

CANADIAN DEFENCES.

The Hamilton Times summarizes the correspondence between the Canadian Government and the Colonial Secretary in relation to the defences of Canada, which was laid before the House of Commons on the 6th inst. It appears that the Imperial Government is not satisfied with the slow movements of the Colonial Government with regard to Canadian defences. The Duke of Buckingham under date of February 22nd, 1868, transmits a copy of a letter from the Secretary of State for War, to the Governor-General, which states that the question of the defences of Canada having lately been under consideration has led the Defence Committee to bring to the notice of the Duke of Buckingham, that although great progress has been made in the works at Quebec, which have been undertaken by the Imperial Government, no steps have as yet been taken for the defence of other vital points in British North America. Sir John Pakington, therefore, desires to suggest to his Grace the importance of urging upon the Government of Canada that no time should be lost in giving effect to the recommendations which have, on previous occasions, been made for the construction of fortifications at Montreal, Kingston, and other places. Attention is also called to the defenceless condition of St. John, N. B., at the mouth of the great arterial river of New Brunswick. The occupation of St. John by an enemy, it is urged, would virtually give him possession of the Province, and at the same time afford him a base of operations, when he could cut off communication, either by the Intercolonial Railroad, or by other routes from Nova Scotia, through New Brunswick to Canada.

On the 14th of March, the Governor-General submitted, in reply, a copy of the minutes of the Canadian Executive Council, which states that the Minister of Militia had regretted that, as from information in the possession of the Canadian Government, it appears that the Fenian organization in the United States has not only not ceased to exist, but is being actively carried on, and that some future invasion of Canada is contemplated by them. He does not consider that the reduction of the naval force on the St. Lawrence should at present take place, and he deems it necessary that the gunboats should on the opening of navigation, continue to be manned as heretofore, and the council concurred in the opinion of the Minister of Militia.

The Impeachment Trial.

On Thursday, the Counsel for the President opened the case in Congress in behalf of their client. Judge Curtis was selected by his colleagues for the task. He entered into a long and exhaustive argument on the meaning and intent of the Tenure-of-Office act, to show that the case of Secretary Stanton did not come under its provisions. He denied the position which had been assumed by the managers, that Secretary Stanton is serving out Mr Lincoln's term of office. He then went on to show the relations which should exist between the President and the members of his Cabinet, who are his constitutional advisers, his personal staff, etc. They had never been regarded, he said, as incumbents of Federal offices in the same sense as other persons. He gave a history of the passage of the Tenure-of-Office law through the two House of Congress, and quoted from the debates to show that its leading advocates disavowed any intention to make it applicable to Secretary Stanton's case. He added that Senator Sherman, in a speech favoring the bill, said that the Senate would not sustain any Cabinet officer in retaining his place after the simplest intimation from the President that his resignation was desired. But even if the act were applicable to Secretary Stanton's case, he held that the mere act of removal did not constitute a high crime or misdemeanor, unless it could be shown that it was wilfully and maliciously done. The accusation was that the President knew Secretary Stanton's case to come within the scope of the law, but there was no proof of it. On the contrary, the proof was all the other way. As a legal argument his speech has received high praise. The Court will now examine witnesses for the defence.

FRATERNAL REGARD.—The New York Tribune says.—Col. James E. McGee, brother of Thomas d'Arcy McGee, has gone hence to Canada to investigate the assassination and look after the interests of his brother's family. Col. McGee was one of the bravest officers of Meagher's Irish Brigade.

LINCOLN ELECTION.—At the close of the poll on the second day, Mr. Thomas R. Merritt was elected by a majority of 676.

gentleman who resides in Wilkes County, and was returning home from Augusta on Thursday last, entirely lost the power of speech soon after the train left Augusta. We heard him attempting to talk soon after he got on the train, and in a few minutes he could not articulate a word. He was in the possession of all his other faculties, but his lips were literally sealed. His distress was very touching, and he wrote replies to questions addressed him by the passengers, and tried to bear up under the terrible visitation. He said that he had been on the spree. He hoped it was only a species of delirium and would wear off with rest and sleep. He said he had once been partially deprived of his speech before, for a short time, in Virginia. His case was a most forcible illustration of the summary and terrible manner in which nature sometimes punishes a violation of her laws.—Athens (Ga.) Banner.

WESTERN INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).—We are informed, says the Post Magazine of the 28th March, that the liquidators of this company have secured the services of Mr. William Whittenbury, of Manchester, to proceed to Canada and wind up the affairs there, and that he leaves England early next month.

FIREWOOD IN MONTREAL.—It is reported that unless navigation should speedily open the greatest hardship may be experienced owing to the extraordinary scarcity of firewood. It is selling at from \$14 to \$16 per cord, and it is not expected that there will be any to be had at that or any other price by Monday.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Under the new Postal law, all manuscripts for the press, marked "printer's copy," not sealed, can be sent to the Editor at one cent an ounce postage.

New Advertisements.

TO FARMERS.

WANTED by a young man, a situation with a respectable Farmer. Enquire at THE EVENING MERCURY OFFICE. Guelph, April 13, 1868. 3w

Teamsters Wanted.

WANTED two Teamsters and a Farm Hand. Apply at the MERCURY OFFICE. Guelph, April 13, 1868. T.H.S.w1

GUELPH BOARD OF TRADE.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Guelph Board of Trade will be held in the TOWN HALL, on TUESDAY, 14th APRIL, at half-past 7 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of electing officers for the current year, and the transaction of general business. JOHN McCREA, President. GEO. ROBINS, Secretary. Guelph, April 13, 1868. d2

SPEED LODGE, No. 180.

THE next regular meeting of the above Lodge will be held in the NEW MASONIC HALL, in Mr. Hogg's new block, over the Bank of Commerce, ON TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 14th, at half-past seven o'clock, at which a full and punctual attendance is requested. JOHN CRIDFORD, Secretary. Guelph, April 11, 1868. dtd

SELECT Boarding & Day School

MRS. FETHERSTONHAUGH purposes (D.V.) to open a School for young Ladies at her residence in Wyndham Street, over the Post Office, on MONDAY, 20th April. Guelph, 27th March, 1868. dws

FARM FOR SALE

BEING North east half of Lot No. 14, 5th con., Erin, 4 miles from Erin Village, a farm containing 100 acres, 80 of which are cleared, well cultivated, and well fenced with cedar. There is a log dwelling house, also a good frame barn 60 x 36, and other outbuildings; also, an orchard bearing fruit. The land is well watered, there being two pumps and one spring. The land is clear of stones and nearly clear of stumps. The farm is close by the gravel road leading from Guelph to Erin. Terms made known by application to the proprietor, or if by letter, post-paid, to WM. CAMPBELL, Ospringe P.O., Erin, 14th March, 1868. dw3

House Servant Wanted.

APPLY to MRS. SHARPE, Waterloo Road. April 7th, 1868. (d1f)

AGENTS WANTED!

FIVE good men wanted in every Township, to sell on salary, CLARK'S PATENT SASH LOCKS and CAN OPENERS. Address, enclosing \$1 for samples and terms. If Agents cannot sell, return samples and get your money back. A. KENNEDY & CO., Box 960, Chicago, Ill Guelph, 9th April, 1868. d6w4

The Thorough-bred Durham Bull BUTTERFLY V.

WILL serve a limited number of cows on the premises of Joshua Norrish, Lot No. 31, 4th Concession, Nassagaweya, during the present season.

TERMS—Grade cows, \$1.50; Thoroughbreds, \$4. One-half to be paid at time of service and the balance at the end of the year, if the cow is proved to be in calf. Parties parting with their cows will be held responsible.

EXTRACT OF PEDIGREE—Butterfly V. bred by Mr. Joseph Kirby, Milton; got by Butterfly II; dam Florence by Hero; grand dam Countess by Halton. Guelph, 10th April, 1868. w2

Dissolution of Co-Partnership.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between us the undersigned, as general merchants, was dissolved by mutual consent on the 23rd day of March, 1868. All debts owing to the said Partnership are to be paid to Alex. McIntyre, at Clifford; and all claims against the said Partnership are to be presented to George McDonald, of Clifford; by whom the same will be settled. Witness: GEORGE McDONALD, D. McEACHREN, ALEX. MACINTYRE. Clifford, April 8. d6 w4

TO CONTRACTORS.

THE undersigned will receive tenders until the 15th inst., for moving a Frame Dwelling House 30 x 30 feet, distance 3 1/2 chains, on good level ground. The building can be seen by applying to the undersigned, who does not bind himself to accept the lowest tender. JOHN TYSON, Butcher, Market Stall No. 2, Guelph. April 7, 1868. dtd

Two Farms & Tavern Stand to Rent.

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RETURN OF THE
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For THREE NIGHTS ONLY
Enthusiastic Reception and Crowded Houses Everywhere. Entirely New Pieces, New Scenery and New Dresses.

JOHN TOWNSEND
in his great character of
CONWIN THE DEMON ADVOCATE.

Miss Florence Townsend
in her celebrated character of
THE ORPHAN OF GENEVA,
Supported by the Entire Company.

Monday Ev'g, April 13, 1868
WILL be presented the Popular and Highly interesting Melo-Drama, in 3 Acts entitled
The Orphan of Geneva.

Corwin by.....John Townsend
Count de Morville.....Harry Townsend
Fontaine.....B. L. Townsend
Theresa.....Miss Florence Townsend
Coutenay.....Miss Constance Townsend.
Supported by the whole Company.

To conclude with the Laughable Farce of
THE FAST YOUNG LADY AND
HER STUPID LOVERS.

Hector Timid.....Mr Harry Townsend
Mr Wiseman.....Mr A. J. Reil
The Fast Young Lady.....Miss Florence Townsend
Supported by the Company.

Doors open 7:15. Commence at 8. Carriages at 11. Admission 25 cents. Reserved Seats, 50c. Guelph, April 7, 1868. dt, 9, 11.

TORONTO SAFE WORKS.



J. & J. TAYLOR'S
PATENT FIRE PROOF SAFES,
Fire & Burglar Proof Combined

The only real security against
FIRE AND BURGLARS!
READER, if you want a reliable safe, purchase none but
TAYLOR'S

Remember the best is the cheapest. We also manufacture every description of Fire and Burglar Proof Securities, such as Vault Doors, Locks, &c., &c.
Please send for a Price List.
J. & J. TAYLOR,
Manufacturers, 198 & 200 Palace-St., Toronto.
Toronto, April 11, 1868. daw tf

R. J. JEANNERET.

From England,
(Established in London, Ont., 1842, and in Guelph, 1863.)

WORKING WATCHMAKER
AND JEWELER,
DAYS BLOCK,

Opposite the Market, Guelph.
FOR sale cheap, best quality of English and other Fine Gold Wedding Rings, also, a fine assortment of Ladies' English Dress Rings. Guelph, 8th April, 1868. dw

R. GALBRAITH
TAILOR,
ST. GEORGE'S SQUARE, GUELPH,

In rear of the English Church,
BEGS to inform the inhabitants of Guelph and vicinity that he has rented the premises lately occupied by Mr. Jeanneret, Watchmaker, where
Parties Furnishing their Own Goods
Will always find him on hand ready to attend to their orders. All work carefully executed and on reasonable terms.
Garments Altered, Repaired and Cut with Neatness and Despatch.
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W. T. BENSON,
37 St. Peter Street, Montreal.
Montreal, 1st April, 1868. dw-dm

DOMINION SALOON,
(LATE GRAND'S SHADES SALOON,
OPPOSITE THE MARKET,
GUELPH.

CHOICE LIQUORS, Cigars, Oysters, &c., &c. always on hand. Meals furnished at all Hours. DENIS BUNYAN.
Guelph, 4th. dtd

A. O. BUCHAM begs to inform the public that he is now opening
AN EXTENSIVE STOCK
OF NEW SPRING GOODS, bought under the most advantageous circumstances, and will be
READY FOR INSPECTION
Early in the beginning of the week.
Guelph, April 11, 1868.

A. O. BUCHAM.
1868. SPRING 1868.

Important and Startling Announcement.
FIRST ARRIVAL OF SPRING GOODS
AT THE
BRADFORD HOUSE

THE Subscriber has much pleasure in announcing the arrival of his SPRING STOCK, which for extent, cheapness and quality is not surpassed in the Dominion, and
This Week will shew the following Attractive Lines
POPLINS—in all the New Colours, from \$6 per dress.
PLAIN AND FANCY SILKS in every shade.
PLAIN AND FANCY DRESS GOODS—New Styles.
CASHMERE—in beautiful colours and patterns.
HOSIERY—White and Coloured in large variety.
GLOVES—A beautiful assortment, including Jovin's Black and Col'd Kid. Alexandre's do do

And the Largest Assortment of Small Wares in Ontario.
UNRIVALLED BARGAINS!
MR. JEFFREY being very early in the Market this Spring, and having bought heavily in STAPLES previous to the great advance, I will sell all
Cotton Goods at December Prices
BRING FULLY TEN PER CENT. CHEAPER THAN ANY OTHER HOUSE IN GUELPH, NO MATTER WHAT THEIR PRETENSIONS MAY BE.

THE MILLINERY AND MANTLE SHOW ROOMS
WILL BE OPENED IN A FEW DAYS.
As this Department has always been acknowledged to have no rival in the West, extra attention has been given this season to place it still further ahead of any attempt at competition. Due notice will be given of the OPENING DAY.

The Trimming Department, as usual, is Large and Attractive.
Inspection invited. Will be glad to show the Stock and give List of Prices.
PHILIP BISH.
Bradford House, Wyndham Street, Guelph, April 8, 1868. daw tf

GREAT ATTRACTION.
THE GREATEST ATTRACTION OF THE SEASON
IS THE DISPLAY OF
NEW HATS & CAPS
AT
THE GUELPH CLOTH HALL
A. THOMSON & CO.
Guelph, 4th April, 1868. daw y

A. R. McMASTER & BRO.
Are now opening out their
Spring Importations!

And will be glad to see their customers and friends at
32 Yonge-st., Toronto.
Toronto, 26th March, 1868. dw-ly

Try those Splendid New Figs
AT THIRTY CENTS PER BOX
Oranges and Lemons!
Walnuts, Filberts, Almonds, Chocolate Creams, Gumdrops and every other Nicety.
Well, but where is all this to be got? Why, where would you expect to get them first-class but at
H. BERRY'S.
Guelph, 27th March, 1868. dw

NEW DAMASKS,
NEW REPS,
NEW CHINTZES,
NEW LENO CURTAINS,
NEW MUSLIN CURTAINS,
NEW LACE CURTAINS.

WM. STEWART.
Guelph, April, 1st, 1868. dw

THE SPRING TRADE
STEWART
SPRING DRESSES,
NEWEST STYLES.
SPRING DRESSES,
BEST MATERIALS.
SPRING DRESSES,
MOST MODERATE PRICES.

STEWART
HAS JUST RECEIVED the largest and most choice stock of New Spring Goods he has ever shown, and respectfully requests attention to the great difference in price from last year, being at least One-third Lower.

STEWART
HAS opened a case of White Drab and Grey Stays, that fit the body and not the body stays. Highly recommended by the Faculty.

STEWART'S
CARPET STOCK is the largest west of Toronto, and being all this season's importations the designs and colours are new.

STEWART'S
STOCK OF TAPESTRY is large and choice. Styles are new, and will be offered very low, commencing at 75 cents.

STEWART'S
NEW SILKS.
BLACK AND COLORED.
DRESS GOODS.
CHENES, CAMLETS, REPS, POPLINS, SERGES, MOHAIRS.

MANTLES.
SILK, CLOTH AND VELVET.
JACKETS,
SILK, CLOTH AND VELVET.
LACES.
COLLARETS, TIES, FALLS, MUSLIN AND LINEN SETS.

PARASOLS.
RIBBONS, FLOWERS, &c.
HOSIERY,
SILK, SPUN AND COTTON.
GLOVES,
KIDS, SILK AND LISLE.

SMALL WARES,
BELTS, BUGLE TRIMMINGS, BUTTONS IN VARIETY.
PRINTS.
BRILLIANTES, PLOUES, SHIRTINGS AND EMBROIDERINGS