

DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS.

The debate on the address lasted all day on Monday, and was kept up till two o'clock on Tuesday morning. It was characterized by both ability and moderation. Neither party seemed to have any desire to indulge the acrimonious spirit which was allowed such license in the old House of Assembly. The Address was such that objection could be taken to it only by the most captious, or by those determined at no matter what hazard to throw obstacles in the way of the Government. None of these were found, and while the debate was forcible enough to show a line of distinction between the Ministerial party and the Opposition, no desire was evinced to alter the determination frequently expressed to give the ministry "a fair trial" In the address men of both parties found something they could unhesitatingly approve, and anything that they could not readily endorse they were generous enough not to condemn precipitately. Perhaps the premier of Ontario has partially won his way to the favour, or at least to the more lenient consideration of Reformers by his expressed resolution to exercise the most rigid economy, and his unmistakable endeavours to redeem his promise. What ever opinion may be entertained with regard to the expediency or the usefulness of the Committee on Contingencies which has now no existence in the Legislature of Ontario, the intention of the Premier was laudable, and a man's actions are to be judged rather by the intentions which prompted them than by their results. He was under the impression that the Committee was a cause of extravagance, and as such he refused to organize it. It is well known, moreover, that the staff of officials is no larger than is absolutely necessary, and that no sinecures have been created for the benefit of favoring partisans. This great consideration, this testimony that ministerial protestations concerning economy and retrenchment were not all false and hollow formed the chief reasons no doubt why the opposition party said nothing very severe, why their resolve was still further strengthened to be courteous and generous even to a man who had given them reason to believe that he had turned recreant to his principles, but in whom might still be discerned some lingering traces of a tendency to political virtue.

THE HUDSON'S BAY TERRITORY.—A proposition to purchase the Hudson's Bay Territory has been submitted to the American Congress in a series of resolutions moved in the House of Representatives. These resolutions offer six millions of dollars to the Hudson's Bay Company in satisfaction of all claims. It is part of the proposition that the sanction of the British Government shall be first obtained to the transfer; and that being an impossibility it is not likely that the Hudson's Bay Company can do anything more with the motion than to use it as an argument for their own benefit in obtaining compensation from Canada. Any claim based on such a foundation can afford to be disregarded by Canada.

BANK OF COMMERCE.—The Guelph Branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce was opened yesterday in Mr. John Hogg's new block, corner of Wyndham street and East Market Square. Although this institution has been in operation for only a few months, yet it is doing a large business at the head office and at the different branches, and as its President and Directors are all men of large experience and high standing, it has already secured the confidence of every class of business men in the Province. Mr. George W. Sandilands, late of the Gore Bank, is manager of the Guelph Branch. A more judicious and excellent appointment could not have been made, for Mr. Sandilands has had a long experience in the local banking business, which is of immense advantage to him in acquiring a knowledge of the business relations and requirements of this district. His uniform courtesy, his more raised him high in the estimation of business men. Placed as he is now as manager of a branch of one of the best banking institutions in the country, we have little doubt but that it will soon receive a large share of public patronage.

THE BARLEY CROP.—A Detroit paper draws attention to the growing scarcity of barley in the American market, and to the unusual prices which it commands in consequence. The crop of barley throughout Canada and the United States seems to have been considerably lighter than in former years, and the greater part of the barley in the West has already been bought up and shipped to the Eastern markets. Barley is now worth \$3 and \$3.25 per bushel in Detroit. Count Bismark's yearly income, since he received the gift from the Prussian Parliament, is between forty and fifty thousand dollars. He lives very economically, and, according to a correspondent, said some weeks ago to Rothschild, and that he had no doubt that he would by and by, become a millionaire. Until 1865 he was heavily in debt. Wisconsin has paid over nine thousand dollars bounty this year for wild animals, whose skins are sufficiently valuable to lead hunters to purchase them. 5,000 lbs. of meat, 900 large leaves of bread, 4 chests of tea, and a quantity of currants, raisins &c., were distributed to the Toronto poor on Christmas eve by the St. George's Society. Hon T. D. McGee was recently asked to lecture before a temperance society in Montreal. He refused, on the ground that he had not given temperance a fair trial, but was doing so, and would then be able to speak from experience.

AMERICAN WATCHES.—Recommended by Railroad Engineers, Railroad Conductors, Express men and others requiring the use of an accurate, durable and reliable time-piece. See advertisement. Fashionable Wedding.—The Globe says: Yesterday, Mr. R. A. Harrison, M. P. for West Toronto, led to the hymeneal altar, Miss Scobie, the accomplished daughter of the late Hugh Scobie, Esq., editor of the British Colonist. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the venerable Archbishop Fuller and the Rev. Richard Harrison, M. A., officiated. The dejeuner, at the residence of the bride's mother, was very elegant; and the happy couple departed for New York by the train on the Great West.

Southern Relief.—The New York Tribune says:—"The South is to-day rich in land and poor in almost everything else. Part of her soil is badly cultivated, the larger portion unproductive, while her mines are unopened and her water-power runs to waste, because she has no capital wherewith to develop and improve them. The very best thing that men of means can now do for the South and for themselves is to invest liberally in the purchase of her lands.—They are amazingly cheap—often offered for less than one-quarter of their intrinsic value, yet offered in vain. Money wherewith to buy them is not found at the South; the few who possess it have too much land already. Families which hold a thousand acres of mainly good soil, but generally in bad condition, are absolutely harassed by debts of a few hundred dollars, and know not how to meet them. They try to borrow; but no one wishes to lend them; the security is good, but repayment is slow—those who made advances to Southern planters in 1865, expecting payment from that year's crop, are often awaiting it yet, with a cloudier prospect than that of two years ago. It is not possible to obtain loans in such amount as will afford sensible relief to the South; but real estate is now so low there that money can be invested to great advantage, even though the land were to lie idle and taxes be paid on it for the next two or three years. There is no question of willingness to sell; the owners must sell, or the sheriff will save them the trouble. At least a quarter of the soil of the former Slave States is in the market at low prices to-day. Some of it is as rich land as the sun ever warmed; far more has never yet been plowed to the depth of six inches, and though worn and exhausted on the surface, is deep and strong below. Men who would gladly revive the flagging energies of the South, lighten her miseries, and restore her to vigor and prosperity! take or send down your money and buy Southern lands!

AN AGREABLE CHRISTMAS PRESENT.—A young man, a New Yorker, named Benjamin Miller, was convicted in January last, of charges of embezzling letters from the post-office. He was sentenced to ten years imprisonment, but through the efforts of several distinguished people he was on Tuesday night last pardoned in consideration of his previous good character, and the fact that he had gallantly participated in thirty-eight battles during the late rebellion. The pardon was placed in the hands of the father of the convicted man the same night, who declared that it was the most agreeable Christmas present that could be given him.

SCOTCH WHISKEY, MALT WHISKEY, OLD RYE WHISKEY, COBBOURGH WHISKEY, at John A. Wood's. COMMERCIAL. Guelph Markets. MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, January 3, 1868. Flour, per 100 lbs. \$3 75 4 00 Fall Wheat per bushel, 1 55 1 65 Spring Wheat, do 1 40 1 45 Oats do 0 45 0 46 Peas do 0 60 0 66 Barley do 0 90 0 96 Hay, per ton 12 00 14 00 Straw do 4 00 5 00 Shingles per square 1 00 1 50 Wood per cord 3 00 3 50 Wool do 0 27 0 30 Eggs, per dozen 0 14 0 16 Butter (cream), per lb 0 16 0 18 Cheese, each 0 25 0 35 Turkeys do 0 80 0 80 Chickens per pair 0 20 0 25 Ducks do 0 20 0 30 Potatoes do 0 50 0 55 Apples per bushel 2 00 2 00 Lamb per lb 0 06 0 07 Beef do 4 00 5 00 Pork per 100 lbs 4 75 5 25 Sheep Pelts each 0 30 0 60 Lamb skins do 0 40 0 60 Hides per 100 lbs 6 00 6 60

MONEY MARKET. JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE, Guelph, January 3, 1868. Gold, 133 1/2. Greenbacks bought at 74 to 74 1/2; sold at 74 to 75. Silver bought at 44 to 44 1/2; sold at 44 to 45. Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 50c to 55c. Commercial Bank Bills bought at 50c to 55c. MONTREAL MARKETS. Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co's report by Special Telegraph to "Evening Mercury." MONTREAL, January 3, 1868. Flour—Fancy, \$7 70 to \$7 75; Superfine No. 1, \$7 40 to \$7 50; Welland Canal, \$7 25. Barley Flour, \$3 25 to \$3 65. Oats 42c to 43c. Barley 55c to 56c. Butter—Lain 16c to 19c; store packed 14c to 16c. Ashes—Pots \$5 45 to \$5 50. pearls \$3 55 to \$6 00. Flour small receipts, holders demand an advance owing to a rise in Britain; small sales at the improvement. Grain—wheat no advance, holders demand more money; Peas no sales.—Provisions—Pork unchanged; Hogs no buyers except at decline, sales \$3 50 to \$3 75 for light, medium average and six for heavy; Butter unchanged. Ashes still neglected.

TORONTO, January 2, 1868. Flour—Receipts, 184 bbls; No. 1, at \$6 85.—Wheat—\$1 53. Peas—75c. Oats—52c to 53c. Barley—55c to 61c. HAMILTON, January 2, 1868. Fall wheat, \$1 50 to \$1 55. Spring do—\$1 45 to \$1 50 per bushel. Barley—\$1 to \$1 25. Oats 50c to 55c. Peas—75c to 76c. BIRTHS. PERRY.—In Luther on the 23rd ult, the wife of Mr John Perry of a daughter. MARRIAGES. HISCOCK—Nicholson.—On the 25th ult, by the Rev R Potter, Mr Henry Hiscock to Miss Janet C. Nicholson, both of Ercotment. M'INTYRE—Hart.—On the 23rd ult, by the Rev J. M. Millar, Mr Nichol M'Intyre, of Arthur, to Miss Martha Hart, of Greenock. DIED. ROBERTSON.—At Equesting (near Norval) on Thursday the 26th ult, at the advanced age of 84 years, 9 months and 9 days, Isaac Robertson. Deceased was a native of Dull, Perthshire, Scotland. She left behind her 5 children, 20 grand children, and 19 great grand children.

A SAD CASE.—A sad case of destitution has been made public in New York. An English lady the widow of Mr. Boone, an actor of considerable ability, being reduced to the lowest depths of poverty and misery, poisoned herself and three children on Sunday last. It appears that the unfortunate lady lived in some poorly furnished apartment at Amity street, and here she and her three children were found, apparently in the agonies of death. They were conveyed to the hospital, and are still alive, though their recovery is doubtful. On being asked what had led her to commit such a dreadful crime, Mrs. Boone replied that she had been entirely deserted by her friends and was entirely destitute, and not being able to support herself and family, preferred that they should terminate their existence by poison rather than starve, which seemed the only alternative.

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JOSEPH HOBSON, CIVIL ENGINEER, P. L. Surveyor and Architect, has opened an office in Guelph, at Messrs. Davidson and Chastwick's, Town Hall Buildings, Guelph, Jan. 2nd, 1868.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS. ALL persons indebted to the undersigned are requested to settle their accounts with me before the 15th of JANUARY, inst., or they will be placed in the Division Court for collection. N. CROFT, No. 40, Wyndham-St. Guelph, Jan. 2nd, 1868. dw-t date

GUELPH TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. THE Annual Meeting of the above Society for the election of Officers for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of other business, will be held at BUNYAN'S DOMINION SALOON On Saturday, the 18th January, at two o'clock, P.M. JAMES LAIDLAW, Secretary. Guelph, 2nd Jan., 1868. \*Herald and Weekly Advertiser copy.

CATTLE STRAYED. STRAYED from the Grand Trunk Station, on the night of 31st December, eight head of cattle, marked C on the high hip. Any person giving such information as will lead to their recovery at O'Neil's Anglo-American Hotel, or to the undersigned, on the York Road, will be suitably rewarded. ROBT. COCHRANE Guelph, Jan. 2nd, 1868. dw-tf

LADIES' SCHOOL. MRS. WM. BUDD begs to inform her pupils and friends that the present vacation terminates on MONDAY, 6th January, 1868. 177 Norfolk Street, Guelph, near the Marble Works. Guelph, 31st Dec, 1867. 61w2

MEDICAL HALL, GUELPH. ESSENCE OF RONDELETIA! AN ELEGANT PERFUME for the Handkerchief and Toilet. Prepared by Breidenbach, Perfumer and Distiller of Flowers to Her Majesty. N. HIGINBOTHAM. Guelph, 24th Dec. 1867. dw

CORDWOOD for SALE IN GUELPH. GOOD, cheap Cordwood for sale at BROWN'S WOOD YARD. Woolwich Street, nearly opposite the Court House. Quantities from half a cord and upwards stored in any part of the town, by leaving the order at the wood yard. ALEX. BROWN. Guelph, 25th November, 1867. 60m

Apothecaries' Hall, MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH. JUST RECEIVED. A large supply of SYDNEY BROWN'S PERFUME WATCHES! Superior to either the "Russell" or "American" Watch, containing as it does a new and DELIGHTFUL PERFUME for the Handkerchief, unrivalled for the sweetness of its odour and lasting properties. Price Twenty-five Cents each. ALEX. B. PETRIE, Chemist, Market Square, Guelph, Dec. 7 1867. dw

MRS. HUNTER'S FANCY STORE, West Market Square. JUST received, a large lot of FANCY GOODS, all kinds, suitable for PRESENTS for Christmas & New Year's. She has the LARGEST and BEST ASSORTMENT in town of Berlin & Fancy Wools. Stamping for Braiding and Embroidery. MRS. HUNTER. Guelph, 11th Dec., 1867. dw

Wool, Hide and Leather DEPOT, No. 4, Day's Old Block, Gordon Street. THE UNDERSIGNED is prepared to give private lessons in English, Latin and Greek, either at his own house or the house of his pupils, two hours of each day. GEORGE GRAFFTEY. Guelph, 3rd January, 1868. COW LOST. STRAYED or Stolen from the Fair ground on Fair Day, a White Cow. Had small horns, and was in good condition. Any person returning her to the owner, or giving such information to me or at the Mercury office will lead to her recovery will be rewarded. WM. NAPPER, Lot 25, 3rd Concession, Nassagawaga, Guelph, 3rd January, 1868. GUELPH Classical & Commercial ACADEMY. THE undersigned begs to inform his friends and the public that his Academy will open On Wednesday the 8th Instant, in Day's large building, near the Market Square. Pupils will be thoroughly and expeditiously prepared either for Professional or Commercial pursuits. All ample accommodations for Boarders. Cards with terms, &c., to be had on application at the Academy. CHAS. WALKER. Guelph, 3rd January, 1868. EDUCATIONAL. YOUNG men wishing to form or join an Evening Class, will also find an opportunity of doing so. Terms reasonable. Applications left at Cuthbert's or Day's Bookstore will be promptly attended to by the PROFESSOR H. G. VON HOKAR. Guelph, 3rd Jan, 1868. Private Boarding. EXCELLENT accommodation and comfortable boarding can be had for five or six gentlemen. The house is only three minutes' walk from the Market House. Apply to WM. DYSON, 25, Waterloo-st. Guelph, 3rd Jan, 1868.

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Fireat Alma Block

THE Subscribers beg to intimate to their numerous customers and the public that until larger premises can be procured the

RETAIL BUSINESS! WILL BE CARRIED ON IN THEIR

STORE IN DAY'S BLOCK, Where they hope to continue to receive the patronage of their friends.

The WHOLESALE TRADE WILL BE CARRIED ON AT

The Old "Advertiser" Office, East Market Square. JAS. MASSIE & CO. Guelph, 2nd January, 1868. daw tf

NEW HOOP SKIRTS. Newest Styles, for Ladies and Misses.

Another Lot of Cheap Blankets! Guelph, 31st Dec, 1867. A. O. BUCHAM.

No. 2, LOOK OUT For No. 1. Day's Block, Guelph. 12 lbs. PRIME VALENTIA RAISINS FOR ONE DOLLAR. All other FRUITS equally low. E. CARROLL & CO., Guelph, 23rd Dec, 1867. dw

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