

Notice to Advertisers.

Hereafter parties who have contracted advertisements in the WEEKLY MERCURY must bring in their fresh advertisements, or give us notice of the same, on Saturday, before the first side of the next week's paper is printed. We are obliged to make this rule in order to prevent the duplicating of advertisements which is sometimes the case now, and which we cannot do in future on account of our crowded space.

The Herald Whines.

We are glad to see that the first touch of the editorial whip has brought the conductor of the *Herald* to his senses. The issue of Friday contains a piteous complaint that we have been abusing him, and indulging in unseemly personalities. Of course no reference is made to the very decided personalities in which he has lately indulged in reference to Mr. Sturton, or to the low burlesque to which we were treated in reviewing his meetings. It was all very well while he was allowed unchecked to play the clown, and turn everything into ridicule and broad farce, but no sooner is he hit by a shot of the same kind than he whines, throws up the sponge, and complains that he is not getting fair play. Our friend is like a good many more in the world, so long as he raises the laugh himself, in his attempts to make others ridiculous, it is all right, but turn it against him, and at once the howl is raised that you are taking an unfair advantage. We have given our neighbor his first lesson in newspaper warfare, and we hope he will forget it in not future.

We deplore personalities as much as any one, but when an opponent takes to them as his only weapons, what can you do in reply but treat him with silent contempt, or fight him on his own ground, with the same weapons as he has put into your hands. This was the case with regard to Mr. Sturton and his meetings. That gentleman, in the discharge of his public duty, felt that it was due to his constituents that he should meet them and discuss some of the most important questions which have engaged, or may yet engage, public attention. He did this in a calm, temperate spirit, and said nothing to provoke a single word of hostile personal criticism. His no sooner does the report of his speech appear than the *Herald* seizes on them as a text for stringing together a lot of stale jokes, pointless ridicule and extremely weak sarcasm. No doubt the writer thought he was doing a very clever thing. Vanity is a predominant feature in the character of some people, and unfortunately the conductor of the *Herald* has more than his own share of it. But his good sense might have shown him that it was discreditable to himself and the journal he controls, to treat any public man's utterances—even though that man is his political opponent—in the way he did. The nature of the questions themselves—independent of any consideration as to the character and standing of the speaker who discussed them—demanded a much higher style of criticism than the *Herald*, judging from its recent utterances, is capable of employing.

If the *Herald* means its ways, and prefers to discuss public questions on their merits, we shall gladly follow the same salutary rule. If it considers that Mr. Sturton's public acts, and his views on public questions, deserve criticism and call for exposure, no one can find fault if it does this in a manner becoming a public journal, and with proper respect to the person with whom it is dealing; and if we feel it to be our duty to take the opposite view, we shall endeavor to sustain it in the same spirit and to treat our confederate with the same courtesy.

GENERAL NEWS.

One hundred delegates of the Old Catholic party, as the followers of Dr. Hollenbeck call themselves, met recently at Berlin, and resolved to call a general Congress of the party, to meet Cologne in September. Before separating they adopted a petition against the Jesuits.

We are informed that there are no less than fifty Government surveying parties in Manitoba and the territory contiguous to it, and that by the end of the coming summer they will have no less than a hundred townships laid out and completely surveyed.

W. H. Gums, brother of the member for South Ontario, was nominated a few days ago, to contest the North Riding of the county, in the interest of the Tory party. The nomination was made at a secret convocation of the Tory leaders, and on that account it has disgusted the majority of the Tories in that constituency.

It is rumored that Lord Lisgar, Governor-General of Canada, will leave for England in July next. It is also stated that the Dominion Government will be permitted to submit three names from whom his successor may be chosen. These rumors are on the authority of the Ottawa correspondent of the *Montreal Daily News*.

Among the tribulations of the English republican movement may be mentioned that the tavern "Hole-in-the-wall," in which the London branch met has been refused a license, and the prospective liberators of their country have in consequence been compelled to look out for new quarters. We fancy this will be among the least of their difficulties before they accomplish the object of their organization.

The Carleton Place *Herald* gives a correspondence between Mr. Galbraith M. P., and Hon. Wm. McDougall with respect to the candidature for the representation of North Lanark,

from which it appears that Mr. McDougall, while declining to enter the lists with Mr. Galbraith as a local candidate, has called a meeting of the electors for Wednesday next at Almonte.

The Reformers of South Grenville met on Thursday, when several gentlemen were nominated, but all declined in favor of Dr. Brouse who was unanimously chosen to contest the riding. These gentlemen strongly urged united action on the part of the Reform electors and instanced the success which attended the contest for the Local House as the best augury of future triumphs. The Conservatives have nominated Mr. Walter Shanly as their candidate.

The Cobourg *Sentinel* says that a deputation waited on Mr. Blake in Toronto, to represent the present position of the town, the reason why its prospects have been blighted in the past, and to pray that the Municipal Loan Fund Debt may be cancelled. The Premier, who accepted the deputation a very friendly reception, listened to all the arguments with courteous attention, and the deputation retired with the conviction that the peculiar case of the town will receive every consideration.

DOMINION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.—The Dominion Telegraph Company intend making the following new extensions in the spring, and are now under contract, viz.—Brockville to Pembroke, Lindsay, Beaverton, and Barrie; Toronto to Collingwood; via Barrie; London to Sarnia, via Grand Trunk route; Ogdensburg to Oswego, two wires; cable at Prescott; and the following extra wires: a third wire from Toronto to Hamilton; a second wire from Toronto to Stratford and Goderich, and a fourth wire from Prescott to Montreal. This will give the Company direct communication with New York, and also a large number of good additional offices.

The elections in Spain for members of the electoral colleges, who are to choose Senators and preside over the election of the Deputies, appear to have resulted in a decided victory to the Ministerialists. The entire power of the Government has been thrown in that direction and has evidently had great effect. If the elections bear out the promise of this preliminary trial of strength Sagasta will have a large majority in the coming Cortes. So disastrous is the influence of this man upon the politics of Spain that the Spaniards could better endure a war and a pestilence than anything which would confirm and strengthen him in power.

JONATHAN'S "Little Bill" against John Bull is developing amazingly. The "case" about to be laid before the Geneva Board of Arbitration claims for direct and actual losses nineteen millions of dollars; over six millions more are asked for detention of vessels, loss of prospective freights and mercantile profits, and two hundred millions for expenses incurred by the Government in pursuing the rebel cruisers. The "prolongation of the war" and other consequential claims, are also put in, but no definite sum asked—they are unlimited and left to the generosity of the Arbitrators to determine.

THE RHEUMATISM IN CLINTON.—The disease is prevalent here, which affects the back and spinal column, so that convulsions take place, and sometimes it takes the strength of strong men to hold the patient. It is called tetanus epidemics. It manifested recently the death of a son of Mr. Day from this disease, and about the same time two children of Mr. Granger, farmer, near Clinton, died, and last night their mother perished of this disease. Mr. John Connell, farmer, of Goddard Township, was taken ill at his brother-in-law's, Levi Smith, who resides near Goddard's, and has been in bed for a week, and is not expected to live many hours, and may be dead before this reaches the public. In one case recovery is likely to ensue, that of S. S. Smith, cooper. The little boy Collingworth, nephew of Joshua Inwood, is suffering from the same disease.

THE RANCH, NARCS IN CALIFORNIA.—San Francisco, April 4.—Advises from Lone Pine to Friday last state that the cattle, horses and sheep continue to suffer with a disease. Four more deaths of horses are reported. Owen's lake has risen four feet and Owen's river swelled to half its usual size. A creek is running where dry land formerly stood. While one family of five were being buried, another, killed the graves with earth and built the ground on which the buried party were standing forty feet. In San Diego county springs which were wholly or partly dried up by the earthquake fifteen years since, have broken out afresh.

THE NORTH SHORE RAILWAY.—The *Globe* learns by telegraph from their London correspondent that the contracts for the construction of the North Shore Railway have been signed by the American contractors who have gone into this promising enterprise. By the terms of the arrangement the road is to be completed within two years; and is to be in running order to Three Rivers by next fall.

In consequence of the position assumed by the *Globe* towards the printers on strike, nearly all the G.T.R. hands at Stratford have thrown up their adhesion to the Reform ranks, and joined the Conservative body. Quaker reason.

Miss Macpherson has arrived with another lot of street "Arabs" from London, and is shortly expected in Galt.

Rubin proposes to celebrate next year the 200th anniversary of the birth of Peter the Great.

John Gilbert, the famous artist, has received the honor of knighthood.

TWO QUESTIONS EASILY ANSWERED.—Why should men wear beards? Because they are a great protection to the throat and lungs, and add much to their appearance. Why should we use "Bryan's Palmolive Wafers?" Because when used for coughs, colds, tickling in the throat, hoarseness, &c.; they act like a charm. Ministers and Lawyers use them, physicians recommend them, and singers and public speakers say they are the very best medicine in existence for the cure of such complaints. Sold by all medicine dealers at 25 cts. per box.

DIED.

ANDERSON.—In Guelph Township, on the 6th inst. Miza Stewart, the beloved wife of Mr. James Anderson, aged 59 years.

The funeral will take place from her husband's residence on Monday, the 8th inst., at 2 o'clock p.m. Friends and acquaintances are requested to attend without further notice.

CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

ESTABLISHED 1847.

Cash Income over \$1,000 per day

Investments over \$1,250,000

Affording with the unallotted capital of \$275,000 a

Security of Over \$2,000,000

For the exclusive protection of Assurers.

Claims paid for Deaths since commencement \$800,000
Annual Income over 400,000
Sums Assured nearly \$10,000,000

The strong financial position of this Company and its

MODERATE RATES
Render it one whose advantages are not surpassed by any other, and explain the fact that it stands at the head of all the Life Companies in Canada.
Detailed Reports and Tables of Rates may be obtained at any of the Company's offices or agencies.

A. C. RAMSAY, Manager.

March 2, 1872.

BOW
BELLS
FOR
APRIL
AT

DAY'S
BOOKSTORE.

PARKER'S HOTEL,
—DINING ROOM—
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.

AT ANDERSON'S
BOOKSTORE

FOR APRIL
BOW

BELLS
FOR APRIL

ANDERSON'S
Cheap Book, Stationery, and News Depot
Opposite the Market.

GUELPH

STEER STRAYED FROM THE FAIR GROUND.—A red steer marked "1" one long stroke and two short ones on either side looks somewhat like a "T" on the right hip. Any one returning him to the undersigned will receive a suitable reward.
GEORGE HOOD,
Guelph, April 4, 1872. dw

New Advertisements.
NEW GOODS, NEW GOODS!
AT THE LARGE NO. 1.

NOW READY FOR INSPECTION
THE CONTENTS OF
40 BALES AND PACKAGES

Containing all the Novelties of the Season.
A Call Respectfully Solicited.
GUELPH, April 6, 1872. dw **WM. GALLOWAY.**

GUELPH CLOTH HALL.
—
SHAW & MURTON
Have now received the Balance of their Spring Goods, and would invite inspection to their Stock of CLOTHS, which is this Season more than usually attractive.
Gentlemen will do well to leave their Orders as soon as possible.
SHAW & MURTON,
MERCHANT TAILORS.

GUELPH TEA DEPOT
E. O'DONNELL & Co.
HAVE JUST RECEIVED
90 caddies Young Hyson Dollar Tea
Containing 5 lbs, put up in a Nice Tin Caddie,
FOR 80 CENTS PER LB.

Buy a Caddie, and you make \$1. Lovers of Good Black Tea can buy a Tin Caddie holding 5 lbs of the best Tea for \$2.50, warranted to be as good as sold in Guelph for \$1.

We will guarantee satisfaction, or the cash will be returned.
E. O'DONNELL & CO.
Guelph, March 13, 1872 dw2w Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Co-Operative Store.
The Twenty-fourth Quarterly Dividend of Three per cent. for the quarter will now be paid on presentation of Pass-books.
J. C. Macklin & Co.
Wyndham Street, Guelph.
April 1st, 1872 dw

LAST BENEFIT NIGHT
OF THE SEASON!
ON SATURDAY
OYSTERS
WILL BE SOLD
25 CENTS PER CAN.

HUGH WALKER,
WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.
Guelph, April 5, 1872 dw

MEDICAL DISPENSARY
Yorkshire Relish
THE BEST AND CHEAPEST SAUCE IN THE WORLD!

This Excellent Sauce is carefully prepared from the choicest ingredients, and has been used for years by all the principal Clubs, Hotels, and Families in Yorkshire, and acknowledged by epicures to be superior to any other for imparting a delicious and pungent relish to all kinds of Fish, Game, Steaks, Chops, Steaks, Soups, &c. &c.

Price 25 cents per bottle.

Sold by
McCullough & Moore,
dw Wyndham Street, Guelph.

BRUSHES.
A large and complete assortment of
Whitewash Brushes
AND
Paint Brushes
JUST RECEIVED.

JOHN M. BOND & Co.
IMPORTERS, GUELPH.
Guelph, Mar. 27, 1871. do

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.
Guelph, April 2, '72 MARTIN DEADY, wy-44

COMING

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 constant use of the best quality, to merit a share of public patronage.
Guelph, March 12, 1872 A. McPHAIL & Co. dw

GAS FITTING
—AND—
STEAM FITTING

Done in the best style and most workmanlike manner

AT HOWARD'S
All Kinds of Fixtures made to order on the Shortest Notice.

Changing Pipes, &c. or Repairs

Done on the shortest notice. dw

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

A. H. R. KENNEDY'S
Flour and Feed Store.

Call and leave your orders with A. H. R. KENNEDY if you want the best

Flour, Potatoes and Feed

of all kinds, as cheap as any in the town, and always delivered to any part of the town when required.

Also, a fine lot of wheat, oats and peas, for seed.

Remember the stand—Anderson's new Buildings, next door to Wm. Smiley's tinshop, West Market Square. (75b 15—dwcm)

LANDS FOR SALE.

23 acres of Land, near the Town of Guelph, on which are about 500 apple and other fruit trees, in good bearing and condition. Stone and sand ready for building, suitable for a market garden.

Two park lots, 5 acres each, one \$300, the other \$250.

Also, 5 acres adjoining with large brick house, barns, stables and other outbuildings. The whole of the above property will be sold in one lot, or to suit purchasers.

Apply to Oliver & Macdonald, Barristers, Guelph.

\$6000 FOR IMMEDIATE INVESTMENT ON FARM

Security. In sums to suit borrowers.

CHARLES DAVIDSON,
Town Hall Buildings,
Guelph, March 27th, 1872 dw2w