## Guelph Evening Mercury At Ottawa on Wednesday

The Prorogation.

His Excellency the Governor Gen eral is playing to perfection the part of a constitutional ruler as defined by modern practice, which is that the Montreal and the river connties, while nearer the head of the State can approach to a merely ornamental ap. proach to a merely ornamental appendage the better. Yet, whilst the duties of the Governor Gen-eral are to a great extent mere-ly formal, there are crises-for-tunately few-when he has the opportunity of rising above the position of a mere ministerial monthpiece, and of proving himself strong enough and wise enough to deal with great national emergencies like a statesman. The orisis which Lord Dufferin had to face yesterday was one of these, and it was hoped

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have great faith in the policy of delay. They know that the rush and whirl of events, and of pressing personal interests, in this hurrying age, tend to thrust the most important pub-lic events into the dim background; and theythink by persistent obstruction to weary men of the very name of the Pacific Scandal. They may easily ac-complish the latter result; but we have confidence in our countrymen's slubborn sense of justice; their zeal-ous love for the fair fame of their country; and even should the Minis-try succeed in obtaining the largest possible respite, they will find next May that the people have not forgot-ten, and cannot be diverted from their determination like a child with a new toy. It was, no doubt, very clever of Sir John to tell his followers not to come to Ottawa, and then put forth their absence as a rea-tor for succeening but he will not followers not to come to Ottawa, and then put forth their absence as a rea-son for proroguing, but he will not find the people of Canada as pliable in his hands as was Lord Dufferin. Such a manifestation of national in-dimention at took place at the acquiral

THURSDAY BYENING, AUG. 14, 1878 The Reform Memorial The attendance of strangers in th ted in the House was quite unpreceden both Sarnia and Gloucester, N.B., had their representatives in the galleries

DIED TEPHENSON-At Guelph, on the 12th inst., Jane, the beloved wife of Mr. William Stephenson (at J. B. Armstrong & Co's), aged 32 years. The funeral will take place on Friday, at It a.m., to the Ebenezer Church Burying Ground, Nassagaweya. Friends and ac-guaintances are requested to attend without further notice.

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