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GUELPH, ONT., CANADA, SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 23, 1868.

PRICE ONE PENNY

Savings Bank.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE
OPEN a Savings Bank Department at their Branch in Guelph this day.
The rate of interest allowed on all deposits will be four per cent. per annum, to commence from day of deposit, and five per cent. on all sums remaining in the Bank six months from 31st of June or 31st of December.
The terms in other respects have been made as favorable as possible to depositors.
Further information will be given upon application at the office of the Bank in Guelph.
For all deposits made in this Savings Bank, the Canadian Bank of Commerce is fully responsible.
R. J. DALLAS, Cashier.
Guelph, 1st April, 1868.

Funerals, Funerals!



NATHAN TOVELL has to intimate that he is prepared to attend funerals as usual Collins always on hand. Hearse to hire. His Steam Planting Mill is in constant operation. All kinds of lumber, shingles, doors, blinds, mouldings, &c. He solicits a share of public patronage.
NATHAN TOVELL,
Guelph, 27th Aug. 1867. Nelson Crescen

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO'Y.

GUELPH AGENCY.

CANADIAN LINE—Quebec to Liver-
POOL Agency Saturday.
GLASGOW LINE—Quebec to Glas-
gow every Thursday.

CABIN—Guelph to Liverpool, \$75.00 and \$80.00
STEERAGE, do do \$30.00
CABIN—Guelph to Glasgow, \$80.00 and \$40.00
INTERMEDIATE, do do \$45.00
STEERAGE, do do \$20.00

Return Tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid Passage Certificates issued to bring friends out, at the lowest rates. For Tickets, state-rooms, and every information, apply to

GEO. A. OXNARD,
Agent, G. T. R.
Guelph, April 29, 1868.

FUNERALS.



WILLIAM BROWNLOW,
UNDERTAKER,
SHOP, in rear of the WELLINGTON HOTEL, F. W. Stone's Store, and fronting the Fair Ground.

The subscriber intimates that he is prepared to attend

FUNERALS.

As usual in Town and Country. Collins always on hand and made to order on the shortest notice. Terms very moderate.
WM. BROWNLOW,
Guelph, March 20, 1868. daw y

THE BARCLAY SEWING MACHINE.

WITHOUT any exception, the Barclay Sewing Machine, manufactured by the British American Sewing Machine Company,

is the best in the Dominion of Canada for general purposes. An examination is merely requested, which will be to the advantage of those intending to purchase. All machines warranted.
Also, agent for the DALTON KNITTING MACHINES, one of the best machines in the market.

Apply to **MOSES ECHELLE,**
General Agent for the County of Wellington,
Blair Post Office.
Agent for Guelph, **MRS. HUNTER,** Fancy Store, Wyndham Street,
Guelph, Jan 22, 1868. dw

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GLAZING, &c.

THOMAS BREADON

DOUGLAS-ST., GUELPH,

Painter, Glazier, Paper Hanger, &c.

REGS to inform the inhabitants of Guelph, and surrounding country that he is prepared to execute all manner of work in connection with his business at rates as low as

GOOD WORKMANSHIP

And MATERIAL will allow.

Shop, - - Douglas Street,

Next door north of Wm. Hoover's Livery Stable, and directly opposite Wm. Brownlow's Undertaking Establishment.
When not at the shop, orders to be left at Mr. Brownlow's.

THOS. BREADON,
Guelph 1st April, 1868. dw

1868.

Liverpool & London & Globe INSURANCE COMPANY.

THIS Company has been in existence thirty-two years, and during that period has paid Losses exceeding **Five and a half million Pounds Sterling.**
The amount of this enormous sum over a wide area, has without doubt, attested to the establishment of this Institution, in the confidence of Public Corporations, Merchants, Householders and Business men generally, wherever it is represented.

In its 1st year, 1836, the Fire Premiums alone amounted to £ 9,570
In its 10th year, 1846, 47,500
In its 20th year, 1856, 225,370
In its 30th year, 1866, 730,332
The year 1867, 818,055
The Fire Reserve Fund is now \$4,274,464
The Life Reserve Fund is now \$9,282,468
The Company is represented throughout Ontario and Quebec by influential Agents to whom application for Insurance may be made
S. F. C. SMITH, Resident Secretary,
Montreal.

T. W. SAUNDERS,
Guelph, 12th Feb. 1868. 747-1

Wool, Hide and Leather DEPOT.

No. 4, Day's Old Block, Gordon Street.
Guelph, July 31, 1868. (dw) D. MOLTON

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers having contracts with this office are notified that unless their changes for the EVENING MERCURY are handed in before 12 o'clock, their advertisements cannot be altered until the following day. Advertisements for the WEEKLY MERCURY should be handed in as early as possible on Wednesday morning in order to secure insertion.

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET.

SATURDAY EV'NG, MAY 23, 1868

The Methodist New Connection Church in Milton was re-opened last week.

The last Mount Forest Fair was well attended. There were no fat cattle on the ground, and even the ordinary grades were poorly represented. The attendance of buyers was good.

HURT BY A FALL.—Last Saturday Mr. Robert Wallace, while up on the bent, assisting at a raising at Mr. Watson's, Egremont, lost his balance and fell backwards to the ground—a distance of about eighteen feet. In lighting he was violently back on his head, causing concussion of the brain. He is slowly recovering.

TARGET PRACTICE.—A squad of the Flora Rifle Company had a trial of skill at target practice on Tuesday last. We copy the score from the Times in order to show competitors here, what sort of shooting they make in Elora:

| Range 300 yards. Total. | |
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| Capt. Leech..... | 4243/2433—28 |
| Ensign Tribe..... | 443332232—28 |
| Chas. Findlay..... | 3333334323—30 |
| G. Lillers..... | 043333332—25 |
| J. Young..... | 222324229—25 |

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.—On Saturday last a young man named John H. Collieridge, who lives in the northern part of Guelph Township, was accidentally shot.

He, along with another young man, was firing at a target for their own amusement. Collieridge was marking for his companion, and not having given the proper signal the shot was fired before he got under cover, the ball striking him in the back close to the shoulder blade. It went clear through his body, and came out at his breast, and then entered into a tree. The wound is a serious one, but hopes are entertained, of his recovery unless inflammation sets in. Collieridge belongs to the Eramosa Rifle Company.

SHOCKING DEATH.—The Mount Forest Examiner has the following: A terrible accident resulting in the death of a young man named Robert Wilson, occurred on Friday evening last at the saw mill of A. & H. Lamont, Egremont. No one saw the actual occurrence of the mournful event but it is thought to have occurred about as follows: Deceased, while walking along the sill on which works the pitman shaft, must have stumbled on the box covering the shaft, was then caught by the fly wheel, thrown forward, his temple striking the engine, fracturing his skull.

He must have then fallen back against the fly wheel; and was found shortly afterwards; the wheel chafing against his head and breast. He was immediately removed to an adjacent house, and a competent physician sent for, but the wounds were of such a serious nature that little could be done, and the unfortunate man died about eleven o'clock the following morning.

A CURIOUS CASE.—The Mount Forest Examiner says: A case was tried at the last division court here, involving curious points of law. It appears that on one fair day Mr. Neil McDougall sold a cow to Mr. McIntyre for \$19 and the cow was tied to a post, while the parties adjourned to a hotel to pay and receive the money.

While the money was being paid, the animal broke away, and McDougall took the money and went after the cow. He did not, however, return with cow or money, and hence the action. At the trial, Mr. J. P. McMillan appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. John Kennedy for defendant, one counsel contending that the client had a right to get back the money, as the cow was not delivered, the other holding that no such right existed, as the money was paid according to agreement, and the cow was tied to the post at the purchaser's risk. The learned Judge reserved his judgment until the 18th May, when he delivered judgment for the plaintiff, McIntyre, for \$19.50, the amount claimed. His Honor considered that defendant had not given up his lien for the price of the cow, and there was no delivery.

GALT FREE CHURCH.—The tenders for the new Free Knox's Church, Galt, were opened the other day. The lowest tender received was over \$22,000, being considerably in excess of the calculations of the congregation. Under these circumstances, it was decided that the plans be amended so as to bring the expenditure within the means at the disposal of the Committee—\$18,000. A proposition was made that the proposed building be dropped altogether, and the present building be enlarged to afford the necessary accommodation, but it met with little favor.

The Ottawa Times speaks in a semi-official manner of the appointment of the Earl of Mayo to the Governor-Generalship of Canada, and that Lord Monck will shortly leave Canada. It would seem as if the Government had received some advice on the subject.

Judicious Advertising.

Here follows a chapter on advertising. A newspaper is valuable for advertising purposes in proportion to its circulation. A merchant erects a sign above his door to tell passers-by where his place of business is situated, and what he has to sell.—Putting an advertisement in the newspaper is only hanging up your sign in hundreds of houses, or thousands, as the case may be. The Evening Mercury enjoys a circulation considerably larger than our local daily contemporary. Our subscribers are drawn from every class. Mercantile and professional people read this journal, and it is used by the humble laborer after his supper. There are very few persons reading the other papers who do not also read the Mercury, but there are numbers of families where every evening this paper is alone taken. Within the last few weeks our daily circulation has been steadily increasing, so much so that we are compelled to go to press somewhat earlier than hitherto. It is not necessary to speak at length of our Weekly. The standing and influence of the Guelph Weekly MERCURY, as well as its excellence, is well known throughout the western portion of Canada. Without exaggeration we may say that no such newspaper success as our Weekly has been known in the journalistic annals of Canada, leaving out of view, of course, the press of Toronto. To have already doubled the combined circulation of our contemporaries, who have had possession of the field for over twenty years, is, perhaps, not unworthy of this passing remark. We are not in the habit of making statements which we cannot verify, and we extend a cordial invitation to those interested to call any evening about 4 o'clock, or to look in on Wednesday evenings from 5 o'clock to midnight, when our Weeklies are being worked off and mailed.

RUNAWAY.—The Champion says that a serious accident occurred on Monday evening, to Mr. Alexander Robertson. As he was driving down Main Street, a bolt imperfectly secured, allowed the shaft to fall on the horse's heels, causing him to kick the dash-board to pieces and fly on to the sidewalk opposite the Halton House. Mrs. John Henderson, who was in the buggy was thrown out but not hurt, but Mr. Robertson was not so fortunate. He has been confined to his room since, with a severe internal pain, and he will be fortunate if he escapes without internal inflammation.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY.—We have received from Messrs. Ticknor & Fields, Boston, the June number of the "Atlantic Monthly." The contents are:—Beauty of Trees; Two Families; Theophile Gautier; A Literary Artist; Casa Guidi Windows; The Talmud; St. Michael's Night, Chaps. I—V; Abyssinia and King Theodore; The Discovery of Etherization; A Castle of Indolence; Visa Thrift; A week on Capri; A June Idyl. For sale at the bookstores.

OUTWITTED.—The Milton Champion of Friday says: A rather rich sell took place at the Champion Office yesterday. A farmer who has "it on the brain" entered the sanctum with a tall and mysterious stranger, whose name we afterwards ascertained to be Meacham. We were gravely informed that Meacham was an "oil witch," and would for a small sum inform us whether the Milton oil hole contained the precious fluid, and as one of those interested, were asked to bear our part of the test. The other directors had been seen and were willing to go on with the trial. Being rather skeptically inclined as to the wonder working powers of the Oil Chamer, we ventured to inquire how it was that the Oil Witch was not "clothed in purple and white linen," as his knowledge of oil locations ought to have enabled him to make his fortune before this. Meacham offered to test the charm on the spot, and in the presence of a number of gentlemen called in for the purpose, he produced an instrument in form of an arch with two waving arms, surmounted by an India-rubber band, from which was suspended a small bag and needle. This he poised over a lamp containing oil, and on it being moved to various parts of the room the instrument pointed to the oil. As he stated that it would work more powerful on crude oil than refined, we quietly slipped out, and having cleaned out a tin lamp, filled it with water, and producing it as the real "crude" the machine acted more powerfully than ever. After a thorough trial the dodge was revealed, and with some confusion Meacham tried to explain that it was the wick that did the business. After a hearty laugh the Oil Witch was allowed to go in peace.

SHEEP SHEARS.
A large variety of SHEEP SHEARS, various qualities, and approved patterns, now selling at
JOHN HORSMAN'S.

A TROUBLED CONSCIENCE.—The following is an extract from a letter sent to the Grand Trunk Company, which contained a one-dollar bill:—"By request, please find enclosed \$1 in payment of cotton cloth embezzled from freight of the Grand Trunk Railway in 1860."

The congregation of the Rev. Mr. Acheson's Church, Galt, at a meeting held on Monday last, resolved to build a new manse in connection with that Church, and the sum of \$1,500 was subscribed among those present for that purpose.

The Test of the Steam Fire Engine.

On Friday last, the Steam Fire Engine manufactured for the corporation of the town of Guelph, by Mr. Silsby, of Seneca Falls, New York, made her debut before the Mayor, and members of the Town Council, and a large number of interested spectators who stood with undiminished patience to watch her operations from 3 to 6 o'clock, p.m., sheltered from the rain, which fell intermittingly, by umbrellas if they happened to have them, and if not apparently very little inconvenienced and very much interested without them. Shortly after 2 o'clock the Engine House became the focus at which concentrated a large crowd to whom the moments seemed hours until the doors were thrown open, and the Fire Company and Engine emerged from their seclusion. The men and boys took eager hold of the ropes, and in two long files went at a run down the hill leading to the river at Presant's Mill. Many hands made the work of hauling 4,500 lbs down a decline no difficult task. We may say here *pari passu* that the Engine is a piece of splendid workmanship, and most elaborately finished. That she is powerful and effective was demonstrated to every person's satisfaction a few minutes after she was got to the brink of the river. The two hose reels with their 750 feet of hose each, followed the progress of the Engine, and the bells attached to them gave forth sounds which we hope shall but seldom convey a different and more terrible meaning. At exactly three minutes past 3 o'clock the fire was kindled, about 100 feet of hose having been attached. In four minutes from the time the torch was applied, the steam pressure was 5 lbs., in another half minute it was 10 lbs., in six minutes it was 20 lbs., and in a little over seven minutes it was 25 lbs., when the engineer blew the whistle once as a signal to the hose men, gave a wheel a quick turn, and in an instant a stream 1 1/2 inches in diameter spouted with force from the nozzle. Up to this time the engine had been fed with wood and when she was set in motion the pressure for a short time decreased sensibly, but coal was added to the fuel already burning fiercely, and its greater strength soon made up the loss and sent the little indicator spinning round to 70 lbs. This was exactly thirteen minutes after the engine had begun to work, and in those minutes more the pressure was 100 lbs., and the water was shooting in a stream, and describing the curve of a parabola 20 feet above the flag pole on the mill.

After playing for a considerable time here, the whole 1500 feet of hose was attached, and in consequence the men who held the nozzle stood right opposite Mr. Massie's retail store. The sound of the trumpet gave the signal to the engineer, and he answered with a blast of his whistle. The stream rushed along and when the hose was held horizontally, it spouted to a distance of 140 feet. When elevated the water reached the roof of Mr. Higinbotham's store, but not in sufficient quantity to be of much effect in quenching a fire. The block on each side of Wyndham Street, however, between Macdonnell street and the Market Square, can at any time be put in possession of all the benefit resulting from the showering on them of 550 gallons of water per minute, which is the quantity that the engine is capable of throwing. Of course the Market House and many of the stores on the opposite side of the street could also be played upon with the engine in the same position.

The next trial was at Allen's Dam, to which she was drawn by a span of steady old horses, which did not seem to care a straw whether a fire engine or a wagon were behind them. Here she was placed on the bridge, and two hose pipes having been attached, with nozzles of rather smaller diameter 2 streams were spouted over the roof of Coulson's Hotel and some of the adjacent buildings. A spectator could form the best idea of the quantity of water discharged by looking at it falling in sheets from the roofs as it sometimes does during heavy thunder showers. Once while the two hose pipes were being worked the steam pressure was 105 lbs., but it soon fell to 90 lbs., which is about the amount generally applied. When the hose is short 70 lbs. are found sufficient. Again the hose was stretched to its full length, and it extended up Quebec Street until the water was poured over St. George's Church, the Wellington Hotel, the Post Office, and other buildings on the same side, and directed across the street, on Mr. Bond's Hardware Store. At this time the pressure was 120 lbs., a pretty severe test of the strength of the boiler. The engine is about ten horse-power.

It has been ascertained by actual measurement that the engine can be placed at certain points along the river which will bring the whole of Wyndham-st. within range of the hose. For instance, as we have shown, if placed at Presant's Mill the water can be thrown on any building between that and Macdonnell-st., and if placed at the Eramosa bridge the hose will reach the opposite side of the same street. The power of ejection possessed by the engine is something like this: With 100 feet of hose she will throw a jet of water horizontally 250 feet, and perpendicularly 200 feet. The power diminishes in proportion to the length of the hose, and when the water has traversed the whole 1,500 feet will not ascend more than 150 feet.

The test on Friday was very fair, and very thorough, and we believe there were few or none who witnessed it, that were not satisfied the investment the Council had made in this elegant and powerful, though only one of Mr. Silsby's third-class engines, was a profitable one. Her total cost, together with hose, reels, &c., is \$7,675 in greenbacks, to which are added \$60 for buckets of gutta percha, or some other material, and a trumpet which accompanied her.

CONVERSE, COLSON & LAMB, extensive Importers of groceries have suspended payment in Montreal.

Town Council.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held on Friday night. Present, the Mayor in the chair; Dr. Herod, Messrs. Harvey, Thomson, Heffernan, Chadwick, McCarry, Mitchell, Melvin, Holliday, Massie, Buckland and Sayers.

Mr. McCarry presented the report of the By-law Committee which read as follows: The By-law Committee beg leave to report, that they have had revised the by-law for licensing, regulating and governing transient traders and others; also that they have drawn up a by-law appointing a Board of Health for the Town of Guelph.—Adopted.

Mr. Mitchell brought in a report from the Road and Bridge Committee which was laid over.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on the By-law for licensing, regulating and governing transient traders; Mr. Thomson in the chair. The by-law as it was filled up in committee makes the following provisions: That no transient trader who carries on business in the town for uncertain periods, less than one year, and whose name are not on the roll for the current year shall personally or by agent trade or barter merchandise within the limits of the corporation without first obtaining a license. Any such trader may present a petition to the Council for a license showing the nature of his business, the place where it is carried on, the length of time to which his lease extends, and the length of time he intends to carry on business. On the applicant's paying \$50 to the Treasurer a license shall be issued. When and so often as any transient trader shall contravene this by-law the offender shall on conviction before the magistrate be liable to a fine of not more than \$50, exclusive of costs, and in default of payment and no distress, to imprisonment for 21 days, with or without hard labor as the magistrate may decide. The by-law to take effect from the 22nd inst. The Committee rose and the Council resumed. The by-law was read a third time, passed and numbered 170.

The By-law for appointing a Board of Health for the town of Guelph for 1868 was read a first and second time, and the Council went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Buckland in the chair. The following gentlemen were appointed members of the Board of Health: The Mayor, Dr. Herod, Messrs. Heffernan, Howard, Chadwick, Elliott and Baker. Council resumed, and by-law passed and numbered 171.

Mr. Harvey moved, seconded by Mr. McCarry, that Mr. Silsby's Steam Fire Engine, and hose, be accepted, and that the Treasurer be authorized to settle with him in terms of his agreement; and further that the Finance Committee be empowered to settle the balance at once if they think advisable.

By the latter part of the motion it was understood that Mr. Silsby was willing to make a liberal discount if the whole amount were paid him, and the Council on motion of Mr. Thomson adjourned for twenty minutes in order that the Finance Committee might have an opportunity to confer with Mr. Silsby, who was present. The negotiations failed, for when the Council resumed, Mr. Thomson, as chairman of Finance, reported that they had examined Mr. Silsby's account and found it correct, and that he was entitled to \$2,755.49 in gold, or thereabouts, which sum he recommended that the Treasurer be authorized to pay, and give Mr. Silsby a note, at twelve months, for the balance.

Council adjourned.

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

London, May 23.—The Court requires that Home, the Spiritualist, should repay Mrs. Lyon £80,000 and costs.
A despatch from Rome says that the Pope has invited the Roman Catholic Bishops of the United States to raise one thousand volunteers for the Papal army, authorizing them to make such terms with the recruits as they may deem necessary and proper.

London, May 22nd.—The despatch concerning the action of the government on the question of Scotch reform in House of Commons last night was inaccurate. The following is a correct report:—Mr. Baxter on Monday night moved as an amendment to the Scotch Reform Bill, that the number of members of the House of Commons be increased by taking the franchise from some of the small English boroughs. This amendment, which was opposed by the Ministry on Monday night, but was carried on a division of the House, was last night accepted by Mr. Disraeli. The Premier subsequently proposed on the part of the Ministry a new clause providing that persons excused from payment of rates by reason of their poverty be not entitled to vote. The further consideration of the Bill was then postponed.

London, May 22nd, midnight.—In the House of Commons to-night, Mr. Disraeli moved a vote of thanks to Gen. Sir Robert Napier, commanding the Abyssinian expedition. Sir Stafford Northcote, Secretary of State for India, said no despatches had recently been received from General Napier, the last despatch was dated 22nd April. Mr. Reardon, member for Athlone, gave notice that he would propose to the Government the following question:—If the health of the Queen is such as to detain her from London, why do not the Ministry advise abdication? The question was ruled out of order.

London, May 23, a.m.—The debate on the Irish Church was again resumed.—The Suspensory Bill being under consideration, Mr. Gladstone made a speech explaining the character and intent of the measure. He said the Liberals would not consent to subsidize any religious sect in Ireland. He expressed his amazement that the Tories should now threaten resistance to the Bill, after yielding assent to the resolves of which it was the logical result. The House of Lords might possibly reject it, but still it was the duty of the House of Commons to proceed with the movement of reform which it had commenced. Mr. Gladstone closed by moving that the bill pass to a 2nd reading. Mr. Gathorne Hardy moved that the 2nd reading be postponed for six months, and supported this motion with a speech of much warmth. He declared that the bill was a surprise, and meant confiscation. He misstated the questions in reply to the Address of the House concerning the disposal of ecclesiastical patronage and robbed the Crown of some of its greatest prerogatives, including the veto power. He assigned the origin of this movement to enemies of the Church and State, and made an earnest appeal to all Protestants to oppose it. The debate continued at great length. Mr. Disraeli, at a late hour, rose and defended the Tory party in resisting the bill. The policy which had created this measure was disastrous to the country, and its direct tendency was to the abolition of both Church and State. Mr. Gladstone replied: he said the step taken by the Liberal party was not hostile either to Protestantism or the Church of England. The debate closed with Mr. Gladstone's speech, and a division took place on the motion that the Bill have its second reading. The vote for the second reading stood 312 against 258. The announcement was received with loud and prolonged cheers from Liberals. A motion was then made that the House go into Committee for consideration of the Bill on 5th of June next. The motion was carried without a division.

American Despatches.

The Fenian Programme for Invasion of Canada.
Gen. O'Nale and 30,000 Liberals about to "Gobble up" Canada, including all Distilleries.

Toronto the First Point of Attack.

TABLEAUX--PRO. PENITENTIARY.

New York, May 23.—A programme for the Fenian invasion of Canada in July next supplies Gen. O'Neil with 30,000 troops, attacks Montreal with 15,000 men; marches 5,000 from Buffalo against Toronto, and 3,000 from Detroit to the same point, and sends a body of 10,000 ruffians to their support. [Bosh]

Knox's Church Society.—Notwithstanding the unpropitious state of the weather, the Social in the Town Hall last evening, in connection with Knox's Church, was a perfect success, there being a large and respectable company present—the attendance being more numerous than at the Social held last year. The proceedings of the evening were opened with devotional exercises, after which Mr. Berry served refreshments in profusion. During the evening several gentlemen addressed the assemblage touching the state of affairs in the congregation.—Songs, with piano forte accompaniments, were also given at intervals by lady and gentlemen amateurs of the congregation. The proceedings were brought to a close at a seasonable hour by the company joining in singing "Auld Lang Syne" and the Doxology, and the benediction being pronounced, the company dispersed after spending a very agreeable evening.

The Government found it impossible to proceed with the Patent Bill, and on Friday Senate on Friday.