

Opposition would have Resulted in Defeat.

The Government, of which Sir John is the head, can not actually glory in its strength. Several times since the House met it had to put its best foot foremost in order to maintain its position. In the Senate on Monday the dictation of their opponents to an extent scarcely less humiliating than in the Commons in the matter of the Centre Toronto election petition. Hon. Senator Christie moved for copies of all correspondence between the Government and Sir Hugh Allan, or any other person, re the Pacific Railway, also copies of any agreement entered into with Sir Hugh or any other person; also other particulars relative to stock list and shareholders necessary to a full understanding of the relations between Sir Hugh and the Government. The motion was yielded to very reluctantly by Senator Campbell for the Government, after having discovered that opposition would have resulted in defeat. Not even in the Senate can the Government feel assured of unflinching allegiance.

Defeat of the Government.

Our readers are aware that it is a standing order of the House that proposed election petitions require to be presented within fourteen days after the House meets. The rule is so plainly laid down that no person actuated by honest motives would raise an objection. But when some people get into tight places, they would swear black is white, and such has been the conduct of the Government on the petition against the return of Mr. Wilkes, member for Centre Toronto. The petition was not presented until the fifteenth day, and, of course, was objected to on the ground that it was contravening the established rule. Sir John, and others, argued that the fourteen days should run from the presentation of the Speaker to the Governor-General and organization of the House for business, and not from the day for which it is summoned. The speaker, in accordance with a previous ruling, held that the petition should be received. The House was appealed to, which overruled the Speaker and defeated the Government by a majority of 4 votes, the number being yeas 72, nays 76.

We record with pride the fact that there are men in the House, who, having supported Sir John until he has dragged them well nigh to the slough of despond, have determined to be no party to further acts of injustice, and have the manliness to tell the Premier so to his face. We begin to feel interested—the opposition are ascending—the country may yet be saved from one the most extravagant Governments that ever sat upon the Treasury benches.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

Among the petitions presented were several for the prohibitory liquor law, and one presented by Mr. Young (Waterloo) from the executive of the Canadian Press Association, praying for abolition of the postage on newspapers sent from the office of publication. The argument adjourned from Friday on the reception of the petition against the return of Mr. Wilkes for Centre Toronto was resumed.

The Speaker, after reviewing the arguments, gave it as his opinion that the petition should be received.

Mr. Cauchon asked if the question was one of order, and therefore an appeal from the Speaker's decision.

Sir John Macdonald said it was to a certain extent an appeal from the judgment of the Speaker; while Messrs. Dorion and Mackenzie reminded the House of the Speaker's words, to the effect that he had merely given his opinion, not with the intention that it should have an undue weight with the House. The question was therefore simply on the reception of the petition.

The House divided when 72 voted for the reception of the petition, and 75 against it. The result was received with cheers by the Opposition.

Mr. Bodwell moved to refer the petition paying for the passage of a Prohibitory Liquor Law to a Special Committee. After a long and able speech in support of his motion he named the Committee to whom the petition will be referred. The motion was carried.

Board of School Trustees.

The Board met on Monday evening. Mr. Newton in the chair. Present—Messrs. Kennedy, Mitchell, Munton, Ingalls, Bell, Raymond, Stevenson, Knowles and Harvey.

The Secretary read a communication from Mr. Charles Walker, asking for a check for the amount of his salary; also a statement showing the studies pursued, and the number of pupils in the school.

Considerable discussion took place in reference to the advisability of the erection of a commodious Central School. Mr. Knowles contended that we were a progressive people, and as such should not be backward in providing the school accommodation necessary.

Mr. Raymond said that so soon as the Town knew exactly its financial position, in regard to the Municipal Loan Fund and the Surplus, it would be well for the Board to take action in reference to the erection of suitable school buildings.

Mr. Stevenson had no doubt the Town was prepared to spend six or seven thousand dollars, or ten thousand, for the accomplishment of the object.

Mr. Knowles stated that the requisite number of desks had been ordered.

Mr. Mitchell would like to know what the desks were going to cost?

Mr. Knowles said the desks would cost more than five dollars each.

Moved by Mr. Knowles, seconded by

Mr. Raymond, that the building Committee be instructed to take action in reference to the erection of a new Central School, and report at next meeting of the Board.—Carried.

Mr. Raymond gave notice of motion to the effect that Miss Eliza Walker be requested to take the position of assistant teacher in the Senior Girls' School. Board adjourned.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND FORGERY.—The police proceedings against the Bank of England forgers have been carried to a triumphant close. Nearly—if not all—the plunder has been traced and secured, and the case is likely to terminate without serious loss.

ANOTHER NATHAN TRAGEDY.—The New York Tribune says that the murder of a well-known and estimable citizen of Brooklyn adds another ghastly tragedy to the daily-increasing list. Mr. Goodrich was foully murdered in his own house under circumstances which immediately recall the Nathan tragedy. That mysterious affair has not yet been explained satisfactorily. Will the so-called detective force be able to follow up the slender clues left them in this case, and find the murderer?

Yo, Ho.—Our Japanese friends may have a new foreign difficulty. It is not likely that China will readily yield the great island of Formosa, to which the Japanese lay claim. That part of the island which faces the main land is settled and governed by Chinese, and is included in one of the provinces of the Empire. The rest of Formosa is settled by a wild and inhospitable race, suspected of cannibalism, and not specially desirable as subjects.

BIRTHS. WEBB—In Everton, on the 23rd inst., the wife of Mr. John Webb, of a son.

MARRIED. RAMSAY—BURNETT—On the 18th inst., by the Rev. W. E. McKay, B.A., at the residence of the bride's mother, Mr. James Ramsay to Miss Eva Burnett, all of Orangeville.

PARLIAMENTARY NOTICE. HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THE CLERK'S OFFICE, Ottawa, 26th January, 1873.

Receiving Petitions for Private Bills. Will expire on Wednesday, the 26th day of March next.

IF YOU WANT FRESH OYSTERS. GO TO PICKARD'S.

IF YOU WANT FRESH FISH. GO TO PICKARD'S.

IF YOU WANT Sweet Oranges. GO TO PICKARD'S.

Pickard's Fruit Store, ALMA BLOCK. Guelph, March 15, 1873.

COAL. JUST ARRIVED. Chestnut Coal, Stove Size Coal, Egg Size Coal.

JOHN M. BOND & Co., DIRECT IMPORTERS, GUELPH.

STUDY. House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter.

GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER. Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

SOMETHING GOOD. BOOTS and SHOES and Groceries FOR THE MILLION!

John Williams desires to return his sincere thanks for the liberal support he has received from the inhabitants of Rockwood and vicinity during the past year, and hopes that by a careful selection of the best articles, and a steady attention to the interests of his customers, to secure their continued patronage.

You will find he keeps the best leather of all kinds, and makes the best fit. All work warranted, and cheaper than any to be got in Guelph.

Men's cowhide boots from \$2 to \$25 per pair. All other classes of work in proportion. 20 lbs. splendid prunes for \$1; 20 lbs. splendid Rice for \$1; 10 lbs. splendid currants for \$1. TEA's cheaper than they can be had in Guelph.

Come and test things for yourselves. Highest cash price paid for first-class butter and eggs. Highest price paid for hides sheep-skins and calf-skins.

All accounts due must be settled by the 1st of April, and after that date accounts will be rendered quarterly. Prompt payers will be charged only cash rates.

J. W. WILLIAMS, Rockwood.

TWO DURHAM BULLS FOR SALE. The subscriber on Lot No. 6, Con. 3, Pilkington, offers for sale two Durham Bulls, coming one and two years old, both of them were prizetakers at the Centre Wellington Agricultural Exhibition.

ALEX. BURNETT, Salem P.O., Ont.

WALL PAPER

WINDOW SHADES, CHEAP STOCK, ANDERSON'S Cheap Bookstore.

WYNDHAM STREET. GREAT SALE OF Watches, Jewellery, etc.

AT R. CRAWFORD'S OWN STORE. Having to remove the Bankrupt Stock of John B. Porte from his old stand, the great cheap sale of the same will be continued at my own store.

Next the Post Office, FOR ONE MONTH LONGER. As the balance of the stock must be cleared out in that time, the goods will be sold at an Immense Sacrifice.

A LARGE NEW STOCK. HATS, HATS, HATS. No. 1, Wyndham Street.

WALL PAPER. Opened Out. DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

HATS, HATS, HATS. No. 1, Wyndham Street.

James Cormack. Has just received a few cases of the newest and most stylish.

SPRING HATS. Also, a splendid assortment of SHIRTS, COLLARS, TIES, BRACES &c. &c. &c.

WE ARE SHOWING A RIBBON STOCK. \$30,000! JOHN MACDONALD & CO., TORONTO.

NEW BOOKSTORE. C. F. PASHLEY. In Mitchell & McIlroy's Old Stand, Day's Block, Wyndham-st.

School Books, Miscellaneous Books, Stationery of all kinds, Wall Papers, Window Shades, Fancy Goods, etc. etc.

Daily and Weekly Newspapers, MAGAZINES, &c. The stock is all NEW, and CHEAP as the Cheapest.

Please give Pashley a Call. Guelph, March 21, 1873.

New Advertisements. DRESS GOODS

EXTRAORDINARY CHEAP LINES. THE FASHIONABLE WEST END!

LADIES OF GUELPH.—We have much pleasure in soliciting your special attention to the following EXTRA CHEAP LINES of New Dress Goods, which we just opened last night: Lot No. 1—28 pieces New Striped, Checked and Plain Dress Materials, to be sold off at once at 15 cents per yard.

Intending purchasers will find our Dress Department full of all the Newest and Most Attractive goods for the season, embracing a variety of beauty of selection equal to anything that can be found in the largest cities of the Dominion.

R. CLAYTON. Having bought the entire stock from the firm under the name of Cash, he is prepared to sell the whole of the stock at a GREAT SACRIFICE!

EVERYTHING. DRESS GOODS! CLOTHING, BLANKETS, TWEEDS. At HALF-PRICE. NO DAMAGED GOODS! Nothing but Seaworthy Goods!

Clayton's Cash Store. Alma Block, Guelph. Guelph, March 10, 1873.

GREAT SALE OF BANKRUPT STOCK! The whole stock of BOOTS AND SHOES.

Must be Cleared Out within ONE MONTH! The greatest Bargains ever offered in Guelph! Special inducements to retail merchants and jobbers, who desire to secure job lots.

The sale is now going on at the old stand, Wyndham Street. WM. McLAREN, Assignee. Guelph, Feb. 22, 1873.

10lbs. best Bright Sugar FOR \$1.00; 11lbs. good Musc. Sugar FOR \$1.00; 20lbs. good Currants FOR \$1.00.

J. E. McELDERRY. 2 DAY'S BLOCK.

SMOKERS. FOR A GOOD SMOKE. Use the "Myrtle Navy." See T. & B. on each plug. Price so low that all can use it.

CAUTION.—The Brand "MYRTLE NAVY" is registered, and any infringement on it will be prosecuted. The name TUCKETT & HILLINGS is on each caddy, and T. & B. on each plug. Hamilton, Feb 10, 1873.

THE MEDICAL HALL GUELPH



JUST RECEIVED, an assortment of Lubin's Toilet Soap. Ribbon of Bruges, For Fumigating Sick Rooms, &c.

Arcadian Pink, The most fragrant and lasting perfume manufactured. Ladies Cachous For imparting an agreeable odour to the Breath.

E. HARVEY & Co., Dispensing Chemists, Corner Wyndham and Macdonnell streets, Guelph. Guelph, Mar 25, 1873.

TOWN HALL, GUELPH. TWO NIGHTS ONLY. Saturday and Monday. Now Orleans MINSTRELS. March 29th and 31st.

Consipuous among the talent of this world-famous organization, may be found MISS MAUD STANLEY, The Great Prima Donna. Mrs. Nellie Gorton, The accomplished Pianist. Mr. Frank Goodman, The Prince of Ethiopian Comedians.

AUCTION SALE. Homestead, in Guelph, ON Thursday, 27th of March, 1873, AT TWO P.M., AT THE MARKET HOUSE.

Mrs. R. CORBET will offer for sale her residence, corner of Norfolk and Oxford sts., Town of Guelph, comprising one quarter acre of land, Stone Dwelling of two Stories, having Drawing Room, Dining Room, Parlor, Library, and seven upstairs Bed Rooms (as in 10 rooms); also kitchen, wood shed, &c. A stable for two horses, also a never failing well of pure water, and large cistern with pump. The Garden is stocked with choice Fruit Trees.

Household Furniture, etc. The undersigned has received instruction from Mr. William James Porte to sell by Public Auction, at the residence of Mr. John B. Porte, on Liverpool Street, opposite the Wesleyan Methodist Pastorage, On Thursday, the 27th inst.,

At one o'clock, p.m., sharp, the whole of his Household Furniture, &c., consisting in part of: Parlor Furniture—Very handsome Repp set (7 pieces), walnut centre table, do. what-not, card table, industry carpet (nearly new), stove, curtains, cornices, etc. etc. Hall—Oil cloth, hat rack, tables, chairs, lamp, stair carpet, coal stove, etc. etc. Dining Room—Extension Table, Walnut sideboard, 2 Rocking chairs, 6 Dining chairs, 2 Arm chairs, 2 easy chairs, 2 sofas, 2 chairs, Kitchen—Cooking Stove, Refrigerator, Chairs, etc. etc.