

The Ballot Bill.

On Wednesday evening last the order for proceeding with the Ballot Bill was discharged. The Globe states that the Bill is withdrawn for the present session, but only on the understanding that the Government has assumed the responsibility of the measure, and with a view of extending it to Municipal as well as Parliamentary elections. It will be reintroduced next session by the Government, with such alterations as further experience of the working of the Ballot in England may appear to render necessary.

A general election in Ontario can scarcely be looked for before the summer of 1873, and as the Ballot will undoubtedly be used in the municipal elections in January of that year, the people will be well acquainted with the working of the system before being called upon to exercise it in a parliamentary contest.

The principle of the Ballot has been so heartily endorsed by the Ontario Legislature that no difficulties stand in the way of its early adoption. Recent advice from British Columbia and Manitoba show that the Ballot is likely to be introduced into those Provinces. In another year Quebec will be the only Province retaining the open vote system, and it most speedily yield to the pressure of public opinion. Under these circumstances, an early passage of a Ballot Law for the Dominion may be confidently looked forward to.

We may observe that our Conservative contemporaries, who are never pleased whether whipped high or low, are growling because Mr. Clarke has not proceeded with his measure this year. Two or three weeks ago they grumbled still more loudly because he ventured to introduce it all. We advise them to hold their breath to cool their porridge. The passage of the measure is now made secure, and an unexpected victory has been gained in that vote of fifty to fourteen which discomposes the nerves of our contemporaries. "All's well that ends well."

Reduction in Land.

We are informed that Wallington is in full force in Toronto, at the present moment, and that the corridors of the House swarm with hardy settlers from Peel, Maryborough, Luther, Garafaxa and Amaranth, anxious to make payments upon their land, and to secure their patents under the favourable terms offered by Commissioner Scott. Great reductions in price are made when the lands are shown by the valuator to be of inferior quality, and many are, in consequence, enabled to pay up who have been, and otherwise would be, in the slough of Despond for years to come.

The liberal policy of Mr. Scott is doing much good and carrying happiness to the fire side of many log cabins in Luther, and the other townships named. Some of our Conservative friends have been lately talking loudly of the "incapables" of the Ontario Assembly, and asking what have they done for the good of the country since they met in Toronto? We answer that a more hardworking, straightforward, industrious and economical government never in the history of our country held the reins of power. The business of the House may appear to the uninitiated to progress slowly, but this does not result from inattention of the Government, who are determined to do their duty in a thorough and satisfactory manner, but on account of the old questions brought up by the Opposition, and which were thoroughly ventilated last session. "There are none so blind as those who will not see."

We advise all who have not yet paid for their lands to take advantage of the present liberal regime, and communicate with the authorities, to ascertain at what figure lots have been rated.

Removed Frauds on the Public.

The Government said to be Implicated. The Hamilton correspondent of the Globe says that a rumor is afloat there which has more ground for its support than most rumors, and which lays at the door of the Government and a great railway institution a very grave charge. That charge, in the case of the Great Western Railway, is that they smuggled freight and passenger cars of American manufacture across the line, which ought to have paid duty, to the value of over \$300,000. A few days ago two cars, which were being introduced on this system, were seized, and an investigation is now taking place, Mr. Kavanagh being here on the part of the Government. But the same thing it is said has been going on for over three years, and though the attention of the Government was drawn towards it, nothing like an adequate inquiry was made. A sufficient inquiry was made to convince the Government that the smuggling had taken place, but, for some reason best known at Ottawa, no steps were taken to bring the money due to the country into the public treasury. These facts being so, inferences of a certain kind are inevitable, and these inferences have been loudly made. It is said that the railway authorities went some time ago to Ottawa, and were closeted with the Government, and that the reason why the Government stayed its hand was because all the influence of the line was promised to it in the then

forthcoming election. The report is current that Mr. Chisholm received the support of the Great Western on the express understanding that that gentleman was to "square" the matter with the powers that be. Documents are, it seems, held by two persons who have brought the matter before the Government, and in consequence of whose claims—amounting at the least to \$200,000, and to which they have an undoubted right if they were the first to call attention to the evasion of duty—any steps were or are now taken. It will be seen that the matter is one of the greatest gravity, and carries electioneering beyond even the audacity with which one might suppose we were already quite sufficiently acquainted.

A Curious Case.

The Mount Forest Examiner says:—A case was decided at the Division Court here on Wednesday last before Judge Macdonald which presented some strange peculiarities. It seems that some time last summer several stray cattle, among which was a heifer, came upon the premises of Mr. James Turner, Minto, and in due time the public were notified of the fact by advertisement in the Examiner. Mr. Andrew Doyle, of Arthur Township, having lost a heifer and seeing the advertisement, went to Mr. Turner's premises and pointed out as his heifer, which was not advertised. Mr. Turner held positively that the animal referred to was his—Mr. Doyle holding quite as positively contra. The latter left unconvinced and returned a few days after, while Mr. Turner was absent, and drove the heifer in dispute to his own place. Mr. Turner subsequently brought action before a bench of magistrates for the recovery of the animal, but the evidence was of such a conflicting nature that, we believe, the case was dismissed. Resort was then had to the Division Court for relief from the difficulty, and as already noted, a decision was arrived at on Wednesday. The evidence at the trial was to say the least extraordinary. It was shown on the part of the plaintiff that the heifer had been purchased from one of the witnesses when a calf, had thence been reared by said plaintiff, and had been in his possession ever since. For the defendant witnesses swore positively that the heifer belonged to said defendant, and that the fact was clearly demonstrated to their minds by certain signs, marks and peculiarities. Since the days of Solomon a clearer case of ownership by both plaintiff and defendant has scarcely been presented for adjudication. His honor, however, for certain specified reasons, gave his decision in favor of the defendant—and accordingly Mr. Doyle stands confirmed in the possession of the heifer.

On Saturday morning the usual formality of declaring the election of the President of the United States was gone through with in General Grant's favour, by a committee from the Senate and House of Representatives.

New Music.—The well-known publisher, Mr. J. L. Peters, 599 Broadway, New York, has sent us, through Mr. T. J. Day, some of his latest publications, including "Think of Me Darling," song and chorus; "Satan's March," "You'll always find me True," song and chorus. The music is choice, and will meet with a ready sale. The Musical Gazette contains the following Militia Orders:—Battalion of Infantry on service in Manitoba: To be Lieutenant (promotion to date from 5th December, 1872), Ensign Charles Constantine, vice Simard, resigned; to be Ensign (commission to date from 5th December, 1872), Charles Decaso, vice Constantine, promoted.

Mr. JOHN ANDERSON has received the current number of Harper's Weekly with No. 10 of Dore's inimitable illustrations of London, all for 10 cents.

BIRTHS.

MILLAR—In Guelph, on the 14th inst., the wife of Mr. James Millar, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

WESTER—At Guelph, on the 14th inst., by the Rev. James Macdonald, William Webster to Miss Jennie McCollum, both of Guelph.

DIED.

MILLAR—In Guelph, on the 16th inst., Catherine Somerville, daughter of Mr. James Millar, aged 2 years and 3 months. The funeral will take place on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at 2 p.m., from her father's residence, near Mr. P. G. G. Friends and acquaintances are requested to attend without further notice.

CREDIT SALE.

Farm Stock and Implements, The property of Mr. Andrew Griffith, L. 13, Concession 2, Erin, Ont.

On Thursday, Feb. 27, 1873. Consisting of the following, viz: 1 span of most excellent matched mares, 1 span of 1 year old fillies, well broken in, 3 head mares, 1 yearling rising 2, 1 fully rising 2, 1 spring colt, 1 splendid yearling of 20 king oxen, 2 first-class cows in calf, some splendid heifers also in calf. From 15 to 20 head of young cattle, heifers and steers of different ages, 1 head sow in pig, 7 store pigs, 1 Democrat wagon, covered, heavy, cut, and bob sleighs, lumber sleigh, fanning mill, new 10-horse power steam engine, 2 McIntoshes from plows, 2 sets harness, 2 sets plough harness, cattle chains, sheep racks, sugar kettles, etc. Also, cooking stove and stove furniture, Tables, Bedsteads, and many other articles.

Terms of sale—All sums of \$5 and under, cash; on sums over that amount 12 months credit will be given on approved joint notes. Sale to begin at 10 o'clock. Terms of sale—All sums of \$5 and under, cash; on sums over that amount 12 months credit will be given on approved joint notes. Sale to begin at 10 o'clock. Terms of sale—All sums of \$5 and under, cash; on sums over that amount 12 months credit will be given on approved joint notes. Sale to begin at 10 o'clock.

Home Stead for Sale or To Let.

RENT—A house for sale or to let, in the County of Grey, in the Village of Guelph, Canada. It consists of ten acres of land on which are a two-story stone house, 20x30, with wood shed 20x30, milk house, well and soft water cistern. A frame barn 20x30, with good stone stable under. Also a root house. There is also a fine young orchard with 200 trees, all thriving. For particulars come and see or write to Mr. R. B. Brown, Guelph, Ont. or to Mr. R. B. Brown, Guelph, Ont.

FARM FOR SALE, CHEAP FOR CASH. The undersigned offer for sale cheap, Lot 27, in the 14th Concession of Preston, County of Grey, consisting of 99 acres, over 10 acres cleared. The lot is within three miles of the proposed route of the Northern Extension of the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway, now being constructed from Orangeville. The farm is one of the best in the Township, and has a large dwelling-house and barn situated on it. Title indisputable. For particulars address: W. BELL & CO., Guelph, Ont. Feb. 17, 1873.

FARM FOR SALE.—For sale Lot No. 10, 2nd Con. Erin Township, containing 100 acres, all cleared and under cultivation. The land is well watered with a never failing spring creek. There is a good young orchard on the place, and all the other conveniences in the shape of buildings, etc. It is a mile from the Village of Erin, 3 miles from Acton, and close to Post Office, Schools, stores, etc. For terms, etc., apply on the premises, or by letter, post paid, to EDWARD JOHNSON, Orangeville, Ont. Dec. 11—wif.

New Advertisements.

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Good Family Washing Soap, - - 12c per bar.

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Clearing Sale of Remnants
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