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Business Cards.

FREDERICK BISCOE, Barrister and Attorney at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Conveyancer, &c. Guelph. Office, corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets. dw

AUSTIN C. CHADWICK, Barrister at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, &c., Market Place, Guelph. Office entrance—next door to the Queen's Hotel. dw

STEPHEN BOULT, Architect, Contractor and Builder. Planing 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 Attorney-at-Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Notary Public and Conveyancer. Office, over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store. Entrance on Macdonell street. dw

OLIVER & MACDONALD, Barristers and Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors, Notaries Public, &c. Office—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, up stairs, Guelph, Ont.
R. OLIVER, JR. (dw) A. H. MACDONALD.

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,
Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law,
Solicitors in Chancery,
GUELPH, ONTARIO.
D GUTHRIE, J WATT, W H CUTTEN.
Guelph, March 1, 1871 dwy

F. STURDY,
House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter
GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.
Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. f27-dwly

JOHN KIRKHAM,
Silver Plater and Brass Finisher.
All orders promptly attended to.
Shop—opposite Chalmer's Church, Quebec Street, Guelph. dwy

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 d3m

ROYAL HOTEL LIVERY STABLE.
The subscriber begs to notify the public that he has purchased the above livery from Mr Geo. W. Jessop, and will continue the business as heretofore. Having made considerable improvements, he will be able at all times to meet the wants of the travelling public. First-class Turnouts ready at the shortest notice.
Guelph, 6th Dec. dtf W. J. WILSON.

O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL,
IN THE
QUEEN'S HOTEL, GUELPH, OPPOSITE THE MARKET.
Refitted in the latest fashion. Five latest styles Phelan Tables. do

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.
DENIS BUNYAN,
Guelph, Nov. 21, 1872. do

PARKERS HOTEL,
—DIRECTLY—
OPPOSITE the MARKET, GUELPH
First-class accommodation for travellers, Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.
The best of Liquors and Cigars at the bar.
JAMES PARKER, Proprietor.
Guelph, Feb. 6, 1872 dwy

HART & SPEIRS,
Conveyancers, Land, Loan, Insurance and General Agents,
4 Day's Block, Guelph
In reference to the above, Wm. Hart begs to inform his friends and the public that he has entered into partnership with Mr. Jas. S. Speirs in the above business, and while expressing his grateful acknowledgments for the liberal share of patronage bestowed upon him for the past three years, would respectfully solicit a continuance of the same to the new firm.
All business entrusted to us will receive prompt and strict attention.
Deeds, Mortgages, Wills, Leases, &c., &c.
neatly and correctly prepared.
MONEY always on hand in sums to suit borrowers, on mortgages or good personal security. No delay or extravagant charges.
Our list of Town and Farm Property is large and varied, and parties in want of real estate of any kind should call on us before purchasing elsewhere.
Agents for the Commercial Union Assurance Company of London, England.
HART & SPEIRS,
My14-dw 4 Day's Block, Guelph, Ont.

JESSOP & CORBET,
General Insurance, Loan and Real Estate Agents.
Office—ONTARIO BANK BUILDING
GUELPH ONT.
Life, Fire and Accident Policies issued in first-class Companies on the most favourable terms.
Several valuable farms and town property for sale on easy terms.
$6,500 to invest on first-class security.
Parties requiring or desiring to invest money will find it to their advantage to give us a call. Charges moderate.
JESSOP & CORBET,
Ontario Bank Building, Guelph, Ont.

N. HIGINBOTHAM, Agent for the following first-class companies:—Royal Fire and Life, Scottish Imperial Fire and Life, Etna Fire and Life, Agricultural Fire (Isolated), Isolated Risk, Fire and Traveller's Life and Accident Insurance Comp'y; Also, Agent for the Hamilton Provident Loan Society, one of the most liberal in Canada. No lawyer's fees charged.
Office with JESSOP & CORBET,
Ontario Bank Building, Guelph, Ont.
May 14, 1872 dw

NEW BAKERY.
The Subscribers beg to notify the people of Guelph that they have started a new Bakery
On Essex Street, one door south of Dr. Keating's,
Where they will always have in stock a supply of bread of the first quality.
Having secured the services of Mr. George Watson as baker, they feel assured in giving satisfaction.
Bread and Flour promptly delivered in any part of the town.
They hope by strict attention to business, and making bread of the best quality, to merit a share of public patronage.
A. McPHAIL & Co.
Guelph, March 12 1872 3md

New Advertisements.

PIANO FOR SALE. — $140 cash will purchase an excellent piano. Can be seen at the Royal Hotel, Guelph. 22-wldtf

SERVANT WANTED.—Wanted immediately, a good active servant. Apply at this office. 16d

40 ACRES of GOOD PASTURE in TOWN TO RENT. RIVER upon one side of it. Apply at the Law Office of the undersigned.
May 8, 1872 dtf ROBT. MITCHELL.

DR. BROCK,
RESIDENCE
Directly opposite Chalmer's Church,
QUEBEC STREET. d

DURHAM BULL. — The subscriber has a thorough bred Durham bull, which will serve cows this season at his farm lately occupied by Mr. John Kirkland.
May 2-wl-dtf J. W. B. KELLY.

DR. CLARK has resumed the practice of his profession. He will remain in his office, Quebec Street, every Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a. m. to 3 p.m. for consultation. my17-dwlm

SHEEP LOST—About three weeks ago; 12 in number; principally last year's lambs, and one oldish ewe with black mark over her eye, with lamb at foot. The finder will be liberally rewarded on application to Robert Cochrane, York Road. m14dwtf

WOOLEN RAGS, CARD, OR YARN WASTE—Best cash price paid.
Apply to
SMITH & WILBY,
m16dw1m 116 Adelaide St. East, Toronto.

THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH, remodelled and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers. Free omnibus to and from all trains. First-class Livery in connection.
May 14 dwtf JAS. A. THORP, Proprietor.

TO MASONS.—Tenders will be received by the undersigned for the erection of a Stone Barn 40 x 60, on his Farm, York Road. Tenders received until the 25th of May. Plans and specifications can be seen on the premises, or on application to Robt. Cochrane, York Road. m4dtd

BEDDING OUT PLANTS FOR SALE.
Asters, Stocks, Balsams, Pinks (different varieties) Zinnias, &c. &c.
Orders left with Mr. Hugh Walker, or Sam Calver, Union Cemetery, will be promptly attended to. 16-12d

TO MECHANICS AND OTHERS.—The subscriber has about 50 of the best lots in the West Ward, Guelph, which he is prepared to sell cheap and give a good title free from incumbrance.
HENRY HATCH,
Land & Loan Agent,
March27,-dtf Guelph.

ICE, ICE.
The subscriber begs to inform the inhabitants of the Town of Guelph that he can supply them with Ice,
DELIVERED DAILY
At their houses, at a moderate charge. Parties leaving their orders for the same at Mr. John Webster's Cork Street, or at Mr. Porte's confectionery store, Wyndham street, will be punctually attended to.
RALPH SMITH,
Guelph, April 29th, 1871. d6w

ICE, ICE.
Ice supplied daily in any part of the town. Leave your order with
J. HARRIS.
Baker and Confectioner, Market Square.
Guelph, May 22, 1872. d1m

EXCELSIOR LAMP BOILER.
Patented Jan., 1872.
Safe, Simple and Economical!
Saves Time and Trouble!
Invaluable in the Sick-room or Nursery!
No Family Should be without one!
All orders taken by Mr. G. A. Coulson will be filled by E. Harvey & Co., Druggists, who will also keep on hand and for sale, the above Lamps.
G. A. COULSON, Agent.
Guelph, May 21, 1872 d6w1

TOWN OF GUELPH.
COURT OF REVISION.
The Court of Revision for the Town of Guelph, will be held
On Monday Evening, 27th of May,
—IN THE—
COUNCIL CHAMBER
Commencing at half-past seven o'clock.
JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk.
Town Clerk's Office, May 16, 1872. dwd

TO CONTRACTORS.
North Wellington Registry Office.
Tenders are invited for the Mason, Bricklayer, Carpenter, Plastering and Iron Work for the erection of the New Registry Office in the Village of Arthur, according to the Government plans and specifications to be seen at the County Treasurer's Office, Guelph.
Tenders to be sent in to the undersigned on or before the 1st June.
The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.
JAMES MASSIE,
Chairman Co. Property Committee.
Guelph, May 13, 1872 dwd

NEW FANCY STORE.
The subscriber begs to inform the public of Guelph and surrounding country that she is opening a Fancy Store
On the West Market Square,
In Paul Cullen's old stand, where she will keep a choice stock of
BERLIN WOOLS
General Fancy Goods, and Toys.
She hopes that by strict attention to business, and studying the wants of the public, to merit a share of public patronage.
MRS. MOYES.
Guelph, May 22, 1872 3md

DEADY'S
WELLINGTON HOTEL.
The undersigned begs to intimate to his numerous friends and the travelling public generally that he has assumed the management of the above hotel, and trusts by courtesy and strict attention to business to make the "Wellington" one of the most popular hotels in town. The best wines and liquors kept at the bar.
Superior stabling; and a careful and attentive hostler always on hand.
MARTIN DEADY.
Guelph, April 2, '72 wy-dtf

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THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 23, 1872

THE HOLIDAY.

To-morrow being the Queen's Birthday, no paper will be issued from this office.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

POST OFFICE. — To-morrow the Post Office will be open from 10 to 11 a. m., only.

TO-MORROW being a holiday, Mr. John Anderson will not deliver the Toronto papers, but the store will be open during the forenoon to give them out.

ENGLISH MAGAZINE.—Mr. John Anderson has sent us Good Words, Sunday Magazine, and the Family Herald for May. Copies for sale at his store.

ENGLISH MAGAZINE FOR MAY.—Mr. T. J. Day has sent us London Society, The Family Herald, Good Words and Sunday Magazine for this month. Copies for sale at his store.

SALE OF LOTS POSTPONED.—On account of the inclemency of the weather yesterday, the sale of town and park lots, which was to have taken place at St. George's Glebe, was postponed to Wednesday next, 29th inst. An omnibus will take out intending purchasers on that day, leaving the Royal Hotel at a quarter before two. As we understand there is no reserve figure placed upon these lots, those who wish to secure land upon which to build will find this an excellent opportunity.

THE KALITHUMPIAN PROCESSION.—We notice a not unreasonable request in a letter to the *Advertiser* by the President of this Grotesque Association that the public would keep to the sidewalks during the progress of the procession to-morrow, in order to keep down the dust as much as possible. His Excellency will have observed with pleasure that "Jupiter Pluvius" has yesterday transformed the dust into "miry clay." Let us fervently hope that there will be no "stick in the mud" during the eventful hour of the passage of the "caravansera."

ROCKWOOD TOWN HALL.—The first public meeting of the ratepayers of the village called in connection with this Trust was held in the Hall on the 20th, for the purpose of electing a trustee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of David Clark, Esq., who has left the village. Several nominations being proposed the choice fell on Mr. Thomas Harris, of the Rockwood Woollen Factory, whose election was made unanimous. Mr. Joseph Nairn (the Secretary to the Trust,) then read a financial statement showing that $994 50 had been received and paid. All obligations are paid up to date, and $50 paid in advance on the mortgage, leaving $250 due on the same. A cordial vote of thanks being given Mr. Clark and duly responded to by that gentleman, the meeting dispersed.—COM.

LAWRENCE'S CORNET BAND.—Mr. Ben. Savage requests us to state that this Band has been broken up because they have not received that support from the public in a pecuniary sense which would enable to continue organization. Beyond the furnishing of the uniforms, and the purchase of the instruments, they say they have received little or no monetary return for their services, and the members are consequently unable to contribute of their own means to the extent necessary to keep the Band fully equipped with music, pay rent of rooms, loss of time, etc. With reference to the paragraph in the *Herald* of Tuesday the 21st, it is but right to say that the instruments recently advertised in the MERCURY for sale were private property entirely, and that the instruments purchased from the contribution supplied by the public are still in the hands of the members, who are prepared to hand them over to any committee of gentlemen the subscribers to their purchase may appoint. We will, ourselves, merely add that we heartily regret that the members of this popular band have felt themselves compelled to abandon a musical enterprise that has afforded so much pleasure to the public, mixed with so little satisfaction to themselves.

POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders Esq., P. M.
May 23.

James Murphy, grocer, was charged by Chief Constable Kelly with purchasing a load of potatoes on the Market on Tuesday before 10 o'clock a. m., contrary to the provisions of the new Market By-law now in force. Mr. J. P. MacMillan appeared for the defence. Evidence was had for the prosecution, when Mr. MacMillan urged that defendant being a grocer, is not a dealer, and that he must be a dealer in the Market; also, that there is no evidence that defendant bought the goods for the purpose of selling them again; also that roots are not potatoes. Mr. Elliott, who drew up the By-law, stated that the intention was that the By-law should apply to purchases of whole loads.

The Magistrate dismissed the case without costs, on the ground that the defendant was acting under a *bona fide* claim of right, having been informed by a Town Councillor that the By-law was not intended to apply to a purchase of potatoes by wholesale. But the Magistrate held that in future, when a dealer is charged with a breach of this section of the By-Law, he must be presumed to have purchased with the intention of selling the article again.

This is the first case tried under the new Market By-law.

BY TELEGRAPH

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

STATE CONVENTION

Capture of an English Schooner

More Strikes in New York

Springfield, Ill., May 22.—The Republican State Convention to-day nominated Gen. Oglesby for Governor and General Beveridge for Lieut.-Governor, both by acclamation.

Havana, May 22.—The Spanish gunboat *Destello* captured the English schooner *William Julian* at Savana la Mar, and brought her to Nuevetas. The crew consists of Capt. Wilson and 15 men.

Washington, May 23, 1 a. m.—The weather probabilities are that the lowest barometer will move north-eastwardly over the northern portion of New England, followed by the rising barometer northerly to westerly; winds clear and clearing weather from the Lakes to the Eastern Gulf and South and Middle Atlantic coasts on Thursday, and will extend over New England on Thursday afternoon or night. Dangerous winds are not anticipated.

New York, May 23.—About two hundred strikers yesterday went to the cabinet shop of Alex. Stein and threatened to clear out the place. The police dispersed the intruders.

The stone-cutters of Long Island City struck yesterday for 8 hours work and $4 a day. They have been receiving $4 50 for 10 hours. Two yards conceded to the demands. The bricklayers are receiving $4 for 8 hours in the same locality.

Queen's Birthday.

We summarize for the benefit of the many holiday seekers on the morrow the programme of proceedings for the due celebration of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria's natal day.

A salute of 21 guns at 7 o'clock in the morning, by Capt. Macdonald's Field Battery.

At 8 a. m., the second nine of the "Maple Leaf" will play a match with the first nine of the "Union" B. B. C., on the Fair Ground.

At 9 a. m. the children will assemble in their respective class-rooms, when oranges and sweetmeats will be served out to them; they will then march under the guidance of their teachers to the Drill Shed, reaching there punctually at half-past nine, when they will unitedly sing the National Anthem, and then disperse.

At 10 o'clock a.m., sharp, the games will commence. There are 18 different events to be contested, and prizes will be awarded in every section. Entrance fee 15c.; boys' race free. 4 entries, three to start, or no prize given.

At 2 p.m., a match game of base ball between the Guelph "Maple Leaf" Club and the "Dauntless" Club, of Toronto, on the grounds of the former, near the Great Western Station. Admission—gentlemen 10c., ladies free.

At the conclusion of the base ball match, the Kalithumpian procession will make its triumphal entry into town, headed by Herr Von Shinglemanscanteen-lagersknappsknockemoff, and a numerous cavalcade.

The day's rejoicings will conclude with a grand bonfire and fireworks on the market square, at 8 o'clock. The Town Hall will also be illuminated; and an excellent brass band will discourse sweet music throughout the day.

The Great Western Railway Company announce excursion tickets by ordinary trains at single fare to and from all stations on their line, and doubtless their liberality will be duly appreciated by our citizen tourists.

The Nissouri Murder.

MRS. CAMPBELL ADHERES TO HER STATEMENT, AND PRESSES COYLE TO CONFESS.

The unfortunate convict, Mrs. Phoebe Campbell, to-day expressed herself as fully satisfied with having made a full and entire confession of the guilt of the murder of her husband, and was anxious that Coyle should also acknowledge his crime. She penned a letter to Coyle, stating that she had disclosed the facts of the murder, and begging him to confess his great sin and seek forgiveness of God. She urges him to confess, as he has no friends to be affected by his disclosure, while she has a heart-broken family, mother, sisters and little children. This letter was handed to the Sheriff, but whether it was given to Coyle or not, we are not aware.

Mrs. Campbell states to-day that she has no further developments to make. The whole truth was contained in her confession. She asserts positively that her husband's throat was cut by Coyle while standing up, and before he was dead, although the medical testimony is that the throat was cut after death. To account for the finding of the body so far from where she says it fell, she supposes it must have been driven over by Coyle striking it with the axe. She also adheres to the statement that the murder was committed in the dark, as they were afraid the little girl would recognize Coyle if there was a light, and let out the secret. —*Advertiser of Tuesday.*

VAN AMBURGH'S MENAGERIE AT PETROLIA: PROFESSOR WHITE TORN BY LIONS.—At the conclusion of the performance of Van Amburgh's menagerie, at Petrolia, Professor White entered the lions' cage to give an exhibition. The animals were very restive, and when the professor entered he could not catch the eye of one of the lions, and retired. He made another attempt and succeded in getting in, when the lion pounced upon him and tore his arms and bruised his body badly before he could get out, which he did with the assistance of three other keepers using pikes, &c. In the next department there two female lions, and Prof White had the presence of mind to slid back a small iron door and allow the lions to enter the next cage, thereby saving his life, Dr. Loughead being on hand was summoned, and dressed his wounds; he is not considered seriously injured. The performance in broke up in great excitement.

Bonuses to Manufactures.

To the Editor of the MERCURY.

DEAR SIR,—In your evening journal of May 21, appears an editorial headed "The Council and the Manufacturing Interests," which I think is calculated to convey a wrong impression repecting the proceedings of the Council on Monday evening last, and to convey an idea that the Council at that meeting acted inconsistently with their report and advertisement to manufacturers. The report is as follows:—"That in every case when a manufacturer proposes to establish himself in the Town, and when the enterprise is of sufficient importance and magnitude to warrant the Town in giving aid, that such establishment shall be exempted from taxation on land and buildings for five years, and also that the Council should give any other encouragement which it may deem desirable to offer." Mr. Rainer has not addressed any communication to the Council setting forth what kind of establishment he proposed to commence, of what magnitude and importance the enterprise was to be, how many hands were likely to be employed, or any other information, or even to request aid. The first notice the Council had of the matter was, on Monday night last, a resolution proposed by Mr. Massie and seconded by Mr. Bruce to the effect, "That this Council pledge themselves to loan to Mr. Rainer $3,000 at 6 per cent. interest for five years." The rule of the Council No. 34 reads, "No appropriation shall be made or determined upon until it has been reported on by the appropriate Committee." By this rule the resolution was out of order, and was ruled so by the Mayor, and upon the motion made by Mr. Massie to suspend this rule, the vote of the Council was 9 to 3 in favor of maintaining it. Suppose the rule had been suspended, and the resolution of Mr. Massie carried, the Council would have stultified themselves in passing a resolution to do a thing which had not been asked for by the party interested, and according to my reading of Municipal Law, they have no power to do so—that is to loan money.

The power granted to Corporations to aid manufactures appears to be as follows. Statutes Ontario, Cap. 26, Sec. 15:—"Every municipality shall have the power of exempting manufacturing establishments from taxation for a period not longer than five years." Statutes Ontario, 1870, 1871, Sec. 6:—For granting bonuses to any railway and to any persons or company establishing and maintaining manufacturing establishments within the bounds of such municipality and for issuing debentures payable at such time or times, and bearing or not bearing interest as the municipality may think meet for the purpose of raising money to meet such bonuses."

Now, Sir, you will perceive by the above, that the Council have no power to loan money, but only to grant by way of bonus or as an absolute gift to manufacturers. It becomes, therefore, a matter of serious consideration to see that the advantages to be gained are equal to investment. As you are aware, the Government have refused to give the corporation power to issue debentures to build the Central School, in consequence of our indebtedness to the Municipal Loan Fund. How are we to raise money to grant bonuses to manufacturers unless the Council are prepared to assess the ratepayers in the current year's assessments for the amount so granted? which I think is hardly likely, considering the large amount of arrears due from last year to be met in this.

I regret that your reporter did not succeed in catching my remarks at the Council meeting. The line of my argument was similar to this letter—a question of ways and means—and on that ground I opposed the hasty consideration of one of the most important questions to be considered by the Council this year, and one which requires a large amount of careful deliberation.

I am, Sir,
Yours Respectfully,
GEORGE ELLIOTT.

Guelph, May 23, 1872.

Methodist New Connexion Conference.

The annual Conference of this Church met on Wednesday the 22nd inst., at 10 o'clock, in their large and beautiful church in Hespeler. A large number of Lay and Ministerial brethren made their appearance, and looked remarkably well after another year's labor in the vineyard. The Rev. W. Williams, Pastor of the Church in Hespeler, was elected President; Rev. John Kay, of Waterdown, was elected Secretary; Rev. Wm. Smyth, of Goderich, Recording Secretary.

The afternoon session opened at 2 p.m. After devotional exercises, the President elect gave a very happy and appropriate address, after which votes of thanks were courteously given to the retiring officers. The following Committees were then appointed:—On general resolutions and replies to letters, Rev's. S. B. Gundy and J. White, with Mr. R. J. Husband; on applications of candidates for the ministry, Rev's. Jas. Caswell and H. Wilkinson, with Bro. D. McLeod. Committee on statistics, Rev. R. J. Tyler and Bro. Cane.

The Rev. Dr. Cocker submitted certain resolutions of the English Missionary Committee on the Union Question, and gave notice that he would move a resolution on this important question. After which Friday was fixed for the discussion. 150 copies were ordered to be printed.

After sundry items of business were attended to, the session closed with prayer, led by Rev. Henry Wilkinson.

ITEMS FROM OTTAWA. — Lord Dufferin is expected to leave Derry for this country on the 13th of June. The session is expected to close about the 11th of June. The debate on the Pacific Railway scheme will take place on the second reading of the Bill.

FIRES.—The grocery store of Mr. John Brydger, Caguya, was burned on Tuesday night. Loss $4,000, insured for $1,000. The blacksmith and waggon shop of Mr. G. McIntosh, Thorold, was burned on Wednesday morning.

The Canadian Guarantee.

(From the London Spectator, May 4.)

The history of this Canadian transaction leaves a bad taste in the mouth. Mr. Gladstone will doubtless be able to say a great deal for the arrangement, and it is quite possible that Parliament may be convinced by his explanation; but we do not believe that any one will like it, or fail to wish that the negotiation had taken some other form. As our readers are aware, a good many of the matters in dispute to be settled by the Washington Treaty were Canadian matters, and the Canadians were not at all content at the method of settling them adopted by the Special Commissioners. They thought their fishing rights had been sold too cheaply; they were not pleased with the surrender of the exclusive right to navigate the St. Lawrence, and they were disgusted at the omission of all demands for compensation on account of the Fenian raids. So grumpy did the colonists become, that the Canadian Ministry, after honestly defending the Treaty, informed Lord Kimberley that "unless their hands were strengthened" in some way—unless they could offer some sweetmeat with the bolus—the Parliament of the Dominion would probably refuse its sanction to the Canadian clauses, and thus destroy the main advantage of the Treaty. War for the cod-fish would always be hanging over both countries. The Canadian Government accordingly suggested that as the Pacific Railroad would cost £8,000,000, the British Parliament might guarantee half that sum; in which case they might be able to induce the Legislature of the Dominion to waive their grievances and swallow the Treaty down. Lord Kimberley received the proposal with some reluctance, but on the 18th March he wrote a despatch in which he promised that as soon as the Canadian Government had given effect to the Treaty by the issue of a proclamation, Her Majesty's Ministers would propose to Parliament to guarantee a loan of £2,500,000 for the Pacific Railroad. This offer was accepted, and greatly to the surprise of the House of Commons, Mr. Gladstone stated on Monday that a bill would be introduced sanctioning the guarantee. When questioned as to the meaning of such a promise, the Premier seemed embarrassed, and could not be certain as to the precise terms, but finally promised the papers since published and a full explanation.

The explanation is still to be heard, but on the face of the papers we do not like the transaction, which is neither more nor less than a bribe to induce one of our own Colonies to part with some of its rights, real or imaginary, to a foreign power. If Canada is in the right in her demands on Washington, we ought to have supported them, and not bribed her; and if she is in the wrong, we ought neither to have bribed her nor supported them. About the fish perhaps some sort of defence can be made out, for we may allege that as we took local property for an Imperial purpose, the local proprietor was entitled to compensation, and guarantee was an extremely convenient form of paying it. There is no objection that we know of to that argument except this, that as the property-right in the fish accrues only through the sovereignty over the water within the three-miles line, and as that sovereignty belongs to us and not to Canada, which is not an independent State, we are paying for something we do not receive. Still if we like to pay our own people on a doubtful title rather than appear to press theoretic rights too far, there is no objection of principle to that course; but paying a dependent state to let us off the duty of advocating its right to compensation for undoubted injuries is a very different matter, and suggests that we were so eager for an arrangement that we were willing to buy off all objectors, however legitimate their objections. Tom has been unjustly treated by a school-fellow, and John as monitor ought to complain that to the master; but as the master is a hot tempered fellow John promises Tom an orange if he will only put up with the injustice and say nothing. We do not know that there is anything actually immoral in that, but there is something wonderfully mean-spirited about it, and all the more because the bribe was not voluntary, nor the result of cool reflection on circumstances connected with the general welfare of the school, but was suggested by Tom, whose one fault is undue appetite for oranges. "Please, sir, I've been kicked, and if you don't give me sweeties I shall cry."

NEWS ITEMS.

The German Imperial Army Band will take part in the Boston Jubilee.

The American Bible Society issued 1,107,727 bibles last year.

Many of the carpenters of New York, who made a successful strike for eight hours now favor a new strike for $4 per day.

The Duke of Edinburgh is, on the 5th of June, to open at Dublin one of the most interesting exhibitions of these times, consisting as it will of art treasures.

A Burlington (Iowa) baby is immoralized by the following epitaph; "Beneath this stone our baby lays, he never cries nor hollers; he lived just one and twenty days, and costs us forty dollars."

The Perth *Courier* regrets to learn that the Hon. Malcolm Cameron is now lying dangerously ill, in Carleton Protestant Hospital, with that loathsome disease small-pox.

LARGE FIRE IN ORILLIA.—On Tuesday night a fire broke out in Orillia, which destroyed several stores and dwelling houses. Total loss estimated at $17,000.

The Montreal papers report the water in the St. Lawrence unusually low, while the Ottawa papers say that the water in the Ottawa and other great tributaries is unusually high. If the press in both of these places is correct, it leaves a problem for the scientific and philosophical to solve.

Messrs. Mackay and Cunningham, of Edinburgh, have a curiosity among their recent arrivals of continental articles for the dinner-table. A cigar case is constructed in the shape of the famous mitrailleuse of which we heard so much during the Franco-German War. The barrel rotates like the deadly machine of which it is an imitation, and discharges ten or eleven cigars at every revolution. Each cigar can be aimed at the person who wants it, and fired for a considerable distance without injury to the weed. "Have a cigar?" "If you please"—click goes the rotary, and—"There you are." An ammunition chest (with more cigars) and a cartouche box (with cigar lights) are fastened behind the machine.