

THE LATE SESSION.

The session of the Legislature of Ontario which has just ended has been remarkable in two particulars; first in the moderation which marked the debates, and the calmness which reigned over the deliberations of its members; and second, in the small amount of legislation that has been done for the Province as a whole, and the large amount affecting private individuals or particular bodies.

To the desire to give the new constitution every opportunity of demonstrating its efficiency, and realizing the happy results that were anticipated from it, the first of these characteristics is to be attributed. Reformers and Conservatives alike knew that they were experimenting with certain legal machinery, the suitability of which many had not hesitated to question, and that it behooved them to exercise the utmost caution. Thus it came to pass that if there was not always concerted action between the government and the Opposition (as it is not to be supposed there would be), there were far fewer contests for party predominance, far less bitter personal strife, far less of recrimination, and a great deal more forgetfulness of self and mindfulness of the country than we have witnessed for years. The harmony which we have beheld during the session is certainly a good omen for the future. The two subjects of our loudest complaint under the union between Upper and Lower Canada were the incessant wrangling of parties for sectional or personal aggrandizement and power; and the extravagant expenditure of the public money. Under Confederation the first of the grievances has been removed, and so long as Confederation and the Local House stand so long will we have no cause of complaint on this point, for there are now no diverse interests to enter into contention—what is for the weal of one inhabitant of Ontario is for the weal of all. Our Local Legislature has thus demonstrated its ability to perform what the old House of Assembly could never hope to accomplish, that is, to deal fairly with local questions, and to fail in carrying through any measure having reference to the Province, not from an opposition rendered strong and bitter by jealousy, but because of a firm, logically deduced conviction on the part of a majority that the measure would not be of benefit to the public. But again, on the second point, no person can with truth say that the Ontario Legislature has not shown the strictest regard to economy. Indeed their administration of the finances might almost assume the name of parsimony, but after the extravagance of former governments which loaded the country with an immense debt, we will be disposed to say that if Sand, Macdonald's government has shown a failing on this particular point—like the shortcomings of Goldsmith's curate, it leaned towards the side of virtue. It is much better to have money in the chest than to be obliged to go borrowing, and receive a snubbing before we receive the cash. One other consideration before we leave the first part of the subject. One House has proved itself fully competent to perform all the legislation necessary for Ontario. It is not at all probable that any more work would have been done, or that any of the measures which have lately passed would have been materially modified had they been subjected to the criticism of a Legislative Council. The other Provinces have two Houses, and we do not know that they are as well satisfied with their legislation as we are. They have more pomp and form than we have, but they bid fair to spend considerable more money.

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of the Regiment will give a

PROMENADE CONCERT

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On Tuesday Ev'ng, March 10,

In aid of the Band Fund of the 50th Battalion.

SEVERAL AMATEURS

of Guelph, have kindly consented to assist on the occasion.

Price of Admission: Reserved Seats, 50c; Body of Hall, 25c.

Tickets to be had of the Officers of the Battalion and at the door.

For further particulars see Program and Guelph, March 2, 1868.

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NOTICE.

HAVING sold out my stock at "Bradford House" and Book-accounts to Mr. Philip Bish, all parties indebted to me on book account will pay the amount to Mr. Bish.

GEORGE JEFFREY, Guelph, 5th March, 1868.

WITH reference to the above, I have much pleasure in stating that I have purchased the whole stock in trade, also the book accounts, &c., of Mr. Geo. Jeffrey. The business will be carried on as formerly in all its branches, trusting for a continuance of that patronage which was so liberally bestowed on my predecessor. For further particulars see future advertisement.

P. BISH, N.B.—All accounts not satisfactorily settled will be placed in first court for collection. Guelph, March 5th, 1868.

TOWN OF GUELPH.

STEAM FIRE ENGINE.

WANTED, a competent person to take charge of and manage a Steam Fire Engine. Applications for the office will be received until the 31st day of March next. For further particulars apply at the Town Clerk's Office.

JAMES HUGHES, Town Clerk. Guelph, March 4, 1868.

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