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**Guelph Evening Mercury** OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET WEDNESDAY EVNG, DEC. 2, 1868.

**Parliamentary.**

The Legislature continues to do a fair amount of work. The bill respecting the election of members to the Legislative Assembly was discussed in Committee on Friday, when it was agreed to reduce the franchise in cities from \$500 to \$400. Motions to lower the franchise in towns to \$200 and in townships to \$100 were lost.

The bill respecting the law of dower, which contains some provisions of an objectionable character, as referred to in another column, was read a third time and passed. The bill respecting line fences was read a second time, and referred to a special committee. The bill is intended to amend the present act to compel non-residents to do their share in the drainage of their lands.

When the House met on Monday, Mr. Blake called attention to the fact that the Bill relating to the law of dower had been read a third time and passed on Friday, when it was among the orders of the day for Tuesday following, and should not have been brought up till that day. Mr. Macdonald said he regretted the blunder, but as the proceedings of Friday could not be rescinded, the only way to do was to bring up a motion to have it reconsidered. Mr. Blake objected to this course, and intimated that at some future stage he would renew the amendment he had already offered to the House.

An address of congratulation was drafted, passed and ordered to be presented to Sir John Young on his arrival in, and on his appointment as Governor-General of Canada. Some discussion took place on a motion of Mr. Trow for the second reading of the Homestead Exemption Act. The Attorney General argued that such a measure was not necessary, that it was not asked for, and he hoped that Mr. Trow would for the present withdraw the bill or let it stand over. It was accordingly allowed to stand over.

The bill respecting the protection of sheep from dogs was read a second time and referred to a select committee. It proposes to repeal the present bill altogether. The opinion seemed to be generally entertained that the present bill was unpopular in the townships.

A bill to amend the act respecting the Common Schools was read a second time. The object of the bill is to reconcile certain discrepancies between the School law and the Municipal law. The first two clauses repealed the old enactments, and substituted others, with reference to the election of School Trustees, which were in accordance with the Municipal law. The third clause provided that there should be one polling place, instead of two, in each ward. The fourth clause provided for a day of nomination, so that a candidate should not be sprung upon the people without notice. The fifth clause provided that voters' lists should be furnished by the Clerk of the city or town, which had not been the case heretofore, and for want of which, the Deputy-Returning officers had acted each as he thought fit, in the different wards. The only other important point was an addition to the declaration to be made by voters. The bill was read a second time, and referred to the Committee on education.

On Tuesday, after a number of petitions had been presented and several bills getting a first reading the House went into Committee of the Whole on Atty-Gen. Macdonald's bill relative to the Election of members. Several amendments were then proposed and adopted—among them one providing that the Returning Officer, at the close of the election, should send the books and papers, through Post-Office, to the Crown in Chancery. When completed we shall give a synopsis of the Bill.

On motion of Atty-Gen. Macdonald, the House went into committee—Mr. Gow in the chair—on the Bill to amend chapter 119 of Consolidated Statutes U. C., so far as it relates to fees of Sheriffs. The Bill, as originally introduced, provided that the fees of the Sheriffs, Coroners, Clerks of the Peace, &c., should be as fixed by the Court of Queen's Bench on the 15th of November 1845 and 5th September, 1852, until otherwise provided by law. The Attorney-General now explained that he had altered it by providing that the tariff should be that adopted by the Judges last June. He agreed to this, because by the abolition of Recorders' Courts, and reducing the number of Quarter Sessions and County Courts, the fees to these officials would be materially diminished. The Bill was reported from the Committee, amended in the way proposed by the Attorney-General, and was ordered to be read a third time on Friday.

On motion of Atty-Gen. Macdonald, the House went again into Committee on the Bill to diminish the sittings of County Courts and Quarter Sessions, and for other purposes. The House went into Committee on Mr. Coyne's Bill, relating to the execution of Discharges of Mortgage and Deeds of Conveyance by married women. Mr. Lout in the chair. The Committee rose and reported the Bill, with amendments. Report received, and amendments occurred in.

Mr. Sinclair has placed the following resolutions on the notice paper, postponed until Monday. "That in the opinion of this House, it is highly desirable that conflicting claims to the public lands should be settled without delay. That where all just claims have been forfeited they should immediately resumed and resold, and that wherever the price fixed upon for the land has been so high that it would be oppressive to the settler to enforce payment, an abatement should be made.

That to carry out these views a Commission should be appointed, to hold sittings in such Townships as the Commissioner of Crown Lands may direct, and whose duty it shall be to take evidence, and decide upon these matters, and submit such evidence and decisions to the Commissioner of Crown Lands for his approval. That the said Commission shall be composed of an officer of the Crown Lands Department, the County Judge, and the Wardens of the County in which the sittings are held.

Attorney General Macdonald introduced a bill to provide for the establishment and government of Central District Prisons in the Province of Ontario.

Mr. BERRYER, the honest, independent, French lawyer is dead. He was a legitimist leader, yet a lover of law and of constitutional liberty. It is only a few days since we heard that he had declared his opposition to the recent press prosecutions by Louis Napoleon's Government. He was a great advocate; an upholder of the bar, and of the freedom of speech before the tribunals, under all varieties of Government. He was one of the most illustrious Frenchmen of the century for courage, patriotism and honesty, although a devoted ally of a dynasty almost universally condemned. If the Bourbons had yet been on the throne, Mr. Berryer might not have been so devoted. Their fall, to his chivalric mind, was only another reason for cherishing the attachment of his early years.

SMUGGLED SILKS.—A day or two since some revenue officers at Port Huron seized 2,367 yards of black silk that had been smuggled to that place from Canada. The goods, it appears, were purchased in Europe and brought to Port Huron to be shipped to New York. Joseph Callard, an express man, was arrested on the charge and bailed in \$5000 to appear for examination. On Saturday last, Neal Cochran, of Port Huron, was also arrested and bailed in \$2,500.

CENTRE RIDING.—Our Reform friends will bear in mind that the meetings in the different municipalities for the purpose of appointing representatives to the Fergus meeting take place on Monday first at the places stated in the printed notices which are posted throughout the townships.

According to Commissioner Wells' report to Congress, the little State of Vermont retails within her borders six millions seven hundred eighty-six thousand and sixty-five dollars' worth of liquors annually.

THE MINTO RAILWAY BONUS.—We learn that there is considerable grumbling in Minto on the part of the ratepayers, in being assessed this year for a portion of the sinking fund to be applied in payment of the bonus granted by the Township to the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway, and that great complaints are made against the Council for collecting the same this year. If we are not greatly mistaken, the Council had no option in the matter, but are required in accordance with the law to proceed to collect the sinking fund. After the debentures have been lodged with the Provincial Treasurer, the Council we understand were actuated by another and very good reason for commencing to collect for the sinking fund. By extending the payments over a greater number of years the tax comes much lighter on the ratepayers than if the period for payment was crowded into a shorter time. In this matter, therefore, the Council have acted from the best motives, and if we understand it aright could not have adopted any other course. The blame, if any, must rest on the ratepayers, who sanctioned a by-law, under whose provisions the Council are now acting.

WHALEN WELL GUARDED.—A guard of men from the 29th regiment has been stationed at the new jail, where the Fenian prisoner, Whalen, is now confined. They went on duty on Friday last. It was thought as well to provide against any attempt at rescue, and the precaution is wise and prudent, though, as we believe, quite unnecessary.

FIRE IN STRATFORD.—About one o'clock on Tuesday morning, a fire broke out in Messrs. W. & P. Workman's iron house, and the stables of Mr. A. T. Argo, in the rear of Messrs. Workman's hardware store, and the American and Canadian Express Offices. The stable and iron house were entirely destroyed.

An affecting sight.—To behold at a wedding the sorrow-stricken air of the parent as he "gives the bride away," when you know that for the last ten years he has been trying to get her off his hands.

We were in error last week in stating that Mr. Henlock Young had sold his prize heifer to Mr. Peter Armstrong. It was sold to Mr. Peter Reanne, Garafaxa.

**HOTEL ARRIVALS.** COULSON HOUSE, GUELPH, Dec. 2. Prof. Bell, Kingston; Mr. Swan, Alex. Godfrey, Miss A. Godfrey Mount Forest; Thos. Dickinson, J. Pringle, Thos. Hadas, A. Robb, M. McFarlane, E. H. Moore, George Roach, Peter Grant, Hamilton; George Ash Buffalo; D. A. Weir, Henry Mortimore, D. Dodson London; W. H. Blist New York; Wm. Ferguson Montreal; W. S. Johnston Fergus; C. G. Martin Exeter; J. A. Cox Detroit; W. H. Rodder Toronto; Wm. Spence Galt; John Smith, John Steel Flamboro; Rev. H. Greenlaw Fort Erie; Samuel Fiss.

**SPEED LODGE No. 180.** The next Regular Meeting of this Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 25th, when a full and punctual attendance of all the members is requested. Election of Officers.

J. CHIDFORD, Secretary. Guelph, 2nd December. w1d4

**ESTRAY HEIFER.** Came on the premises of the subscriber, Lot 22, Con. 5, Erin, about the 1st October last, a young heifer. The owner can have the same by proving property and paying expenses. DUGALD THOMSON. Guelph, 3rd Dec. d1-w3.

**New Advertisements.**

**BANKRUPT STOCK FOR SALE.** F. B. KNOWLES, Of the Village of Rothsay, Ont., has assigned to me, for the benefit of all his creditors, the whole of his stock of

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**REMEMBER MR. NICHOLS' ENTERTAINMENT** IN THE **TOWN HALL, TO-NIGHT.** The Programme is a splendid one. Guelph, 2nd December. d1

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