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Business Cards.

F. STURDY,

House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter

GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.

Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. f27-dwly

ROYAL HOTEL LIVERY STABLE.

The subscriber begs to notify the public that he has purchased the above livery from Mr Geo. W. Jessop, and will continue the business as heretofore. Having made considerable improvements, he will be able at all times to meet the wants of the travelling public. First-class Turnouts ready at the shortest notice.

Guelph, 6th Dec. dtf W. J. WILSON.

O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL,

IN THE

QUEEN'S HOTEL, GUELPH, OPPOSITE THE MARKET.

Refitted in the latest fashion. Five latest styles Phelan Tables. do

DOMINION SALOON.

Fresh Oysters in every Style

The table supplied with all the delicacies of the Season in a first-class manner.

☞ At the Bar will be found the Choicest Brands of Liquors and Cigars.

DENIS BUNYAN,

Guelph, Nov. 21, 1871. do

SODEN'S PUBLIC CAB.

The subscriber having purchased Mr. D. Coffee's splendid Cab, begs to inform the public that it will be at their service at all times, either by the hour, the day, or any other way, at the most moderate charges.

It will attend all the regular trains, also Concert and Balls, and can be engaged for Marriages or Funerals on the shortest notice.

Order slates kindly permitted at Mr. Harvey's Drug Store, Parker's Hotel, and Hewer's Western Hotel.

A careful and steady driver always with the Cab. A share of public patronage respectfully solicited.

Orders may also be left at the Owner's Grocery Store, Upper Wyndham Street.

Oct. 19, 1871. dtf R. SODEN.

DUIGNAN'S PUBLIC CAB.

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.

Sept. 4, 1871. do JOHN DUIGNAN.

THE BEST HOTEL IN TOWN.

CASEY ALWAYS JOLLY.

The richest drinks best table, most comfortable beds, merriest company, and jolliest house in town at Casey's— The Harp of Erin Hotel, Macdonnell Street, Guelph. do

PARKER'S HOTEL,

—DIRECTLY—

OPPOSITE the MARKET, GUELPH

First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.

The best of Liquors and Cigars at the bar.

JAMES PARKER, Proprietor.

Guelph, Feb. 6, 1872. dwy

RAYMOND'S

SEWING MACHINES

Family Sewing Machine (single thread);
" Hand Lock Stitch (double thread)
" No. 1, Foot Power, " "
" No. 2, for heavy work;
Furnished with plain tables, half, or Cabinet Cases, as required.

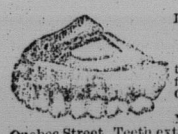
CHARLES RAYMOND,

GUELPH, ONT.

July 12, 1871 dwly

PRIZE DENTISTRY.

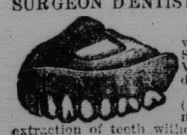
DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL,



Licentiate of Dental Surgery.
Established 1864.
Office next door to the "Advertiser" Office, Wyndham-st., Guelph.
Residence opposite Mr. Boult's Factory, Quebec Street. Teeth extracted without pain.
References, Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph. Drs. Buchanan and Philips, Toronto; Drs. Elliott & Meyers, Dentists, Toronto. dw

W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S.,

SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH.



Office over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham and Macdonnell-sts. Guelph.
☞ Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) administered for the extraction of teeth without pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable.
References kindly permitted to Drs. Herod, Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Keating, Cowan and McGregor, Guelph; W. K. Graham, Dentist, Brampton. dw

ELECTRO AND CARRIAGE-PLATING SHOP.

The undersigned begs to inform the public that he has purchased the business of the late E. J. Robinson, and that he intends to carry it on in all its branches. Prices, &c., as usual. Small articles plated from 15 cents and upwards. Country orders promptly attended to. He has also moved his

New Machine & Repairing Shop

To the same premises, where all orders in that line will be promptly attended to.

JOHN KIRKHAM,

Guelph, Jan. 10, 1872 dtf

THORP'S LIVERY STABLE

STILL IN OPERATION

AT THE OLD STAND

First-class horses and rigs can be had at all hours by applying at the Stable, opposite the Grand Trunk Railway Station.

JAMES A. THORP.

Guelph, April 5th, 1871. vl

TANNERY FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

The subscriber will either sell or rent his Tannery, on Surrey Street, Guelph. Possession given on the 1st of March. Apply, on the premises, to JEHU CLARKE, Proprietor.

Guelph, Jan. 9, 1872. dw

New Advertisements.

SITUATION WANTED.—As salesman in a Dry Goods Store. Can speak both German and English. Twelve years experience. Testimonials can be produced, and security given if required. Address X. Y. Z., Ayton P.O. dt8

F. H. PASS,

Painter, Glazier and Paper Hanger

All orders promptly attended to.

RESIDENCE—Two doors above St. Andrew's Church.

Guelph, Feb. 26, 1872 d3m

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!

To lend, at reasonable rates, on security of real property, in sums to suit borrowers.

Apply to GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN.

Guelph, Dec. 27, 1871 3md

WAGGON MAKER WANTED IMMEDIATELY.—Good wages and steady employment to a competent man. Apply to James Laing, Blacksmith, Morriston. dwtf

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN.—Convenient to the Great Western station, Lots 53 and 54 being corner Lots well fenced and a good dwelling house on each lot, with stable and pump. For further particulars apply to JAMES McDONALD on the premises or at this office. Title perfect.

Feb. 22-1mdw

LOTS FOR SALE IN THE TOWN OF GUELPH.—Lots from 9 to 22, being the front, on the Elora Road of the Catholic Church Glebe, in lots to suit purchasers. For terms and particulars of sale, apply to Messrs. McMillan & O'Connor, Barristers, Nos. 8 and 9, Day's Block, Guelph. j19-dw

LOOK HERE.

Owners having horses suffering om Ring Bone, Bone Spavin, Blood Spavin, Curbs, Splints &c., can have these enlargments effectually removed in a very short space of time and at small expense by applying to

JOSEPH HIRSCH Union, Hotel.

Guelph, Jan. 31st, 1872. dw1m,

GRAND

VOCAL and INSTRUMENTAL

CONCERT!

A Grand Vocal and Instrumental Concert will be given in the TOWN HALL,

On Wednesday, 28th Feb'y,

—BY THE MEMBERS OF—

Lawrence's Silver Cornet Band

Assisted by several First-class Amateurs, as well as others from a distance, who have kindly volunteered their services.

The proceeds of the Concert are to be devoted to paying off the balance due on the New Uniform purchased last fall.

The patronage of the public is solicited.

The Concert will be conducted by Mr. T. H. TAYLOR.

Price of admission to all parts of the Hall, 25 cents. Front seats reserved for Ladies and Gentlemen accompanying them.

Doors open at 7.30; concert to commence at 8 o'clock, sharp.

Gentlemanly ushers will be in attendance.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Guelph, Feb. 23, 1872 dtd

CASH FOR WOOL, HIDES, SHEEP-SKINS, CALF SKINS, and WOOL PICKINGS.

The highest market price paid for the above at No. 4, Gordon Street, Day's Old Block, Guelph.

Plasterers Hair constantly on hand for sale at D. MOULTON'S,

Guelph, Feb. 3, 1872. dwy

POOR MISS FINCH AT DAY'S BOOK STORE.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY.

The sixth annual meeting of the Guelph St. Patrick's Benevolent Society, will be held at the Albion Hotel, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th inst., at 7:30 p.m., for the election of officers, and the transaction of other business.

By order of the President.

E. O'CONNOR, Secretary.

Guelph, Feb. 21, 1872. d4w1

DAMAGED RAISINS.

Special to the Trade.

We have another consignment of the Damaged Valencias coming in, which we expect to arrive about the 28th.

Some of our friends having been disappointed in not having their orders filled from the former lot, and this being the last lot we will receive, we would intimate that all orders will be filled in the order in which they are received, no precedence being given to any. All therefore who are desirous of securing any would do well to send in their orders early.

PATERSON & Co.

Guelph, Feb. 24th, 1872. d1w

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the Partnership heretofore existing between Hugh Harley, Adam Murchy and Frank Harley is this day dissolved by mutual consent, Adam Murchy having sold out his interest in the said firm to Wm. Heather. All Parties indebted to the said Firm are requested to make payment to Harley & Heather, who will discharge all the debts of the said Firm and continue the business as heretofore.

HUGH HARLEY.
ADAM MURCHY.
FRANK HARLEY.

Witness—Jas. Dobbie.

Guelph, Feb. 26, 1872. (d5w1)

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TUESDAY EVEN'G, FEB. 27, 1872

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Grand Trunk Railway

Trains leave Guelph as follows:

WEST

4:22 a.m.; 9.50 a.m.; 6 p.m.*; 8:30 p.m.†.
*To London, Goderich, and Detroit: †To Berlin.

EAST

3:15 a.m.; 7:30 a.m.; 11:04 a.m.; 3:45 p.m.
The 1.55 p.m. and 6.50 p.m. trains are cancelled.

Great Western --- Guelph Branch

Going South—6.50 a.m., 1.05 p.m., 1.40 p.m. for Hamilton; 4.55 p.m.

Going North—11.45 a.m. for Clifford; mixed 1.15 p.m. for Clifford; 4.55 p.m. for Fergus; 9.05 p.m. for Fergus.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

WORKING MEN'S CLUB.—The Working Men's Club have now got their reading room in order, It is in the top flat of Day's Block, directly over Byrne's hat and cap store. The room has been nicely papered and furnished with desks, tables, chairs and all other conveniences. Quite a number of magazines, newspapers and other reading matter of an interesting character have already been provided, and though opened only a few nights ago, the room has been well patronized by the members. No better or more profitable way of spending the evening hours could be devised, and we trust the members will profit by the opportunity this afforded to them of attending to their mental culture.

PROFESSOR CUSHMAN'S JUVENILE CONCERT.—The Juvenile Class, taught by the above gentleman, consisting of 200 children dressed in costume, will give a grand concert in the Drill Shed, Guelph, on Thursday and Friday evenings, Feb. 29th, and March 1st. A new and beautiful stage has been erected for the occasion, showing the whole of the class dressed in their costume. Four large stoves have been placed in the Drill Shed to add to the comfort of those who may honor the entertainment with their presence, and we trust that the attendance will be in every respect encouraging. Admission 25cts; children under 10, 15cts. Front seats reserved for ladies and gentlemen accompanying them.

ENGLISH LETTER.—We lately received a letter dated 27th Jan. last, from an old friend, well and favourably known in this locality, Mr. Isaac Laight, late of Rockwood and now of Hingham, Attliborough, Norfolk, England, and from which we make a few extracts: "I see you have had lively times at Toronto, and I shall be anxious to watch the career of the new Government, &c. There has been very great anxiety about the Prince of Wales by *all* classes; you know he resides in this county, and I am sure the Queen has every reason to be proud of "Her People." *Republicanism is nowhere.* I have had great many applications for information about Canada. Two men left here on Monday. The farmers here are complaining of the scarcity of labourers, and the labourer is occupying a great deal of attention just now, by the upper class, as well as by the Government. We have had hardly any Winter, but plenty of rain. Primroses and Violets will be common on the banks on the south side of the hedges, but Canada is the place for fruit. The trees, I speak of apple, pear and plum, all look so stunted and so does the timber in the parks and plantations. P.S. The Church of England is also to be put on her trial, and to judge by this week's newspapers there were some great speeches delivered at Norwich by the disestablishment party.

The Late Bazaar.

To the Editor of the Mercury.

SIR,—I do not appear in print at the citation of the obscure individual who lurks in your columns, however, his anonymous effort at blackmailing, under your auspices, gives me an occasion to note the line pursued by the Bazaar Committee in litigated cases. It is obvious they are accountable only to the persons whose names are entered upon the prize-list; the names of these persons were publicly proclaimed, and to them the prizes have been conscientiously awarded; nevertheless in the event of any mistake occuring by inadvertence of printer or copyist, the Committee have handed to the doubtful claimants articles of considerable value rather than see their friendship disappointed. Only in one instance have they departed from this conciliatory policy in consequence of the gross misbehaviour of the applicant. This individual was coolly referred to the prize-list, and asked to declare what prize he was entitled to. But I have not to deal with the nameless individual, but with the editor who authorizes his publication. I will probably be told that your pages are open to all citizens. Open to citizens, I admit, but not to slanderers; open as channels of information, but not for purposes of defamation. In conclusion, I apprise you, that your tribunal is incompetent; there is a law in our land to which all may appeal who think themselves aggrieved.

Your humble servant, J. SHERLOCK.

Guelph, Feb. 27, 1872.

The Rev. Father Sherlock blames us for publishing the letter of "A Ticket-holder" in yesterday's paper, in which he complains of the management of the late Bazaar. We can only say that we did it from the best motive, and in order to give him and Mr. O'Connor an opportunity to make explanations, and clear the committee who had charge of the Bazaar of any imputation on their management. We conceived that the most satisfactory way to do this was to publish the charge and the reply. ED. MERCURY.

School Board.

The regular meeting of the School Board took place last Monday night. Mr Peterson in the chair. Present Messrs. Kennedy, Keating, Newton, Knowles, Inglis, McKenzie, Mitchell, Raymond, Stevenson, Harvey, Sharpe.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Chairman read a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Town Council, respecting the grant asked for by the Board for the purpose of erecting a Central School, to the effect that they were not in a condition to grant the sum asked for unless they were permitted by the Government to issue debentures for the amount.

REPORTS.

Mr Newton read the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the payment of several accounts.

Mr Knowles read the report of the School Property Committee, informing the Board of some repairs that had been effected in the schools. With regard to Mr Dunn's occupation of the Grammar School building, Mr Knowles stated that he (Mr Dnnn) was to leave the house by the 1st of March, and that they had granted him that time seeing that he could not secure a residence sooner.

Mr Stevenson read the report of the School Management Committee, recommending the procuring of maps, cards, rules and regulations for some of the schools.

The reports were all adopted.

Moved by Mr Mitchell, seconded by Mr McKenzie, that the Chairman and Mr Harvey be delegates from the Board to accompany the delegation to Toronto for procuring the sanction of the Government to issue debentures to raise a sum for the erection of a Central School. Carried.

Mr Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr Inglis, that in view of Miss Goodeve's having taken some higher classes, the School Management Committee be instructed to consider the subject of an increase of her salary. Carried.

The Secretary read an account from Mawhinney and Chase, amounting to $75 82, for repairs; also the report of the Principal of the High School, for the month of January 1872, showing the attendance to have been Boys, 45; Girls 48, and asking the Board to put him in possession of the High School Register of former years as well as other records, books, apparatus, &c., so that the pupils might be properly classified and the duties of the teachers facilitated. He also drew the attention of the Board to the fact that the late Principal was still occupying both the school rooms and residence.

The report was adopted, and the accounts referred.

The Board then adjourned.

Thorough-bred Stock.

We have much pleasure in chronicling further sales of shorthorn cattle. Messrs. Alex. Watt & Sons, Nichol, have now established for themselves a high reputation as breeders of Durhams, and have recently disposed of some of their herd to various agriculturists from other sections. We may mention Mr. Christopher Edmondson, Brantford, as having purchased a 2 year old bull, a 2 year old heifer and calf 2 months old at foot, for $675; Mr. Craig, Brantford, two 1 year old heifers and a heifer calf 10 months old, for $420; Mr. John Vallens, Beverly, one cow and calf 4 weeks old, $260; Mr. John Yule, Nichol, one cow and calf. Mr. James Laidlaw, Reeve of Guelph Township, has also established a herd of Durhams within the past twelve months; and, amongst other sales, has recently disposed of a bull calf to Mr. Robert Elliott, Paisley Block, for $90, and two very superior grade cows to the same purchaser for $160. Mr. William Whitelaw, Paisley Block, has sold a heifer calf to Mr. John Laidlaw, Paisley Block, for $100, and also the fine thorough-bred bull "Albert Edward," of the famous Snell stock, to Mr. James Auld, of Eramosa (see advertisement). Mr. Whitelaw has likewise purchased a splendid Durham bull "Confederation" (see advertisement). A reference to the advertising columns of the WEEKLY MERCURY presents unmistakable evidence of the abundance in this district of superior first-class animals from which purchasers may make selections to increase the purity and excellence of their herds.

We are greatly gratified to learn from Mr. Wm. Whitelaw that his recent fall purchases of sheep in Britain have more than exceeded his anticipations; indeed, so well pleased is he in this respect, that, we understand, he contemplates further importations of fine specimens of Border Leceisters of the celebrated Polwarth and other types.

The Proposed Issue of Debentures.

To the Editor of the MERCURY.

SIR,—I perceive by your report of the proceedings of the Town Council at their last meeting, that a resolution was passed authorizing the Mayor and Mr. Massie as a deputation to endeavour to obtain authority from the Ontario Government to enable the town to issue $50,000 of debentures "to provide funds asked for by the Board of School Trustees." Now if I remember correctly the Board of School Trustees only asked for $30,000, it would be very interesting to the ratepayers to know what is to be done with the additional $20,000 if the sanction of the Government is obtained to the issue of debentures, as the report of the proceedings do not show one word of explanation on the part of the mover and seconder of the resolution as to the reason for asking for the extra $20,000.

Yours respectfully,

Guelph, Feb. 26, '72. RATEPAYER.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Feb. 26.

A number of bills were read a third time.

Mr Scott (North Grey) enquired of the Ministry if any or what steps have been taken to define the boundary line between this Province and Manitoba.

Mr. Blake said there was no boundary line between this Province and Manitoba. The line was between the Province and the North-west, and Manitoba lay further to the west. Steps had been taken to obtain a definition of the North-west boundary of the Province, and a commissioner had been appointed for the purpose. It was supposed that the commissioner would shortly make his report, and then further steps could be taken.

Mr. Harrington enquired of the Ministry whether it was the intention of the Government to revise and consolidate the Municipal Law of Ontario.

Mr. Blake said it was the intention of the Government to devise a measure on that subject during the recess.

Dr. Baxter enquired of the Government, whether the Government intend, at an early date, to take into consideration the subject of providing an asylum for inebriates in this Province.

Mr. Blake said it had been already stated, in answer to another gentleman, that the Government had that question under consideration.

Mr. Clarke (Wellington) enquired of the Ministry whether they have had under consideration the advisability of introducing a measure during the present session which will impose additional restrictions upon the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Mr. Blake said the Government had no intention of preparing such a measure during the present session.

Mr. Sinclair rose to move, "That in the opinion of this House it is highly desirable that the Indian lands situated in this Province should be the property of the Province; that they should be under the control of this Legislature, and subject to the management of the Department of Crown Lands, like the rest of the Crown Lands, and that a portion of the surplus can be most advantageously expended in acquiring those Lands from the Indian Department."

The Speaker said that the motion was not in order, because it involved an expenditure of money, and this had not been recommended by His Excellency.

Mr. Blake said that it would not be expedient for the Government to expend public moneys on the Indian Lands in order that these lands might be enhanced in value. Without, however, prejudicing the matter, he might say that the Government would have no hesitation in entering into correspondence in order to procure the information Mr. Sinclair wanted; and then the House would be better prepared to discuss the subject.

Mr Sinclair withdrew his resolution.

Mr Scott (North Grey) moved for an Address for a copy of any communication made by the Secretary of State for the Provinces to the Commissioner of Crown Lands for Ontario since the 1st of January, 1869, touching the surrender by the Indian tribes of the tract of land known as the Ottawa and Huron territory.

Mr Scott (Ottawa) agreed to the motion on the part of the Government.

Mr. Robinson moved for an address for the regulations in respect to the returns to be made to the Treasurer by the Issuers of Tavern and Shop Licenses and of the moneys received by them for such licenses; and statement showing for the year 1871 the date of each return, and the date and amount of each payment from each issuer, and the date and final statement for the year ending 31st of December, 1871.

Mr. Mackenzie assented. The House was bound to do anything it could to stop the prevalence of drunkenness in the country. The fact that the Dominion Government derived a large revenue from the traffic was no reason why they should not try to check it. If this House stopped the consumption the number of distilleries would soon be lessened.

Mr. Boulter moved the adoption of the report of the select committee to whom was referred the resolution relating to the resignation of the Hon. E. B. Wood as Treasurer of the Province of Ontario.

Mr. Cameron pointed out the difference between his motion and the motion as amended, and said the matter had been taken out of his hands by the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Blake said that the member for East Toronto had misrepresented the charge in his motion. He read the original motion, and the motion as amended, and showed that the charge as against himself and the late Treasurer, remained unchanged. The hon. gentleman refused to charge any other member of the Government, and the charge against any other member was therefore struck out. The motion as to himself was in the very words of the original motion.

Mr. Lauder, seconded by Mr. Rykert, moved in amendment, that the report be not now received, but be referred back to the committee with instructions to subpœna and examine Mr. M. C. Cameron as a witness before said committee.

After a long and somewhat excited discussion, the House divided on the amendment, which was lost—Yeas, 18; nays, 48.

YEAS—Messrs. Calvin, Carling, Code, Fergason, Giffard, Lauder, McCall, McCallum, Macdonald (Cornwall), Macdonald (Leeds), McManus, McRae, Merrick, Monteith, Richards, Rykert and Tooley—18.

NAYS—Messrs. Ardagh, Barber, Baxter, Bethune, Boultbee, Christie, Clarke (Norfolk), Clarke (Wellington), Clemens, Cook, Craig (Russell), Crooks, Crosby, Deacon, Deroche, Fairbairn, Farewell, Finlayson, Galbraith, Gibbons, Gibson, Gow, Graham, Grange, Guest, Harrington, Hodgins, McCuaig, McKellar, McKenzie, McKim, McLeod, Monk, Oliver, Paxton, Perry, Prince, Robinson, Scott (Ottawa), Sexton, Sinclair, Smith, Springer, Webb, Williams (Durham), Williams (Hamilton), Wilson, Wood (Brant) and Wood (Victoria)—48.

During the debate after recess Mr. Blake was absent from the Chamber, and abstained from voting, as the question affected himself personally.

The main motion was then put and carried upon the same division.

DEATH OF AN OLD SETTLER.—The Hamilton papers announce the death of A. F. Begue, Esq., of Dundas. Deceased, (who has been a resident of Dundas for nearly 40 years), was a native of France, and was a relation and representative of the late Mon. Desjardins, the projector and builder of the Canal running from Burlington Bay to Dundas. Mr Begue has filled the office of Division Court Clerk for a number of years, and was also a Magistrate of the County.

BY TELEGRAPH

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

Latest from Mexico.

More Fighting.

Blockade on the Pacific R. R.

Lord Granville's Note.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—The steamer *Montana* arrived at this port to-day from Guaymas and Lopay. Despatches from Guaymas report the capture of Mazatlan by federal troops, but this is believed to be incorrect. The *Montana* did not touch at Mazatlan, and the last authentic report says that Pesqueira defeated the revolutionists under Marquez at Mocordo, in Sinaloa, but, on advancing next day, he was deserted by a portion of his force, comprising the late revolted garrison of Mazatlan, while still fighting the main rebel force, and was compelled to fall back on Mocordo to await reinforcements. The death of Gen. Diaz is regarded on this coast as a death blow to the rebellion.

Salt Lake City, Feb. 27.—The Union Pacific Railroad was again blockaded by snow yesterday. The storm is likely to close communication for some time.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The answer to the note of Lord Granville it is now said will be sent on Wednesday, but the contents of it will not be made public, Chas. Francis Adams having impressed on the State Department the necessity of keeping it a profound secret. This he regards as necessary to keep the public mind from being inflamed by newspaper reports. The answer will not much differ from what was indicated yesterday, and the reported offer to settle the whole question for fifty million dollars is likely to be acted on by the Government, if this mode of settlement is found practicable. A possible failure of the treaty creates the utmost consternation among the claimants before the British Claims Commission in this city, as a failure at Geneva would be the failure of every part of the treaty.

Scott Murder Case.

(From the Manitoba Liberal of Feb. 2nd.)

In town on Friday there was intense excitement owing to the resolution introduced by Attorney-General Clarke censuring the Ontario Government for expressing an opinion on this case. The Montreal Attorney launched out into vehement abuse of the Ontario members, and in fact everything Ontario. The resolution was introduced for the purpose of whipping in to the aid of the Government the disaffected French members, and the result no doubt had the desired effect.

During the debate Riel was lauded as being an "inoffensive" "brave man" and a "hero," and one of the purest and most virtuous of men.

Mr. Hay replied in a most excellent speech full of argument, administering to that self-conceited-patent-political-humbug-Clarke a severe castigation, at the conclusion of there was deafening applause in the galleries. This so enraged the Attorney, (Attorney-General Clarke,) that blue and almost bursting with venom he ordered the galleries to be cleared. The spectators were consequently turned out. We sympathise with some of them who were so unceremoneously kicked out at the bidding of one who, since his arrival amongst us, has been a curse to the Province. It must be provoking to see officers holding Her Majesty's commission in their pockets, and wearing Her Majesty's uniform, marched out of that house by a common policeman, at the instigation of one whose name stinks in the nostrils of respectable men in Manitoba. When we see such men as Donald A. Smith, the representative (or rather the misrepresentative) of the intelligent constituency of Winnipeg and Saint John, aiding and abbetting him in his villanies, and voting that British people ought not to be allowed the privilege of expressing even an opinion that the greatest of all crimes, murder, in a British Province should be perpetrated with impunity, we are inclined to believe that the sooner the Directors in England recall this man the better it will be for the Company on this side of the Atlantic.

Donald A. will soon find himself like Henry J. that he must wait until after the sun goes down to travel the streets of Winnipeg.

The Proton Committee.

The Proton Committee met on Monday and concluded the examination of Lewis. At the conclusion Mr. Prince said that so far not a particle of evidence had been adduced connecting any member of the Government with improper conduct in Proton, which was what they had to investigate. The investigation so far had been merely a fishing for evidence, and he wanted to know how much longer it was to continue. Lauder said he had no more witnesses to produce, and unless he could get Dwight to produce all his telegrams the investigation would be a failure. It was finally agreed to send to Grey for parties who had received and sent telegrams in order to obtain their consent to their production. The Committee adjourned to Thursday.

It is not true, as stated in some of the papers, that Farewell, who takes Pardee's place on the Committee, has only the reports of newspapers to rely upon for previous examination. A verbatim report of all the question and answers has been taken down by short hand writers, and written out in long-hand, and will be submitted to the House at the close of the examination.

POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq,

February 27.

Two tavern-keepers in Salem, named Fladd and Kelly, were charged with selling liquor on Sunday. The cases were adjourned till to-morrow.