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Business Cards.

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Town Hall Buildings, Guelph.

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Loans, &c. Office hours from 10 a.m. to 4
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FREDERICK BISCOE, Barrister and
Attorney-at-Law, Solicitor in Chancery,
Conveyancer, &c. Guelph. Office, corner of
Wendland and Quebec Streets.

OLIVER & MACDONALD, Barristers
and Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors, Nota-
ries Public, &c. Office—Corner of Wendland
and Quebec Streets, no stairs, Guelph, Ont.
R. OLIVER, JR. (dw) A. H. MACDONALD.

STEPHEN BOULT, Architect, Con-
tractor and Builder, Planning Mill, and
every kind of Joiner's Work prepared for
the trade and the public. The Factory is on
Quebec street, Guelph. (dw)

GEORGE PALMER, Barrister and At-
torney-at-Law, Solicitor in Chancery,
Conveyancer, &c. Guelph. Office, corner
of E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, Entrance
on Macdonald street. (dw)

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. (33m)

ROYAL HOTEL LIVERY STABLE.
The subscriber begs to notify the public
that he has purchased the above livery from
Messrs. W. Jessup and will continue the busi-
ness as heretofore. Having made considerable
improvements, he will be able to fill all
orders to meet the wants of the travelling
public. First-class Turnouts ready at all
hours. Guelph, 6th Dec. (dw) W. J. WILSON.

CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL,
IN THE
QUEEN'S HOTEL, GUELPH, OPPOSITE
THE MARKET.
Refitted in the latest fashion. Five latest
style Billiard Tables. (dw)

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,
Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law,
Solicitors in Chancery,
GUELPH, ONTARIO.

D. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN,
Guelph, March 1, 1871. (dw)

F. STURDY,
House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter
GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.
Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wynd-
ham Street, Guelph. (dw)

JOHN KIRKHAM,
Silver Plater and Brass Finisher.
All orders promptly attended to.
Shop—opposite Chalmers Church, Quebec
Street, Guelph. (dw)

THE BEST HOTEL IN TOWN.
CASEY ALWAYS JOLLY.
The richest drinks, best table, most com-
fortable beds, most attentive and polite
house in town at Casey's—The Harp of Erin
Hotel, Macdonnell Street, Guelph. (dw)

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.
Guelph, Nov. 21, 1872. (dw) DENIS BUNXAN.

SODEN'S PUBLIC CAB.
The subscriber having purchased Mr. D.
Coffey's splendid Cab, begs to inform the
public that it will be at his 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.
Orders are kindly permitted at Mr. Har-
vey'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 res-
pectfully solicited.
Orders may also be left at the Owner's
Grocery Store, Upper Wyndham Street,
Oct. 19, 1871. (dw) B. SODEN.

SPRAGGE'S PUMP FACTORY.
The Subscriber begs to inform the public
that he has removed his Pump Factory
Next to Thain, Elliott & Co's Agricul-
tural Works, Ermaosa Bridge.
He intends to enlarge his Factory, and by
adding steam power to his water pumps
and in shorter time than before.
All orders left at the above place will be
promptly attended on short notice.
Guelph, March 21, 1872. (dw) P. SPRAGGE.

LANDS FOR SALE.
21 acres of Land near the Town of Guelph,
on which are about 200 apple and other fruit
trees, in good bearing and condition. Stone
and sand ready for building, suitable for a
market garden.
Two park lots, 2 acres each, one \$300, the
other \$250.
Also, 5 acres adjoining with large brick
house, barns, stables and out-buildings.
The whole of the above property will be
sold in one lot or to suit purchasers.
Apply to Oliver & Macdonald, Barristers,
Guelph. (dw)

NOTICE.
GEORGETOWN MILLS.
The subscriber, in returning thanks to his
many friends in Erin for past favours, would
call their attention to the fact that he is
now running the mill himself, and after 25
years of practical experience of mill-
work in Canada, he has no doubt but that he
can give entire satisfaction to all that may
give him a trial.
Cash paid for all kinds of Grain at the
Mill.
P. S.—A large quantity of California Plaster
on hand, for sale at 87 cent per ton.
April 1872. (dw) LAWRENCE ROSE.

DURHAM HILL,
"PRINCE ALEXANDER."
This celebrated Durham Hill will serve
cows this season on the farm of the subscri-
ber. Was bred by Mr. J. Parkinson, out of
"Duke of Wellington," dam "Mildred," grand
dam "Ailsa," great grand dam "Ann," by "Phe-
nix." He is of a beautiful dark red color, 3
years old, and is one of the finest animals in
the county. He has always taken first prizes
when shown. Terms to insure calves \$1.50;
throughbred \$2. (dw) JAMES FORTIN.

New Advertisements.

SERVANT WANTED.—Wanted imme-
diately, a good active servant. Apply
at this office. (dw)

FAMILY CARRIAGE FOR SALE.—
Apply to R. S. Brodie, Machinery Office,
Guelph. (dw)

GENERAL SERVANT WANTED.—
Wanted a good General Female Ser-
vant. Must be well recommended. Apply
at John A. Wood's. (dw)

WANTED A COACHMAN and GAR-
DENER. Must understand green-
house, vinery, &c. Married man preferred.
JOHN HOBSMAN. (dw)

\$100 A YEAR WILL PAY THE
Rent of a small Farm in
Town, 10 acres, 12 cleared.—House and Fire-
wood. Immediate possession. Apply to
ROBERT MITCHELL,
April 18, 1872. (dw) Solicitor, Day's Block

MAN WANTED.—Wanted immedi-
ately, a man who thoroughly under-
stands the care of horses. Apply to Dr.
Herod, Quebec Street. (dw)

BLACKSMITH WANTED.—Wanted
immediately, a Blacksmith. To a
good steady hand, steady work and good
wages will be given. Apply to Wm. Tor-
rance, Rockwood. (dw)

MAN WANTED.—Wanted, a good
steady experienced man who under-
stands farming and the taking care of stock,
to work on and take charge of a farm. Labo-
ral wages will be given. A married man pre-
ferred. Apply to Geo. Anderson, Grain
Merchant, Guelph. (dw)

CASH FOR WOOL, HIDES, SHEEP-
SKINS, CALF SKINS, and WOOL.
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
Guelph, April 19, 1872. (dw) MOUTON & BISH.

LUMBER FOR SALE.
For sale Pine, Basswood, Hemlock, Birch,
Soft and Hard Maple, Rock Elm and Soft
Elm Lumber, cut to order, any size. Joists,
Rafters and Scaffolding cut to any length re-
quired. Will be sold at the Mills or deliv-
ered on the cars at Godstone station. Also
for sale Flour Barrel Scaves and Headings.
Orders by mail promptly attended to.
April 18, 1872. (dw) ROBERT McKIM,
Parker P.O.

SEED POTATOES
NOW IN STOCK.
Garnet Chillis,
Early Goodrich,
Also, Good Potatoes for table use delivered
to any part of the town.
MOUTON & BISH,
No. 4, Gordon Street, Day's Old Block,
Guelph, April 13, 1872. (dw)

SEEDS, SEEDS.
Garden and Field Seeds.
The Subscriber, in returning thanks to the
public for their patronage the past five years
wishes to inform that he has just re-
ceived his new stock of Seeds from the most
reliable Seed Merchants in the country. Also
EARLY SEED POTATOES.
And a very choice collection of House Plants
on hand through the season.
The favour of the public respectfully solici-
ted. Remember the old stand, next the
Melodion Factory, East Market Square,
Guelph.
WILLIAM ATRINSON.
April 18, 1872. (dw)

GUELPH ACADEMY
AND
BOARDING SCHOOL
Opens on Monday, 8th of April.
Particular attention devoted to the Eng-
lish and Commercial Branches.
JOHN MARTIN,
Guelph, March 28, 1872. (dw)

TO CONTRACTORS AND OTHERS.
The subscriber keeps on hand Fresh Lime,
Stone, Sand, Posts, Lumber, &c., which he
will sell at reasonable prices to all who may
favor him with their patronage. He also
keeps teams on hand, to be let by the day or
others, at his residence near the G. E.
station, where he will see to this new busi-
ness in person in the usual way, and hopes
to be patronized hereafter as he has been in
the past. Orders promptly attended to.
Guelph, April 11th, 1872. (dw) DENIS COFFEY.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.
A. H. R. KENNEDY'S
Flour and Feed Store.
Call and leave your orders with A. H. R.
KENNEDY if you want the best
Flour, Potatoes and Feed
of all kinds, as cheap as any in the town, and
always delivered to any part of the town when
required.
Also, a fine lot of wheat, oats and peas, for
seed.
Remember the stand—Anderson's new
buildings, next door to Wm. Simpson's tinshop,
West Market Square. (dw) 15-16-17m

EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS
—15—
Books, Stationery,
WALL PAPER,
FANCY GOODS, &c. &c.
P. C. ALLAN
Having purchased the stock of J. B. Thornton
Will Open out the same
Premises in a
Few Days,
And will sell you the stock at your own
prices, so
LOOK OUT FOR BARGAINS.
Guelph, April 9, 1872. (dw) P. C. ALLAN.

GUELPH PUMP FACTORY.
The subscriber begs to inform the public
that he has now fitted up his new shop
in the most complete manner, and has on
hand a large stock of Pump timber, and
prepared to make to order, and furnish on
the shortest notice, pumps of superior qual-
ity of all kinds.
Having had long experience in the trade
he feels sure that he can turn out work to
the satisfaction of the public.
All orders for new pumps or repairs
promptly attended to.
Remember the factory, on the banks of
the Speed, near the Ermaosa bridge, and di-
rectly opposite the new English church.
Guelph, April 18, 1872. (dw) STOVELL.

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Notice to Advertisers.

Hereafter parties who have con-
tracted advertisements in the WEEKLY
MERCURY must bring in their fresh
advertisements, or give us notice of
the same, on Saturday, before the
first side of the next week's paper is
printed. We are obliged to make
this rule in order to prevent the
duplicating of advertisements which
is sometimes the case now, and
which we cannot do in future on
account of our crowded space.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

The telegraph is to be extended from
Wroxeter to Gorrie.

JOHN SHERMAN was stabbed at W. H.
Hinton in Dundas on Tuesday night dur-
ing a drunken fray.

The Galt Ladies' High School was
formally opened on Monday last, by the
Very Rev. the Dean of Huron, Chairman.

The carpenter shop of Mr. Wm. Rich-
ardson, and a stable belonging to Mr.
Hendrie, Hamilton, were burned on Thurs-
day.

The last case of small-pox left the
Brautford small-pox hospital on Wednes-
day. That town is now free from the
contagion.

The water in the Grand River has fallen
very rapidly during the past week,
and bids fair at an early day to reach its
ordinary level.

A MAN named Ridley was stabbed in a
Kingston hotel yard on Wednesday in the
course of a severe fight. The user of the
knife escaped.

BRANDY HORSE.—The opening of Mr.
Jeffrey's show room will be on Saturday,
and not to-day, as we stated by mistake in
yesterday's issue.

The Waterloo Chronicle is happy to
learn from several sources that the fears
entertained by many some weeks ago,
that the fall wheat had been "winter-
killed," were unfounded.

THE SOCIAL.—The social in the Congre-
gational Church on Thursday night was
largely attended and very successful.
After refreshments there was singing,
recitations and readings, and a very plea-
sant evening was spent. Proceeds \$27.

BASE BALL.—We are requested to state
that a meeting of the "Young Canadian"
Base Ball Club will be held at Hewer's
Western Hotel this evening, at 8 o'clock,
for the purpose of organizing. All those
under 20 desiring to become members
will please attend.

ONE of the most recent triumphs of
recorded at the Patent Office is a device
for opening in the morning and closing
at night the gates of beehives, the object
being to exclude the bee-moth. The
gates are so connected with a poultry
roost that when the fowls are on their
perches the additional weight closes the
beehive gates, which open again when
the fowls depart in the morning.

FIRE IN BRIDGEPORT.—The house of Mr.
John Weirlein was burned on the 13th.
The fire made such rapid progress that
trying to stop it or to save anything in
the house was out of the question. The
inmates narrowly escaped with their lives.
The fire is supposed to have originated
from hot ashes which had been inaccu-
tely placed in a wooden vessel the even-
ing before. The loss is about \$500, with
no insurance.

Y. M. C. A.—The regular meeting of
the Young Men's Christian Association
was held in their rooms last Thursday
evening. The President, Dr. McGuire in
the chair. There was quite a good attend-
ance. After the usual routine of business
the debate was brought forward and ably
sustained, most of the members taking
part. The arrangements were all com-
pleted for the conversation, and the pro-
gramme will be ready in a day or two.
So don't forget the day, next Thursday,
25th inst.

WELLINGTON SADDLERS' ASSOCIATION.—
Flora, April 17.—A meeting of the Saddl-
ers' Association of this County was held
to-day, at Dalby's Hotel, at noon. Dele-
gates were present from nearly every
town and village in the County. The
meeting was a very enthusiastic one, and
all were well pleased with the result. Mr.
Andrew Gordon was unanimously elected
President, and Mr. Robert Mitchell, Sec-
retary. The delegates to the general
meeting are Messrs. A. Gordon, Robert
Mitchell and J. W. Knowles.

MONEY STOLEN.—A man named Joseph
Rett, from Little Germany, came to
Guelph, on Wednesday, on his way to the
United States. He put up at the Hay
House Hotel, where he stayed all night.
Getting a little free over a few glasses of
lager, he made no secret that he had
some money on his person, and that his
custody was to be made in his boot before
going to bed. He did so on Wednes-
day night, and next morning he
found that the \$150 he had deposited
there was gone. No one else slept in the
room, but there was no lock on the door,
and it was easy for anyone to go in while
Rett slept and take it out of the boot.
Chief Constable Kelly was informed of
the robbery, and is engaged in making
investigations with a view to the detec-
tion of the guilty party.

BY TELEGRAPH

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

Trouble between France and Germany.
Reduction of the French Army Demanded.
The Ballot Bill in Britain.
Government Amendment Defeated.

LONDON, April 18.—The assertions of
the London Telegraph that its state-
ments relative to the critical relations
between France and Germany are true,
flatters the market.

The Daily Telegraph, in an editorial
article this morning, asserts in decided
terms that its statements made a few
days since, relative to the precarious con-
ditions and relations between France and
Germany are founded on undeniable facts.
The Telegraph says:—We deem it our
duty to declare the certain and solemn
fact that upon President Thiers' decision
this week depends the fate of France.
We are anxious that the most grave and
momentous work. On Monday Count
Von Arnim, the German Ambassador at
Paris, carried the ultimatum to Presi-
dent Thiers. The purport of this ul-
timatum is that Germany sees in the
French Army a bill and despoiler of
President Thiers' menaces of vengeance
and a programme for the eventual re-
pudiation by France of her indebtedness
to Germany. Prince Bismark, therefore,
demands that the armaments of France
be reduced, and the war estimates dimi-
nished, or the alternative will be the re-
occupation by the German troops of vacat-
ed French territory, and war if
necessary.

London, April 18th.—The House
went into Committee of the Whole on
the Ballot Bill amendment offered by the
Government, pushing voters for openly
displaying their ballot at the polls. It was
defeated, after a long discussion, by a
vote of 274 to 276. The Daily Telegraph
reports of grave complications between
Germany and France are absolutely dis-
credited both at Berlin and Versailles.
Gladstone replied to a question on the
subject from Mr. Hoare, in the House
of Commons, that the Government had re-
ceived no information confirmatory of
the statements made in the Daily Tele-
graph.

Madrid, April 18.—A decree has been
issued annulling the concession for the
telegraph cable to America by way of
Azores.

Odesa, April 18.—Gen. Sherman and
party have arrived here. They go to
Sebastopol, and thence continue their
route to Moscow and St. Petersburg.

Paris, April 18.—France having aban-
doned the passport system as regards
England only, other countries demand of
her a similar exemption.

The French officers having obtained
satisfaction from Madagascar, the inten-
tion of bombarding its principal sea port
has been abandoned.

London, April 18.—The Daily Tele-
graph recently said that grave complica-
tions between France and Germany were
imminent unless military preparations
are discontinued in France. The Augs-
berg Allgemeine Zeitung regards this as
correct, and declares that it is the pur-
pose and policy of Bismarck. The Zeit-
ung also states that all the Prussian
soldiers whose time had not completely
expired, although sent home at the end
of the war, will now be recalled to their
colours.

The Washington Treaty—The Counter
Case.
A synopsis of the counter case present-
ed on behalf of Great Britain, at Geneva,
has been published. It distinctly refuses
to reply to the insinuations of insincere
neutrality, etc., or to discuss the merits
of indirect charges. It assumes that the
claims were limited to the injuries on
commerce inflicted by four vessels, but
will not object to nine others being added
to the list. It contends that judgment
must be rendered upon proofs, not the
allegations of American Consuls upon
inquiries. It rejects the papers taken on
board the Richmond, the authors being
unknown. It denies that a neutral power
is bound to enforce or alter its Municipal
laws, at the request of a belligerent. It
admits the liability to make reparation for
appreciable injuries, resulting from a
breach of international law. Against the
quotations quoted in the American case,
it presents such cases as the filibustering
attacks of Lopez upon Cuba, Walker on
Mexico and Central America, and Fenian
raids into Canada. It pleaded guilty and was
quitting that the maritime should take
account of the utmost, only the claims
arising directly from the capture and
destruction of vessels and property.

Latest from Manitoba.
MANITOBA, April 18, 1872.
Under the direction of committees, the
French half-breeds on the Red and Assi-
noine rivers are taking account of all
firewood and timber cut on their
lands, and will present their bills
for payment to the Government. Some
one without authority, has circulated
the rumour that the Government
here said they would pay these bills,
and they are being made out systemat-
ically. The stories have quieted the
minds of the French half-breeds, who
were otherwise disposed to insist on pay-
ment at all hazards.

A letter received here from an officer
of the Public Works Department at She-
nando, confirms the rumour as to
gold fields there. They are it said very
profitable, and some are now working
them.

Diamond diggings are threatened in
California. It is said that a diamond of
considerable value has been found in a
gravel pit digging in Eldorado County.

NEWS ITEMS.

Mr. JOHN MEYER has been appointed
valuator of the unpatented lands in the
Township of Wellesley.

The Hamilton Standard says the Con-
servatives of that city have subscribed
\$25,000 as a bonus in order to induce the
publishers of the Spectator to publish a
morning paper.

The Galt Reporter says that the block
belonging to the estate of the late John
Miller, in that town, destroyed by fire in
January last, is to be re-built at as early
a day as possible.

The 26th of April, 1829, was the Natal
Day of Odd Fellowship, and the Grand
Lodge of the Order in the United States
ordained that that date in each year
should be observed appropriately by the
Order.

The Belleville Intelligencer learns from
private sources that after the Wesleyan
Conference in June next, the Rev. W. M.
Furnish will leave for Manitoba; thence
to British Columbia; thence to Califor-
nia; and thence on a trip to China; and,
finally, to England, whence he will re-
turn.

VETERINARY COLLEGE.—Amongst the
names of those who graduated and re-
ceived their diplomas from this institution
at the recent examination, we find the
name of Thomas Garbutt, Drayton; and
amongst those who passed a primary ex-
amination in anatomy and physiology, the
names of David Hamilton, Harriston, H. W.
Kenning, Elmhurst, and Charles Little,
Tewksbury.

The Listowel Banner says that the
Red River emigration party, under the
management of the Rev. Mr. Brown, left
that place on Tuesday and travelled in
waggons to Mitchell station. The entire
party congregated there comprised eight
families, ninety persons, and they en-
joyed a special train over the Grand
Trunk, Michigan Central and connections,
by which they are to be carried through
to St. Pauls without the trouble of chang-
ing cars.

WATERLOO POOR HOUSE.—The Waterloo
Chronicle gives the following statistics re-
specting this Poor House:—Since the
opening in July 1869, 331 persons have
been admitted of whom 27 have died
mostly from old age or disease con-
tracted before coming to the poor house,
22 have absconded, 19 minors have been
bound out to farmers and tradesmen,
186 have been discharged having had
their temporary wants relieved, and 77
still remain in the institution.

THE CITY OF THE PLAGUE.—The Mon-
teral True Witness, in an article under
the above heading, says: "The unusual
accumulation of dead bodies, many hun-
dreds of them victims of the hideous
small-pox, all advancing to a state of
decomposition, in the vault of the Catholic
Cemetery, is causing a most abominable
stench on the Cote des Neiges road; and
may be perceived at nearly the distance
of a mile, as we have been informed by
people coming in from the country, and
who were half-poisoned with the fearful
stink." The authorities should at once
apply without stint the most powerful
disinfectants, lest the task of transferring
from the vault to the graves the mass of
corruption in the former, be the cause of
an outbreak of pestilence in a severer
form than ever.

THE CHINESE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.—
The irrepressible Chinese have been re-
cently making their way into British Co-
lumbia where they are now extensively
employed. A good deal of opposition to
such employment is being raised in the
Provincial Parliament. It is contended
that the Chinese are not the class of
settlers a young country needs; that their
presence will prevent a European im-
migration, and that they come substanti-
ally as slaves, bound by contract for a
number of years to work for almost no-
thing. The authorities should at once
apply without stint the most powerful
disinfectants, lest the task of transferring
from the vault to the graves the mass of
corruption in the former, be the cause of
an outbreak of pestilence in a severer
form than ever.

OUR prediction as to the result of the
miserly economy practised by the Premier
of the late Ontario Government in cutting
the contracts for the erection of the
Asylum buildings down to a ridiculously
low figure, and forcing the contractors
to put in inferior material and hasty
workmanship in order to make the job
pay, are being fully borne out. The
serious defects are apparent in the
building, and large sums will have to
be spent annually in patching up the
gaps occasioned by bad workmanship and
worse material. Part of one of the walls
fell a few days ago, and signs of weakness
are apparent in others.

The old trouble about the drains has
broken out again, and a most unwhole-
some effluvia arises from the mass of
filth, unable to find an outlet.

Inside the building evidences of the
slap-dash nature of the workmanship are
to be seen in every part. The plaster has
fallen from the ceiling in several places,
the material being poorly made, and lack-
ing adhesiveness and body. The iron
window frames are just as they were
taken from the mould, so rough and
uneven that in many cases they will move
neither up nor down. A few more dollars
expended in having them planned and
made to work smooth would have dou-
bled their usefulness and value. The sur-
faces have been made of unseasoned
lumber and have shrunk so much that
large gaps are already visible. It does
not redound much to the credit of the
contractors or to the watchfulness of the
late administration that a new building
such as the Asylum should so soon show
such serious defects, and that a large sum
will have to be expended at once in re-
pairs. Like many other relics of the
Sandfield rule in Ontario, the London
Asylum will stand as a monument of his
miserly mania for the cheap, regardless
of appearance or durability.—London
Advertiser.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, April 18.
Mr. Blake introduced a Bill to alter
the law respecting elections, and a Bill to
secure the independence of the Senate.
Mr. Cartwright also brought in a Bill for
the better protection of navigable streams.
The Speaker laid on the table the des-
patches and minutes relating to the
Treaty of Washington, furnished by the
Governor-General.

Mr. Mackenzie drew attention to the
fact that the substance of the communi-
cations just laid upon the table had
already appeared in a Government news-
paper, which he denounced as a gross
violation of Parliamentary usage.

Sir John A. Macdonald admitted the
truth of the allegation, and confessed
that he himself had afforded the infor-
mation referred to; he contended that it
was no breach of Parliamentary practice,
and quoted the communication of the
substance of the Queen's Speech before
the opening of a session, as a precedent.

Hon. Mr. Holton declared that the
Premier had deliberately withheld papers
from the House, though they had been
given in another quarter, and argued
that such a course amounted to a breach
of privilege.

Mr. Masson enquired if the Govern-
ment proposed to alter the patent laws so
as to place all British subjects on an
equal footing, and to oblige the patentee
to commence the manufacture of the
protected article within twelve months.

Hon. Mr. Pope replied that it was their
intention to introduce a Bill to amend
the present law.

In answer to Mr. Young, Sir Geo. E.
Cartier stated that the proposed forma-
tions of ports of the Dominion would not
be proceeded with during the present
year, but the policy of their construction
could not be abandoned without the con-
sent of the Imperial Government.

Mr. Young, having asked whether the
Government intended during the present
session to amend the law so as that the
elections for the various Provinces should
in future be held simultaneously, Sir
John A. Macdonald said they were not
prepared to propose such a fundamen-
tal change, but might suggest some slight
amendment of the existing law. Mr.
Young then gave notice that he would
introduce a Bill himself to amend the
election law in accordance with his
views.

In reply to Mr. Magill, Hon. Mr. Lange-
vin promised that the Government would
shortly lay before the House the policy
they proposed to adopt in regard to the
extension and improvement of the canals
of the Dominion.

In answer to Hon. Mr. Blake, Sir J. A.
Macdonald stated that the Government
would not introduce a Supreme Court
Bill this session.

Mr. Keefer enquired if the Government
would propose a measure providing for
the inspection of the manufacture of salt,
and Sir F. Hincks stated that it was in-
tended to bring in a general Inspection
Bill.

Mr. Oliver moved for a statement of
particulars as to all sum paid or claims
admitted for damages sustained by the
rebellion in Manitoba, but, on the promise
of Sir Francis Hincks that the required
information would be brought down as
soon as possible, withdrew his motion.

Hon. Mr. Mackenzie moved for all cor-
respondence with the Imperial Govern-
ment respecting the claims on account of
the Fenian invasion. Carried.

The London Asylum.
SANDFIELD'S CHEAP CONTRACTS.

OUR prediction as to the result of the
miserly economy practised by the Premier
of the late Ontario Government in cutting
the contracts for the erection of the
Asylum buildings down to a ridiculously
low figure, and forcing the contractors
to put in inferior material and hasty
workmanship in order to make the job
pay, are being fully borne out. The
serious defects are apparent in the
building, and large sums will have to
be spent annually in patching up the
gaps occasioned by bad workmanship and
worse material. Part of one of the walls
fell a few days ago, and signs of weakness
are apparent in others.

The old trouble about the drains has
broken out again, and a most unwhole-
some effluvia arises from the mass of
filth, unable to find an outlet.

Inside the building evidences of the
slap-dash nature of the workmanship are
to be seen in every part. The plaster has
fallen from the ceiling in several places,
the material being poorly made, and lack-
ing adhesiveness and body. The iron
window frames are just as they were
taken from the mould, so rough and
uneven that in many cases they will move
neither up nor down. A few more dollars
expended in having them planned and
made to work smooth would have dou-
bled their usefulness and value. The sur-
faces have been made of unseasoned
lumber and have shrunk so much that
large gaps are already visible. It does
not redound much to the credit of the
contractors or to the watchfulness of the
late administration that a new building
such as the Asylum should so soon show
such serious defects, and that a large sum
will have to be expended at once in re-
pairs. Like many other relics of the
Sandfield rule in Ontario, the London
Asylum will stand as a monument of his
miserly mania for the cheap, regardless
of appearance or durability.—London
Advertiser.

NEWS ITEMS.

The fall wheat in the Western States
has suffered severely by the severity of
the winter.

The Bay of Fundy was frozen com-
pletely over this winter, a circum-
stance unprecedented in the memory of
the oldest inhabitant.

Father Gavazzi has arrived in New
York.

A tree which was cut down last week
in Kansas contained two bushels of bees
and three hundred pounds of beautiful
transparent honey.

The Tribune, in an admirable editorial
on Agassiz, quotes the story of a shrewd
agent who tried vainly to get the great
naturalist for a winter's lectures. "Why,
sir, you can make more money than ten
years of this work," he reasoned. "But
I have not the time to make money,"
said Agassiz. In this short sentence is
expressed the whole of that great ser-
vice which Americans and Canadians most
need.

A Dundas man is engaged working up
a saw log thirty feet long into a life for
the Boston Jubilee.