

ers or fruit, W Thompson; hooked mat, Joseph Parkinson, 2nd H Allan; worsted work, flat, Jno McWilliams, 2nd Joseph Parkinson; J W Thompson recommended, being entered in wrong class; worsted work, raised, J M Fraser, 2nd Jno McWilliams; one pound spun yarn, Mrs Gordon; pair knitted stockings, W Mutrie, 2nd Mrs Gordon; knitted mittens, W Mutrie, 2nd Mrs Gordon; loaf of bread, A & J McDonald, 2nd E Vrooman, 3rd T Buckland. Samples of carpet exhibited by the Elora Manufacturing Company highly recommended.

Best set of horse shoes, Brian O'Neil, 2nd Hugh Hamilton; sides of upper leather, J & E Winsler; side harness leather, J & E Winsler; best piece Canadian tweed, not less than ten yards, Jno Bain; piece of full cloth, not less than ten yards, Jno Bain.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Best 5 pound strained honey, E Vrooman, 2nd W G Monger.

Guelph Evening Mercury

FRIDAY EVENING, SEPT. 12, 1873

The Ottawa newspapers, all Government organs, are seriously declaring that the Governor-General has to have his official despatches conveyed by a messenger in consequence of the frequent "Post-office irregularities." The Post-office Service must be in a bad way when the Ottawa press can venture such a reflection upon its management.

The picnic of the united counties of Leeds and Grenville came off on Thursday, at the St. Lawrence Park, about a mile and a half west of Brockville. The day was beautiful, and the yeomen of the counties and their wives and daughters turned out in great numbers to hear the chief of the Opposition, The Hon. Messrs Mackenzie, Currie, Pardoe, and other leading Reformers discussed the political affairs of the Dominion. The St. Lawrence Park is most delightfully situated on the banks of the beautiful St. Lawrence, and the extensive grounds, managed by Mr. Molson, were crowded by about 8,000 of the Reformers of the two counties.

A subpoena will be issued to-day, requiring Sir Hugh Allan to appear before the Commission on Wednesday next. A rumour was current in Ottawa that Sir Hugh would not appear in person, but put in his affidavit made in July last in answer to the correspondence then published. This course may possibly have been suggested by the refusal of the Commissioners to allow Counsel to appear on Sir Hugh's behalf, a course which might lead to disclosures to jeopardise the position already assumed by the Government in relation to their transactions with Sir Hugh, and in regard to which Sir Hugh's published letters conflict with the testimony of witnesses favourable to the Government.

The Commission.
Ottawa, Sep. 11.

SIXTH DAY.

The Commission met at noon. The first witness called was Sheriff Leblanc, who deposed to a conversation he had with Sir George Cartier on two occasions, in which he said that as long as he was in the Ministry the Americans would never get the contract for building the Pacific Railroad, and that there were enough Canadian Companies to do the work. He (Sir George) repeated this on a subsequent occasion, the 24th of June, in Montreal, and added that he would resign his place in the Cabinet before he would consent to the Americans getting the contract. He expressed the hope that the two rival Companies would amalgamate and build the line; this was said in presence of several persons; he also said he would not run his election on railway schemes, as he thought he had done enough for his country and for his constituents to entitle him to re-election; witness was Sir George's most intimate friend in Montreal, apart from politics; the last conversation, as related, took place the day previous to Cartier's nomination, which was about the 20th of August.

Dr. Beaubien, of Montmagny, Director of the Canada Pacific, next deposed: I know of no arrangements between Sir Hugh Allan, McMullen, and the Government; I had no relation with them that would enable me to know; I know nothing whatever of the matter contained in Mr. Huntington's charge; no money, that I am aware of, was received in the neighbourhood to promote elections; Mr. Langevin asked me to take a Directorship of the C. P. R. R., as Commissioner of Crown Lands for Quebec last year.

Rev. Daniel McMullen was next sworn. He stated that owing to his age and infirmities his hearing was impaired, also his memory; I am a Methodist clergyman, resident at Princeton; G. W. McMullen is my son; I have some knowledge of the negotiations between my son and Sir Hugh, but only what I saw in the paper; my son never told his business to me except I asked him; once he told me that those Americans for whom he was acting would be reimbursed, but in what manner he did not say; never saw the original of the correspondence published by my son.

Mr. Daniel Y. McMullen, a banker in Chicago, and brother of the celebrated George W., was questioned as to Sir Hugh Allan's letters. He gave some particulars as to the contract between the Americans and Sir Hugh Allan. The American names were Mr. W. B. Ogden, G. D. Cass, T. Scott, Governor Smith, of Vermont; G. W. Fargo, Winslow, and Company, and the President of Adams' Express Company of the United States. Witness had no idea who gave the letters to the Montreal *Herald* for publication. He had heard from a third brother that his brother George got \$20,000 for putting the correspondence in Mr. Starnes' hands, and this sum was devoted to the payment of expenses incurred by George W. McMullen, Mr. Smith and Mr. Herbert. George told witness that if the package was not returned to Sir Hugh Allan when the session of Parliament was over, and any of the negotiations came out, that he would forfeit the package, and with it \$17,500. Witness denied emphatically that George was to receive \$25,000 for publishing the letters; he had told witness that nobody ever gave him a cent for publishing them. The latter part of the witness' evidence was elicited under a searching examination by Sir John A. Macdonald.

The Commission then adjourned.

The first exhibition of the Arnprior Union Agricultural, Horticultural, and Industrial Association closed on Thursday afternoon having continued open for three days, with immense success.

"If you don't want the soot, don't go up the chimney," was the reply of an editor to "respectable" parties who requested him not to mention the fact that they had been arraigned in the police court.

"Yes, take her and welcome," responded an Illinois farmer, when a young man asked for his blushing daughter. "She's run away with a school master, eloped with a showman, shot a wildcat, and whipped her mother, and the sooner you take her the better."

Two Milesians were standing at the Fairmount waterworks in Philadelphia, watching the big wheels splashing the water in every direction, when one of them remarked: "Mike, isn't this a queer country, where they have to grind their water before they can use it?"

G. W. McMullen has been subpoenaed to attend the Royal Commission, but he refuses. This is the reason he gave to the Chicago reporter for his absence:—"I see by telegrams that my journey would be fruitless. The commission is merely one of paper. It cannot, under the law, subpoena witnesses outside Ontario, and as all the principal actors in the drama live in Montreal, of course the business of the commission is at an end so far as substantial results are attainable. No matter how fairly the commission may be disposed to act, they are entirely at the mercy of any witness who chooses to absent himself."

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