

An American Zollverein.

When Mr. Horace Greeley was in Montreal, the members of the Corn Exchange invited him to give his views as to a change in the commercial relations between the States and this country. The President of the Corn Exchange having informed Mr. Greeley that, though it was decided by the forest of the New England States to get their flour from Canada at as cheap a rate as possible, the high duty of \$1.20 per barrel was charged, in addition to freight and other expenses, that gentleman suggested that a Treaty somewhat similar to that entered into between the various States of the Germanic Confederation might be adopted here. By such an arrangement, entire free trade would be established between the two countries, and the various manufactures of each would enter duty free. The Republic would have freedom of the fisheries, and would guarantee to assist with its naval and military resources in suppressing all aggressions on the territory of Canada. By such an agreement, however, goods from foreign countries would have to be subjected to a uniform tariff of charges; and here the difficulty of the adoption of such a treaty is apparent, and makes it appear impracticable, at all events for the present. The anomaly of Canada, though forming an integral part of the Empire, entering into an arrangement whereby British manufacturers would be taxed at a high rate, while those of American production would enter free, and in all probability flood the country to the extinction of the former, is too absurd to think of. Besides, we have no guarantee that many articles of home manufacture would not be as heavily taxed as now; and though a "Zollverein," such as referred to, might work very advantageously for our neighbours, we do not see how it would benefit us. In order, moreover, to bring about such a treaty, the consent of Great Britain would have to be obtained, and unless she entirely abrogates her staunch policy of former days, she will never agree to any of her colonies placing her manufacturers on so disastrous a footing here as that talked about by Mr. Greeley and a portion of the American press. To agree with Mr. G.'s suggestion, the Dominion would have to be treated as an independent country in the first place, and it is easy to foresee that the effect of a uniform tariff between two such nations, a similar rate of postage, and freedom of the fisheries and coasting trade to the Republic, would in all likelihood be annexation—and such a result as this the people here are by no means prepared for. Mr. Greeley is somewhat visionary in many of his ideas, and had he but considered the many difficulties in the way of a "Zollverein" scheme, he would have seen its impracticability. Canada is quite willing for the adoption of a new Reciprocity Treaty affecting both countries advantageously, but until the Republic is prepared to offer such terms as we can accept with satisfaction, we can well afford to wait until Congress will see fit to divert its attention from the petty subjects of dispute which many of its members indulge in, to the better and more substantial opportunities within their reach of improving the trade of their overtaxed country. The abrogation of the Treaty of 1854 was a bad mistake on the part of the Americans, and they have felt its effects far more than Canada; but a new treaty, favourable to both parties, would be gladly welcomed, provided it did not place us in such a ridiculous position as that which we would occupy by the adoption of the "Zollverein" notion.

Legislature of Ontario.

Toronto, Jan. 6. The House re-assembled this afternoon, after the holiday recess. At three o'clock there were only 15 members present, and it was not till a quarter past four, on the arrival of the Grand Trunk train from the East that a quorum (20 members) was obtained, and the Speaker took the chair.

Attorney-General Macdonald rose and said that before proceeding with the orders of the day, he regretted, exceedingly, being obliged to make mention to the absence from the chamber, for ever, of a very worthy member (Mr. Shaw), one whom he had the satisfaction of knowing during the present and past session. In referring to the death of Mr. Shaw, he spoke highly of his character and ability. Out of respect to their distinguished friend, and as a tribute to his memory, the Attorney-General then moved that the House adjourn until to-morrow. Mr. McMurrich seconded the motion, which was carried, and the House adjourned.

"CATCHING A TARTAR."—The origin of this expression, as nearly as we can remember, is somewhat as follows: In the days when the soldiers of Christendom were doing battle against the Tartar hordes, who were enlisted on the side of the Turks, a Dutchman, fighting valiantly on the side of the cross against the Crescent, and more distinguished for honesty than cunning, espied a Tartar mounted on a horse, whom he thought it would be a valuable trophy to capture and bring into camp. To this end, the Dutchman, seizing a favourable opportunity, sprang upon the horse behind the Tartar, and clasped him round the waist. The Tartar, as may be supposed, clasped spurs to his horse, and made off to join his troop, and the last that was known of the unfortunate Dutchman by his comrades, was his going at a furious pace towards the Turkish army, behind his intended captive, and singing out at the top of his voice—"I've caught a Tartar."—Ez.

Municipal Elections.

GREENOCK.—James Mair, Reeve; P. Toohy, Deputy Reeve.
ELDERVILLE.—John Gilles, Reeve; Geo. Thompson, Deputy Reeve.
NICHOL.—J. Mair, Reeve; J. Broadfoot, Deputy; Messrs. Wisliser, Dow and Wilson, Councillors.
MAYBONO.—S. Robertson, Reeve; J. Landerkin, Deputy; Messrs. Hay, Lowes and Kilgore, Councillors.
EGRMONT.—It is reported that Henry Wakefield has been returned for Reeve, and Andrew Swanson for Deputy.
NASSAGAWEXA.—The Reeve and Council elected by acclamation. Thomas Elliott, elected Deputy Reeve on Monday.
BERLIN.—Hugo Kranz, Reeve; Wm. Jeffrey, Deputy Reeve; Enoch Zeigler, Abram Tyson, and A. J. Peterson, Councillors.
BENTINCK.—Jas. Hopkins, Reeve; A. Cochrane, Deputy Reeve; Councillors—Messrs. D. Dixon, McCallum, and Ruthersford.
OVEN SOUND.—W. A. Stephens, Mayor; S. J. Lane, Reeve; J. Chisholm, Deputy Reeve; Doyle, Bishop and Wilson, Councillors.
ESQUESING.—Reeve, John McNaughton; Deputies, James Lindsay and Wm. McEvery; Councillors, John Warren and Jas. Menzies.
CULROSS.—In Culross, F. H. Scholes was elected Reeve; P. B. Brown, Deputy Reeve, and Messrs. A. McIntyre, J. Martin and A. Shoemaker, Councillors.
MINTO.—Those elected for this Township are—James Connell, Reeve; John Bain, Deputy; Councillors, Thomas Lemmon, Wm. Hughes, T. H. Dolmage.
CARLICK.—In Carlisk Township, Mr. J. Korman was elected Reeve; F. Klient, Deputy Reeve; and Messrs. Wm. Dickson, Geo. Diebett and Thos. Ingles, Councillors.
PEEL.—Reeve, J. Cross 340, Rudd 281; Deputies, W. Sutherland 417, T. McManus 420, J. Madden 235; Councillors, W. Brem, 506, T. Rose 268, P. Cunningham, 139, E. Halley, 169, J. Kenny 71.
GODERICH TOWNSHIP.—Mayor, C. Crab, majority 70; Robt. Gibbons, Reeve by acclamation; Deputy Reeve, H. Horton; Councillors, Alex. Watson, H. Howell, Robert Runciman, T. B. VanEvery, D. C. McKay.
BEVERLY.—The municipal elections in this township resulted in the return of the following: For Reeve, Mr. Clemens, for Deputy Reeves, Messrs. Ferguson and Merriam. The Councillors were elected by acclamation.
ELORA.—The following is the state of the poll at the close. J. M. Fraser, Reeve; no opposition. Councillors: D. M. Porter, 153, Robert Dalby, 129, John Mandell, 115, Wm. Halley, 101. There was a good deal of excitement, but everything passed off quietly.
ARTHUR.—Robert Stenerson, Reeve; Robt. Gordon, Deputy, elected by acclamation. Harper, one of the candidates, resigned before going to the polls. The vote at the close of the polls stood in favour of Stenerson 285, Quinlan 241, Flahiff 229, Stewart 149. The first three were declared elected.
MOUNT FOREST.—The Council elect for the village of Mount Forest are—for Reeve, Thos. Swan; for Council, Henry Yartel, James Scott, Alvin Gregory and J. M. Crawford. The contest was one of the sharpest that has ever taken place in this village. Like race horses on the beaten track, they ran neck and neck, from noon until the close of the poll, when the above named gentlemen were returned by a narrow majority.

ACCIDENT.—A young man named W. Andrews, employed in Mr. Raymond's Sewing Machine Factory, met with an accident this (Thursday) morning, which will incapacitate him for work for some time. He was engaged in working a hammer which is used for flattening certain parts of the machine, and by some misfortune got his hand partially under it in its descent, and sustained a fracture of one of the fingers, and a severe crushing of the others. The hammer weighs seventy-five pounds, and descends with great velocity about two and a half feet, so that had the young man's hand been fairly beneath it, it would have been crushed to jelly. It was fortunate that it was not, and that the accident, though serious, is not likely to deprive him of a member.

BEAUTIFUL WEATHER.—Such has been the exclamation of every person today; but a cold chill is coming. Notice the grand Blanket entertainment on Saturday night at Mr. A. O. Bucham's. See Advertisement.

HOTEL ARRIVALS, COULSON HOUSE, GUELPH, Jan. 7th, 1869
A McLellan, G Lickman, Durham; R Lindsay, Dumfries; J D Webster, Montreal; J Robertson, Queenstown; John Proctor, C McGill, M P, T Ridout, C E, H F Irving, A Brown, W Webster, Hamilton; G McMurrich, A W Russell, J Davis, Toronto; J T Russell, Rockwood; W A Rooney and wife, Ohio, U.S.

BIRTHS.
MITCHELL.—In Rothsay, on the 23rd ult., the wife of Mr. Jas Mitchell on a daughter.
JACKSON.—In Peel, on the 14th ult., Mrs. Miles Jackson of a son.
HAGARTY.—In Peel, on the 15th ult., Mrs. William Hagarty of a son.
ARCHIBALD.—In Peel, on the 19th ult., Mrs. James Archibald of a son.
FRASER.—At Rothsay, on the 20th ult., the wife of Mr. Michael Fraser, of Peel, of a son.
CELLEN.—At Alma, on the 25th ult., the wife of Mr. Crofton Cullen, of a son.

MAIR RACES.
BROWN.—McCORMICK.—On the 24th ult., at Arthur village, by the Rev. A. Mair, Mr. Robert Brown to Miss Ellen McCormick.
WORKMAN.—McKEON.—On the 25th ult., by the Rev. A. J. Holmes, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Andrew Workman, of Maryborough, to Miss Ellen, eldest daughter of Stephen McKeeon, of Arthur township.
SCHERER.—DIXON.—On the 26th ult., Mr. Christian Scherer, of the township of Peel, to Miss Mary Ann Dales, of the same place, by the Rev. J. Wesley German.

New Advertisements.
HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.
For sale, a house and lot. Terms, easy. Apply personally, or by letter.
W. S. BALL,
Guelph, Jan. 7.

EDUCATIONAL.
MRS. WM. BUDD,
Organist of the Congregational Church,
Begs to inform her Pupils and friends that her School will re-open MONDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1869. She will also be prepared to give Private Lessons on the Organ, Piano and Melodion. Residence: Norfolk Street, Guelph.
December 30. det-17y

GRAND BLANKET ENTERTAINMENT, On Saturday Night!

Special to MECHANICS.

A. O. BUCHAM

HAS on hand 200 pairs of ROSAMOND'S A 1 BLANKETS, and desires to inform the Mechanics of this Town—and all others who take an interest in the

BLANKET QUESTION

That he will offer the lot for sale on Saturday night at half-past six o'clock, at PRICES WHICH WILL STARTLE THE PUBLIC.

This Sale is Specially intended for Mechanics, but a cordial invitation is given to all who are anxious to invest in such desirable stock at this particular season of the year.

The Blankets will be offered precisely at half-past Six o'clock, and A. O. B. would urge upon intending purchasers the necessity of being early on the spot.

Saturday Night, AT HALF-PAST SIX O'CLOCK. A. O. BUCHAM, Guelph, Jan. 7, 1869. daw 1f

APRENTICE WANTED. Wanted at THE MERCURY Office an apprentice to the Printing business. A stout, active lad, possessing a good English education, 15 or 16 years of age, from the country preferred. Apprenticeship Guelph, 3rd December.

MONEY TO LEND. The undersigned are requested to obtain Farm Securities for several thousand dollars, to be lent at moderate interest. LEMON & PETERSON, Barristers, Solicitors, &c. Guelph, Dec. 9th, 1868. dwf

BOARDING. Parties requiring board can be accommodated with good bedrooms in a first-class Boarding House, situated near the Post Office. Address A. B., Guelph Post Office, or apply at his Office. Jan. 2.

Financial Statement Of the Joint Board of Grammar and Common School Trustees, Town of Guelph, for 1868.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL DEPARTMENT. Paid Head Master and Assistant \$1102 00. Wood 58 44. Repairs 7 14. Printing and Advertising 30 79. Insurance 5 69. Interest on note discounted 2 63. Overdrawn 1867 162 02. Balance on hand 1304 72. RECEIPTS: Government Grant 200 00. County Grant 360 00. Town Grant 129 22. \$489 22. Balance forward 1304 72. \$1893 94.

COMMON SCHOOLS. Paid Teachers 2245 59. Sec. and Supp. 200 00. Wood and cutting 157 92. Painting and repairs 234 204. Cleaning 94 30. Printing and advertising 58 16. Insurance 15 38. Postage 14 24. Requisites 5 65. Sundries 75 90. Overdrawn 1867 387 71. \$4110 841. RECEIPTS: Fees 1185 24. Legislative Grant 498 00. Town Assessment 3058 59. Balance 4461 83. Balance on hand 4540 984. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT: 1868 1867 1866 1865 1864 1863 1862 1861 1860 1859. Fees 1185 24 1072 00 1000 00 950 00 900 00 850 00 800 00 750 00 700 00 650 00. Government Grant 498 00 498 00 498 00 498 00 498 00 498 00 498 00 498 00 498 00 498 00. Town Assessment 3058 59 3058 59 3058 59 3058 59 3058 59 3058 59 3058 59 3058 59 3058 59. Balance on hand 4540 984 4540 984 4540 984 4540 984 4540 984 4540 984 4540 984 4540 984 4540 984. At the close of the year.

New Advertisements.

100,000 COPIES SOLD OF THE "JUBILEE" and 125,000 of the "HALL OF FIDELITY" two admirable books of Sacred Music for Choirs, Singing Schools, Musical Conventions, &c., by L. O. EMERSON. Every Choir and Singing School should have them, for they will be sure of giving satisfaction. Price of each, \$1.38. Sent post-paid. A liberal discount made on quantities. O. DITSON & CO., Publishers, 277 Washington Street, Boston. C. H. DITSON & CO., 711 Broadway, New York.

PUBLIC NOTICE. The subscriber has to intimate that during his absence in England all orders left at the shop will be promptly attended to as usual. Parties indebted to him will please call at his house and settle as early as possible. W. H. JACOMB, dw2 Guelph, 6th Jan.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC. The subscriber begs to inform his patrons and the public that during his absence in Scotland his business will be carried on as usual. Parties requiring work will please call at his shop, Market Square, where all orders will receive prompt attention. Guelph, 6th Jan. dwf JAS. BARCLAY.

THE GUELPH Classical and Commercial Academy will commence the third session on WEDNESDAY, the 6th Inst. The Scholars are prepared for business, professions, or the University. The business course comprises Book-keeping by Single and Double Entry, Commercial Arithmetic, plain and ornamental Writing, and all that is usually taught in the Commercial Institutes.

CHARLES WALKER, Prin. Jan. 4. 11w-4td DAVID WATT Ass't.

New Advertisement.

Fearful Slaughter.

JOHN HOGG'S

WONDERFUL



CHEAP SALE,

Commencing on Thursday, Jan. 7, 1869.

Extraordinary Bargains Given!

All the Goods offered will be put at and under actual Cost Prices.

AMAZING INDUCEMENTS ARE TO BE OFFERED AT

THE GOLDEN LION

\$30,000 Worth of Staple & Fancy Goods

Must be disposed of during this month and February.

BELOW IS A LIST OF SOME OF THE LEADING LINES THAT I WILL OFFER

UNDER Actual COST!

5-4 Coloured Cobourgs and Mohairs, at..... 10c. worth 15c. 5-4 do do do 16 25 7-4 Thibet Cloths 25 45 5-4 Fancy Plaids 25 37 Rich Fancy Dresses \$1 50 \$2 50 do do do 2 00 3 00 do do do 2 50 4 00 French Merinoes, 40 62 do do 40 75 Coloured Winceys at 10 Cents per yard. do do 15 22 do do 18 25 do do 22 30 do do 25 35 Balmoral Skirtings, at do do 18 30 do do 25 40 Double Long Shawls 2 00 3 50 do do do 2 75 4 00 do do do 3 00 4 50 do do do 4 00 5 50 do do do 5 00 7 00

MANTLES and JACKETS, HALF PRICE.

Jacket Cloth, Double Width, at 50c. per yard. Jacket Cloth, Double Width, at 75c. worth \$1.25. Jacket Cloth, Double Width, 85c. worth \$1.50.

Men's Fur Caps, Half Price.

Cotton Flannels at 15c. worth 22c. All-Wool heavy Canadian Tweed, at 50c., worth 75. All-Wool Canadian Cloth at 90c., worth 75c.

An immense Reduction in White and Grey Cottons, Shirting Flannels, Shirting Winceys, &c.

\$9,000 Worth of Ready-Made Clothing!

AT HALF PRICE IN MEN'S AND BOYS' COATS, PANTS AND VESTS. This is the Greatest Chance to obtain Goods at a Trifle that has ever occurred in Guelph.

Call at the Golden Lion before parting with your Money.

The Golden Lion has got his "back up." Don't you hear him Roar?

JOHN HOGG.

Golden Lion, Guelph, January 6, 1869. daw 1m

MORTGAGE SALE

There will be sold by public auction, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage, which will be produced at time of sale, VALUABLE PARK LOT

ON FRIDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1869, at noon, at the Market House, Guelph, by W. S. G. Knowles, Esq., Auctioneer, the following valuable property in the TOWNSHIP OF GUELPH, adjoining the Town of Guelph, viz: Park Lot No. 43, fronting upon Forest Street, in the Sub-division of the South-west half of Lot No. 5, in the 2nd Concession of a Division G, in the Township of Guelph, according to a plan made by William Haskins, P. L. S., and duly registered, the said Park Lot being in what is commonly known as McTague's Survey.

The Park Lot contains two acres, more or less, and adjoins the South-eastern limits of the town. It is a desirable property. Immediate possession given. TERMS CASH. For further particulars apply to

DONALD GUTHRIE, Vendor's Solicitor, Guelph. dw2 Guelph, 28th December.

VALUABLE and DESIRABLE DWELLING HOUSE FOR SALE.

That eligible and commodious Stone Dwelling House and Lot containing nearly half an acre of ground, with large Stables and out-houses complete, the residence of the late Dr. Parker, situate on the corner of Market and Dublin Streets. This property is but a short distance from the Market and business part of the Town, and is an admirable location as a dwelling for a professional or business man. The above property will be sold on easy terms, which may be known by applying to

GEORGE ELLIOTT, or N. HIGGINBOTHAM, Executors. Guelph, Jan. 2. dw1m

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

ESTATE LATE DR. PARKER. The Executors of the late Dr. Parker have placed the Medical Accounts of the said Estate in the hands of Mr. R. MEREDITH for collection, who is authorized to grant receipts for the same. He will be found at the store of Messrs. C. S. Meredith, west side of Wyndham Street, a few doors below the Old Post Office. All accounts not paid by 1st February next will be put in suit in the Division Court.

GEORGE ELLIOTT, N. HIGGINBOTHAM, EDWARD BLAKE, Executors. Guelph, Jan. dw1m