nova Scotia, but mainly to enable Mr. Howe to "back down" from being an Anti-unionist, and creep snugly into office. And for this, the rest of the Dominion will have to pay Nova Scotia nearly \$1,200,000 as an increase of its debt, and \$30,000 of a subsidy! These are large sums, but like the \$25,000,000 or so voted by Parliament last session, the Coalition seems to regard them as mere trifles. We may be wrong, but we fear before many years—possibly before the present Government runs out its reckless course—when all these heavy expenditures have accumulated, and their full strain is felt upon our finances, the Dominion will be staggering under its load, and the people borne down by oppressive taxation.

We hope our fears may prove groundless. But in view of the way affairs are being managed at Ottawa, certainly the future of the Dominion is not without clouds and shadows. Could the present parliament be expected to overthrow the existing Government if serious danger menaced the country, the case would not be so bad. Could we even hope that the supporters of Sir John and Cartier would demand from them more caution and economy, there would be room for some hopes. But with the exception of the Reform Opposition, there is at present no check to Coalition recklessness. The supporters of the Government have proved themselves utterly subservient; one crack of the leader's lash and they are down on their marrow-bones at once. We fear, therefore, the people of the Dominion will have to drink the cup of their folly at last election to its dregs, unless some merciful circumstances should arise to cut short the Coalition's dangerous career.

**The Lawyer Again in Labour.**  
"Townsmen" favored the public through the *Advertiser* last night with another of his rare lucubrations, as a reply to our little lecture on Monday. The delineation of the writer's characteristics was then given so accurately, that some acknowledgment was to be expected. But instead of quietly accepting the picture and thanking us for drawing it, our semi-professional "writist" inflicts on us and on a suffering public nearly two columns of the most grotesque nonsense which ever mortal strung together. We have seen and heard of "Townsmen" assuming many roles, but we were not before aware that he was so accomplished a clown and merry-andrew as this "last production" proves him to be. We are sorry to think that this incoherent string of balderdash betrays the existence of a slight streak of insanity in the writer, which if not checked may be followed by serious consequences. Still, there is some method in his madness, for the one idea that seems to haunt him is the shadow of some tall, thin individual with a black bag, which persistently dogs his steps wherever he goes, and seems to be the impersonation of some accusing spirit, bringing ever up to his recollection things which he would fain forget. We understand that a private meeting of his friends was held last night, when, as no one could make the slightest sense of his jests, it was agreed to send it to some learned philologist for analysis. Meantime a resolution was passed, appointing a deputation to wait on "Townsmen," as soon as he has recovered from the exhaustion consequent on penning this extraordinary epistle, and remonstrate with him in thus perilling the last shred of his reputation by writing such letters. It was also agreed that the Editor of the *Advertiser*, who is to head the deputation, should intimate to him in plain terms that unless in future he tried to put a glimmering of sense in his productions the columns of that paper would no longer be at his command. We wait the result of the interview with anxiety.

BIRTHS.

CHRISTIAN—On the 2nd inst., the wife of Henry Christian, Esq., new Edinburgh, of a daughter. MIDDLETOWN—In N. York, 24th Feb., the wife of Mr. James Middleton, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

JOHNSON—WILKINSON—At Guelph, on the 2nd February, by the Rev. Mr. Sibley, Baptist Minister, Mr. John G. Johnson, eldest son of Joshua Johnson, Esq., Lindsay, Ont., to Kate, eldest daughter of J. Wilkinson, Esq., Proprietor of the Guelph *Advertiser*. MAORAKAS—GOWEN—By the Rev. Robert Torrey, on the 14th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. David Macfarlane to Miss Margaret Jane Gowen, ill of the Township of Guelph.

CAMERON—McDONNELL—At Harrison, on the 3rd inst., by the Rev. George McLennan, Mr. Neil Campbell, to Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr. Neil McDonnell, ill of Wingo.

DIED.

McKENZIE—At Drayton, on the 23rd ult., Mrs. Ann McKenzie, wife of Mr. McKenzie, Mount Forest, aged 25 years. HAMBLY—At Drayton, on the 26th ult., James Alexander, son of W. S. Hambly, Esq., aged 2 years.

New Advertisements.

SPEED LODGE NO. 180, G. R. C.

The next Regular Meeting of the above Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall on TUESDAY, the 9th day of MARCH, at half-past 7 o'clock.

M. CUTHBERT, Sec. March 6.

NEW SABBATH SCHOOL BOOK.

JUST PUBLISHED.

THE MORNING STARS.

A collection of Religious Songs for Sunday Schools and Home Circle. This book of religious songs for children was undertaken because the authors could find no book which appeared to them to be well adapted for the use of Sunday Schools, and the choir of children, whose musical instruction they have in charge. Great care has been taken in this selection that the words might faithfully reflect the sentiment of the music as well as equal it in the elevation of tone. Prices in boards, 25 cents; paper, 20 cents. Sent post-paid on receipt of price. Oliver Ditson & Co., publishers, 277 Washington-st., Boston. Charles H. Ditson & Co., 711 Broadway, N.Y. dw

TOWN OF GUELPH.

LUMBER

Tenders will be received at this office until the hour of 3 o'clock p.m., on

MONDAY, 15TH OF MARCH, INST

For furnishing Lumber at—per 1000 feet, inch-measure, for the current year, viz:—

Two-inch Plank and 4 x 4 inches scantling for sidewalks; and four-inch plank 12 inches wide for crossings—all 12 feet long.

Also, four-inch plank for bridges, 10 feet long, and not more than 15 inches wide.

All said lumber to be good, sound pine, subject to the inspection and rejection of the Road and Bridge Committee, and to be delivered as required in any part of the Municipality, under their direction.

By Order, JAMES HOUGH, Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Office, 6th March, 1869. d 1w

Daily Advertiser to copy one week. Heraldic insertion.

CAUTION.

LOOK TO YOUR ASHES.

If having been represented to us that certain parties having no connection with our firm are in the habit of gathering Ashes, by using our name without our authority,—this is to caution the public against these impostors. If we hear of this work being repeated we shall prosecute the guilty parties according to the full extent and rigour of the law. In future the waggon from our factory will have our names upon them.

HARLEY & WORSWICK, Guelph, March 5, 1869. Late Robert's Ashery.

REMOVAL

PARKER'S

CARRIAGE FACTORY

THE SUBSCRIBER in returning thanks for the liberal patronage he has received during the past five years in the Carriage and Waggon Making business, begs to inform his customers and the public that he has removed to the premises of Mr. JAS. ARMSTRONG, in

In Rear of O'Neil's Hotel, AND FIRST SHOP WEST OF COULSON'S HOTEL, ON

MACDONNELL STREET, AND close to the Grand Trunk Passenger Station, where he will continue to manufacture

CARRIAGES, BUGGIES

AND LUMBER WAGGONS, of the best material as usual, and in the best possible style.

Repairing in all its Branches as Formerly.

He respectfully solicits a call from all old customers and the public in general.

ROBERT PARKER, on 4th, March 4, 1869.

THE QUEEN'S HOTEL,

West Market Square, Guelph.

J. MILLER, Proprietor.

THIS FIRST-CLASS HOTEL has recently been opened and fitted up in a style to meet the wants of the TRAVELLING PUBLIC, and to accommodate all the comforts and convenience of a home.

Particular attention is paid to the Table, which will always be furnished with all the delicacies of the season.

FIRST-CLASS SAMPLE ROOMS FOR COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS, with

LIVERY STABLE

Attached to the Hotel to meet the requirements of all permanent as well as transient customers.

Guelph, March 5, do 11

BOYS WANTED.

Four steady boys wanted to sell the EXPRESS MERCURY. Apply at this office.

FACTORY FOR SALE OR LEASE.

A good Factory for sale or to let. Apply to S. BOULT, Quebec-st., Guelph, Guelph, Novem 19, 1868. dw 11

GREAT WESTERN HOTEL.

JOHN BEWEE, Proprietor.

The subscriber having lately leased the above Hotel, could respectfully inform his friends and the travelling public generally that he has thoroughly renovated and refurnished the premises throughout, and is also making other improvements which will render it a more comfortable and agreeable place for the accommodation of guests according to note in 1868. The table will always be supplied with the choicest of the market articles, and the bar with pure liquors and the best brands of cigars. Satisfying will be left no stone unturned to ensure the comfort of all who may favor him with their patronage. Extensive stabling attached, equipped and accommodating 200 horses. An attentive hostler always in attendance. Stages to all parts of the country call at this hotel daily.

Guelph, 24th February. dw 11

ENTIRE HORSE FOR SALE.

For sale on reasonable terms, that well known and valuable horse, NAPOLÉON ELISE, coming eight years old, stands 16 1/2 hands high, well built and of superior action, one of the best roadsters in the country, and a sure stock getter. May be seen on the premises of Mr. John Hamilton, Lot No. 17, 14th Concession, Guelph. Parties applying (if by letter post paid) will please address to Luther Post office, Guelph, February 11. dw 11

BLACKSMITH SHOP FOR SALE OR TO LET.

A Blacksmith stand in the village of Osprey, 12 miles from Guelph, on the Erie Gravel Road, with half an acre of land, good buildings and well fenced. For further information apply to the undersigned, or at the Mercury Office, Guelph, Ont., M. M. HESMAN, Blacksmith.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.—All parties indebted to the subscriber, either by note or book account, will please call and settle at once to save cost.

WILLIAM HEASMAN, Blacksmith, Osprey, Feb. 21. dw 11

GRAND CONCERT.

Complimentary to

MISS JENNIE FRASER

A grand Complimentary Concert to Miss Jennie Fraser, under the patronage of the

Lieutenant-Colonel and Officers of the 30th Battalion,

will be given in the Town Hall, Guelph,

On Thursday Ev'g, 11th March.

Artists of the highest distinction have kindly offered their services.

Tickets Twenty-five Cents.

Guelph, 25th February. do

GREEN APPLES,

AT WALKER'S.

DRIED APPLES,

AT WALKER'S.

ORANGES AND LEMONS!

AT WALKER'S.

POTATOES!

AT WALKER'S.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR

AT WALKER'S.

White Cornmeal

AT WALKER'S.

Oatmeal & Flour

AT WALKER'S FRUIT DEPOT,

Opposite English Church.

Guelph, Feb. 19. dw

OYSTERS.

Go to Mr. WALD'S

OYSTER ROOMS!

Where you can get your OYSTERS in first-class style, and Mr. R. McCRUDEN will make you a Tom and Jerry that is

A TOM AND JERRY,

Or anything nice in his hand style. The best brands of choice

WINES, LIQUORS, AND CIGARS!

ALWAYS ON HAND.

Guelph, 25th Feb. 121

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the Co-Partnership heretofore existing between Alexander Thomson, Samuel Shaw and George Murton, junior, under the style and firm of A. THOMSON & CO., in the Town of Guelph, was dissolved this day by mutual consent.

The business in future will be carried on by Samuel Shaw and George Murton, junior, under the style and firm of SHAW & MURTON, who hereby agree to settle all claims against the old firm of A. Thomson & Co., and are hereby authorized to collect all debts owing to A. Thomson & Co.

ALEXANDER THOMSON, SAMUEL SHAW, GEORGE MURTON, Jr.

Witness, CHARLES GRUNDY, 4 Guelph, February 21, 1869. dw

THE Subscribers in returning thanks

to the public for the liberal patronage bestowed on the late firm of A. Thomson & Co., would beg to state that they intend carrying on the business as heretofore, at the Guelph CLOTH HALL, and shall be happy to have a call from their old friends.

SAMUEL SHAW, GEORGE MURTON, Jr. Guelph, Feb. 24, 1869. daw 11

SALT, SALT

200 Bags Coarse Liverpool SALT.

100 Bags Fine Liverpool SALT.

500 Barrels American SALT.

At JOHN A. WOOD'S. Guelph, Feb. 19. dw

IN THE SURROGATE COURT

OF THE COUNTY OF WELLINGTON.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Judge of the Surrogate Court, after the expiration of twenty days from this date for the appointment of the undersigned to be guardian of the infant children of George Hough, deceased.

JAMES HOUGH Guelph, 25th February, 1869. do

SAP BUCKETS.

1,000 Dozen SAP BUCKETS.

At JOHN A. WOOD'S. Guelph, Feb. 19. dw

EDUCATIONAL.

MRS. WM. BUDD,

Organist of the Congregation Church,

Begs to inform her Pupils and friends that her School will re-open MONDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1869. she will also be prepared to give Private Lessons on the Organ, Piano and Melodeon. Residence: Norfolk Street, Guelph. dw 11

JUST RECEIVED, THE NEWEST STYLES OF HATS & CAPS AT THREE GUELPH CLOTH HALL, WYNDHAM STREET. SHAW & MURTON. Guelph, March 4, 1869.

No. 2, 200 Sap Buckets, No. 2, At E. CARROLL & CO'S, No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

No. 2, 1000 Bbls SALT, No. 2, At E. CARROLL & CO'S, No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

No. 2, 1000 Bags SALT, No. 2, At E. CARROLL & CO'S, No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

No. 2, Tons Paris and Caledonia PLASTER, No. 2, At E. CARROLL & CO'S, No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

No. 2, CLOVER & TIMOTHY SEED, No. 2, At E. CARROLL & CO'S, No. Day's Block, Guelph.

Guelph, March 4, 1869. dw 11

NEW GROCERY STORE!

WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH.

BUY YOUR

GROCERIES

At J. & D. MARTIN'S.

Messina Oranges, & Lemons,

Tunis Dates, Good Cooking Apples

Teas from 50cts. to \$1 per lb.

Dome Lead, Raisins, Currants, Taylor's Mustard,

CROSSE and BLACKWELL'S JAMS, &c.

J. & D. MARTIN

Have now on hand the largest and best assortment of

China, Crockery and Glassware

In Guelph. Call and examine our Stock before purchasing elsewhere.

J. & D. MARTIN.

Guelph, March 2.

1869. 1869.

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NEW GOODS.

301 Cases and Bales at the Golden Lion.

Now arrived at the BONDED WAREHOUSE, 301 Cases, comprising all of the

Newest Styles and Designs in Fancy and Staple Dry Goods,

And bought by our MR. CHANCE, with great care, in the FIRST BRITISH MARKETS, and direct from the Manufacturers, all of which will be specified out, and on inspection at our store here in the course of a week or so.

Our Business will be Conducted Strictly on the One-Price Principle

HOGG AND CHANCE.

Guelph, March 2, 1869. dw 11