

OFFICE:.....MADONNELL STREET
FRIDAY EV'G. MARCH 20, 1868.

Secretary Seward and the Fenian Prisoners.

The Secretary of State has sent to the Senate a mass of correspondence, &c., in reply to a resolution of that body relating to the arrest and trial of the Rev. Robert B. Lynch and others by the government of Great Britain for alleged participation in the Fenian raid into Canada in 1866. The documents show what has been done by the government of the United States, including letters from Secretary Seward, who, in writing to Rufus King at New York, on the 3rd of February, regrets to say that upon a renewed request of the Executive of the United States the British government is just now entirely disinclined to exercise further clemency in the case of Robert B. Lynch; and in replying to a note of Mr. Ford, of the British Legation, February 4, says that Mr. Lynch, who was convicted for alleged participation in the so-called Fenian raid, never united in such invasion, but on the contrary, denounced the scheme as impracticable. He regretted that the British government would not mitigate the sentence.

Hon. Chas. Sitgreaves having written a letter to Mr. Seward asking the intervention of the government in behalf of John Gallagher, under sentence of death in Canada for a hostile invasion of Canada, the Secretary replied, March 9, that the government watches with interest the affairs in that province, but is not aware that he is at present exposed to execution for a capital offence. If Mr. Sitgreaves will inform the secretary when his case was tried it will receive attention. It is the understanding of the State Department that where sentences have been rendered by the courts they have been commuted by the British executive authorities to imprisonment in all cases brought to his attention.

FURTHER INTERMEDDLING.

Imitating the example set by the Legislature of California some time ago, the Minnesota Legislature has lately had under consideration, if it has not passed, some, silly or perhaps we should say impudent, resolutions with regard to the North-west Territory. They are as follows:—

1. That the Congress of the United States is hereby requested to confirm, by requisite legislation, the annexation of Alaska to the United States.
2. That we regret to be informed of a purpose to transfer the Territories between Minnesota and Alaska to the Dominion of Canada by an Order in Council at London, without a vote of the people of Selkirk and the settlers upon the sources of the Saskatchewan river, who largely consist of emigrants from the United States; and we would respectfully urge that the President and Congress of the United States shall represent to the Government of Great Britain that such action will be an unwarranted interference with the principle of self-government, and cannot be regarded with indifference by the people of the United States.

3. That the Legislature of Minnesota would rejoice to be assured that the session of North-west British America to the United States, accompanied by the construction of a Northern Pacific Railroad, are regarded by Great Britain and Canada as satisfactory provisions of a treaty, which shall remove all grounds of controversy between the respective countries.

Of course the first of these resolutions possesses little or no interest for us. It matters but little to us if the Americans purchase from the Russians all the walruses that ever departed in the Arctic Ocean, provided always that they retain gold enough in the treasury to redeem so many of their bonds as may be floating on our market, and that Mr. Seward do not carry his real estate speculations so far that reputation shall become a necessity, instead of what it now is, a contemplated possibility. But it is about as cool a proceeding as could well be imagined for the Minnesota Legislature to resolve that many of the settlers along the banks of the Saskatchewan are emigrants from the United States, and that on their account particularly the inhabitants of the North-west Territory should be requested to declare by a plebiscite, not we presume, whether they will choose to remain a colony of the British Crown, or enter the Union with the Confederate Provinces; but whether they prefer to own allegiance in future to Great Britain or the American Republic. Who are these settlers from the United States whose inclinations are thus to be consulted? Who but a number of shrewd adventurous Yankees who have penetrated to the banks of the Saskatchewan not to make there a permanent home and do good to the country by helping to develop its agricultural resources, but to make a "big thing" for themselves by trading in the furs of the animals with which the Territory abounds? No doubt the Legislature of Minnesota would find cause of self gratulation in the occasion of North-west British America to the United States, but we cannot spare it very conveniently. We have as much need of it as the Americans have, and perhaps a little more, and there is besides reason to believe that were the inhabitants left free to choose their own masters they would be found to be animated by the same Britons—Yankee traders being men in the balance. May we anticipate such action by our Parliament before long as will leave intermeddling legislatures no opening at which to foist in impudent resolutions?

Board Wanted.

A married couple in a private family where no other Boarders are kept. Address C. C. A. Mercury Office, Guelph, March 19th, 1868. dtz

WANTED

By a young man from the Old Country a situation as Corresponding Clerk, or Book-keeper. Salary not so much an object as immediate employment. Has been 10 years in a Wholesale business in England. Address—W. P. Mercury Office, Guelph, Guelph, March 17, 1868. ds

CARD OF THANKS.

WE the undersigned, late members of Mason's Dramatic Company, hereby return our sincere thanks to the Amateurs of the Town, as well as to Mr. Vale, and members of the 90th Battalion Band, whose valuable services, by permission of Col. Higinbotham, were rendered; for the generous and disinterested manner in which they so very magnificently came forward to assist us in an unfortunate predicament. In returning our thanks we feel the deep obligations under which are placed, and the kindness and flattering attention which we have been the recipients of, both publicly and privately, will ever be remembered with the deepest sense of gratitude of which the human heart is capable. F. S. Saller, Stage Manager; Marion Clifton, Virginia Richmond, A. Logan, H. R. Langle, T. G. Murphy, Thos. J. Daly, R. W. Studley, J. J. Sherrin, late Agent. Guelph, March 20th, 1868.

Newsboys Wanted.

TO SELL the "Evening Mercury." Boys selling at present after school hours are making on an average \$1.50 per week. Apply at the office. Guelph, March 10th, 1868. dtf

School Teacher Wanted.

WANTED for School Section No. 1, Township of Erie, a 1st class male teacher, to commence immediately. ALEX. SCOTT, DONALD MCKECHNIE, MALCOLM MCLACHLAN, Trustees. Erie, 9th March, 1868. dtz

An Ottawa despatch asserts that the Volunteers will be ordered to commence the usual sixteen days drill immediately.

The Postal Act passed during the last Session of the Parliament of the Dominion comes into operation on the first of next month. We have already alluded to its provisions, but think it as well, in so far as reductions in the rates of postage are concerned, succinctly to state them again. After the first of April next, the postage of all letters transmitted by post from any distance within the Dominion will be reduced from five to three cents per half ounce. To be forwarded at that rate, however, letters must be prepaid, either by postage-stamp or in coin. Should a letter be mailed unpaid, five cents will be charged upon it at the office where it is delivered.

The following are the foreign postal rates:—
On letters to or from the United Kingdom in mails by Canada Packets, to or from Quebec in summer, or Portland in winter; or by mail packet to or from Halifax—12 cents per 1/2 oz.
On do, in mails via New York packets—35 cents per 1/2 oz.
On letters to Prince Edward Island, if prepaid 8 cents per 1/2 oz.; if posted unpaid 5 cents per 1/2 oz.
On letters to Newfoundland, 12 cents per 1/2 oz.; to be in all cases prepaid.
On letters to British Columbia and Vancouver's Island—10 cents per 1/2 oz.; to be in all cases prepaid.
On letters to Red River, 6cts. per 1/2 oz., to be in all cases prepaid.

Newspapers printed and published in Canada may be sent by post from the office of publication to any place in Canada at the following rates. If paid quarterly in advance, either by the publisher, at the post office where the papers are posted, or by the subscriber, at the post office where the papers are published:—
For a paper published once a week, 5 cents per quarter of a year.
For a paper published twice a week, 10 cents per quarter of a year.
For a paper published three times a week 14 cents per quarter of a year.
For a paper published six times a week 30 cents per quarter of a year.

The rate for printed papers, circulars, books, pamphlets, &c., to any place in the Dominion, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, or the United States, will be one cent per ounce; on periodical publications, one cent per four ounces. The rate on parcels by parcel post will be 12 cents per 8 ounces. On book and news paper manuscript, addressed to the editor or publisher, the rate will be one cent per ounce to any place in Canada or the States.

The following denominations of postage stamps have been prepared for use throughout the Dominion, and will be supplied to postmasters for sale, all bearing as a device the effigy of Her Majesty:—
Half cent stamps, one cent do., two cents do., three cents do., six cents do., twelve and a half cents do., fifteen cts. do.
Modifications in the postal convention, between the United States and the Dominion, have also been agreed upon between the Post Departments of the two countries, to take effect from the same date. These are as follows:—
1. The authorized weight for a single letter shall be fifteen grammes (by the metric scale) in the United States, and half an ounce in the Dominion of Canada.
2. The postage on a single international letter shall be six cents if prepaid at the office of mailing in either country, and ten cents if posted unpaid; for other than single letters the same charge shall be made for each additional fifteen grammes or half an ounce, or fraction thereof.
Postage will accordingly be levied on and after April 1, 1868, charging six cents per single rate for international letters, if the postage is prepaid, and ten cents if the postage is unpaid or but partially prepaid.

Upon unpaid or insufficiently prepaid letters received from Canada, a postage of ten cents per single rate will be levied for collection at the office of delivery. And the same rule will be observed here regarding similar letters from the United States.

The Abyssinian Expedition.

The N. Y. Herald's correspondent who accompanies the Abyssinian Expedition, says:—"The British Abyssinian expedition is beset with obstructions and embarrassments. The Pacha of Egypt, for instance, instead of withdrawing, as requested by Lord Stanley, his contingent of ten thousand men, is re-enforcing it. He is supposed to be acting under French influence and advice, and doubtless from some reasonable misgivings that the English in this Abyssinian invasion will bear watching. The valley of the Nile, it has been discovered, is the only feasible business route to Abyssinia for England, and so the idea of Abyssinia as a British colony may have to be abandoned unless the right of way down the valley of the Nile can be secured. This British enterprise, which doubtless covers a design to appropriate all the headwaters of the Nile and the fertile regions tributary thereto, may yet bring about some serious complications between England and France; for that France has an eye on Egypt cannot be doubted.

POTATOES!

Potatoes of all Kinds Wholesale and Retail.

AT WEBSTER'S

Grain and Flour Store, West Market Square, Guelph. Guelph, March 20, 1868. do tf

FUNERALS.



WILLIAM BROWNLOW, UNDERTAKER, SHOP, in rear of the WELLINGTON HOTEL, Douglas Street. Hours in rear of Mr. F. W. Stone's Store, and fronting the Fair Ground. The subscriber intimates that he is prepared to attend

FUNERALS As usual in Town and Country. Coffins always on hand and made to order on the shortest notice. Terms very moderate. WM. BROWNLOW. Guelph, March 20, 1868. daw y

The Irish in America,

By JOHN FRANCIS MAGUIRE, M. P. Price, \$1.75; by mail post-paid to any part of Canada, \$2.00.

HENRY WARD BECHER'S NEW NOVEL,

NORWOOD.

PRICE \$1.

At Day's Bookstore,

Opposite the Market, Guelph. Guelph, March 20, 1868. daw tf

TRADE SALE.

JOHN BOYD & CO.

Will offer for sale at Public Auction On Wednesday, April 8, 1868. a large and well assorted stock of

GROceries,

WINEs and LIQUORs, SUGARs, TOBACCOs, TEA, RICE, COFFEEs, FRUIT

And general Goods required by the Trade.

LIQUORs:

PORT and SHERRY WINEs, CHAMPAGNE, Cognac BRANDY, DEKUTTER'S GIN, BERNARD'S OLD TOM, JAMAICA RUM, BLOOD'S DUBLIN PORTER, Pints and Quarts. DOW'S ALE.

CIGARs:

HAVANNA, GERMAN and DOMESTIC, various brands and qualities.

FISH:

CODFISH, HERRINGs, MACKEREL, LOBSTERs, SARDINEs, &c. Sale at half-past Ten A. M. Toronto, March 20, 1868. daw 2

Notice of Co-partnership

TAKE NOTICE that a co-partnership has this day been entered into between the undersigned under the name, style and firm of A. THOMSON & CO. for the purpose of carrying on the business of Merchant Tailors in the Town of Guelph. ALEXANDER THOMSON, SAMUEL SELAW, GEORGE MURTON, Jr. Guelph, 2nd March, 1868. daw 1

R. J. JEANNERET,

From England, (Established in London, Ont. 1842, and in Guelph 1843.)

WORKING WATCHMAKER

AND JEWELER, DAYS BLOCK, Opposite the Market, Guelph.

FOR sale cheap, SEVEN THOMAS' CLOCKS, by the best maker in America. Also, Perspective Tinted SPECTACLES. Guelph, 19th March, 1868. dw

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, 1867.

PARTNERSHIP NOTICE!

THE undersigned have entered into Co-partnership under the firm of BUCHANAN & CO., Hamilton, Ontario, and of PETER BUCHANAN & CO., Glasgow, Scotland. ISAAC BUCHANAN, ANDREW HANLY, PETER T. BUCHANAN. Hamilton, Ontario, February, 1868. dtz

1868. SPRING IMPORTATIONS. 1868.

THE Subscribers have received and are NOW OPENING a portion of their

SPRING IMPORTATIONS

—OF— BRITISH AND FOREIGN **DRY GOODS,** And will have an excellent assortment opened out by the 25th inst., as also of Canadian and American Manufactures.

BUCHANAN & COMPANY. Hamilton, 19th March, 1868. dw

The Cheapest Spot in Guelph

FOR EVERY DESCRIPTION OF

CLOTHS, CLOTHING

HATS AND CAPS,

IS AT THE

THE GUELPH CLOTH HALL

A. THOMSON & CO. Guelph, March 17, 1868. daw y

1868. SPRING GOODS. 1868.

A. O. BUCHAM

OPENED on Saturday the following New Spring Goods:—

New 36-inch Grey Cottons, New 32 and 36-inch White Cottons, New 30-inch Cotton Tickings, New Lilac, Madder and White Ground Prints.

Also, a small selection of

New Spring Dress Goods,

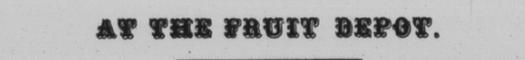
And a few pieces of Superior CANADA TWEEDs, suitable for Spring Wear.

A. O. BUCHAM. Guelph, March 17, 1868. dtz

NEW ARRIVALS

AT THE FRUIT DEPOT.

1868.



1868.

FINNAN HADDIES, FRESH HADDOCK, YARMOUTH BLOATERS, FRESH COD, FRESH OYSTERS.

At a great reduction from regular prices. FOR CASH ONLY.

HUGH WALKER, Wholesale and Retail Fruit and Oyster dealer, Wyndham-St., Guelph. Guelph, March 17, 1868. daw y

Commercial Union Assurance Company, CHIEF OFFICE—19 AND 20 CORNHILL, LONDON, ENGLAND. CAPITAL — \$2,500,000. Fire Department.

THE success which has attended the Company's operations has been such as fully to realize the most sanguine expectations of the Directors, who have resolved to extend the business more widely, and now offer to the Canadian Public PERFECT SECURITY guaranteed by large subscribed capital and invested funds. PROMPT SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS.—The Directors and General Agents, being gentlemen largely engaged in commerce, will take a liberal and business like view of all questions coming before them.

Life Department. By Volunteers assured in this Company, are permitted, without extra charge, to do duty on the Frontier, and to engage in repelling marauding attacks. Eighty per cent of the Profits of the Whole Life and Annuity business are divided among participating Policy Holders. Claims are paid one month after Proof of Death. By a recent Act of Parliament a Wife can now hold a Policy on the life of her Husband free from all other claims. MORLAND, WATSON & Co., General Agents for Canada. Office—385 and 387 St. Paul St., Montreal. FREDERICK COLE, Secretary. Inspector of Agencies—T. C. LIVINGSTON, P. L. S., Upper Canada. MCLAGAN & INNES, Agents for Guelph. Guelph, March 10th, 1867. dw

Good Gracious Me!

Where did you get those delicious OYSTERS?

Why, at BERRY'S to be Sure!

WHO'S BERRY? WHY, The Confectioner on Wyndham-st

WHERE ALL THE GOOD THINGS ARE KEPT. Guelph, 11th February, 1867. dw

DISCOUNT

ABERNETHY, SODA, LEMON, WINE, ARROWROOT, GINGER NUTS, CABIN, &c.

LONDON LAYER RAISINS

Jordan Almonds, Kellier's Biscuits Marmalade, Finest Turkey Figs in layers, Peaches, Greenapples, Plums, Cherries, Damsons and French Plums.

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S. Guelph, March 9th, 1868. dw

Not Run Away Yet!

THE Subscriber begs to inform his old friends and the Public, that though several noted characters have lately been constrained to leave Guelph for the sake of their health, he is still hale and hearty, and hangs out his shingle at the old spot. CORK STREET, OPPOSITE

DEADY'S HOTEL,

Where he is prepared as formerly to make up CLOTHING of every description at short notice and in a superior style.

To Farmers!

Having had 30 years experience, and devoting all his time to the business, he can make up

Home-made CLOTH!

And trim it CHEAPER than can be done at any other Establishment in Town.

All Work carefully finished, and at Moderate Rates. WM. MITCHELL, w3m-d6w Guelph, Feb. 21, 1868.

REMOVAL.

STEPHEN BOULT, Architect and Builder,

Has Removed his Workshop and Planning Factory to QUEBEC STREET, (site of the old Congregational Church,) a short distance east of Wyndham Street.

Plans, Specifications & Estimates, Supplied, and work superintended in all its branches.

STEPHEN BOULT having succeeded to the old established Lumber Yard of Thos. McCree, Esq., begs a continuance of public patronage. All kinds of Lumber on hand. Prompt attention given to all orders.

Planing Done to Order, AND ALL KINDS OF Mouldings, Sashes, Doors, Blinds, and Machine Joiners' Work. Executed with dispatch and kept always on hand. Cash paid for all kinds of Lumber at the yard. Guelph, March 10th, 1868. dtzwy

TAVERN LICENSES

Office of the Clerk of the Peace, Guelph, 7th March, 1868.

COUNTY OF WELLINGTON, I HAVING been appointed of Ontario. I beg leave to inform all Tavernkeepers in Townships, Towns and Villages, that I am ready to grant them their Licenses on payment for the same. By order of the Treasury Department of Ontario THOMAS SAUNDERS, Distributor for the County of Wellington. Guelph, 7th March, 1868. dtz 4

Medical Dispensary

JUST RECEIVED A fresh supply of that best

COAL OIL

Perfectly colorless and

FREE FROM SMELL

Only 15 cts. per Gallon.

LAMP GLASSES and WICKS

Always on hand

E. HARVEY

Chemist and Druggist, Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-st., Guelph, Ontario. Guelph, 22nd Feb, 1868. dw

INDIA AND CHINA

TEA COMPANY

A LARGE SUPPLY OF THIS

CELEBRATED TEA

FOR FAMILY USE, Just received at the

MEDICAL HALL.

N. HIGINBOTHAM, Sole Agent for Guelph. Guelph, 19th March, 1868. dw

Wool, Hide and Leather

DEPOT, No. 4, Day's Old Block, Gordon Street. Guelph, July 31, 186 (dw D. MOLTON