

FROM OTTAWA. A despatch from Ottawa says: The confusion and squabbling in the Cabinet, rendering a rupture probable at any moment, has produced a most desponding feeling among the supporters of the Coalition, and they wear very long faces. Nobody there has any respect for the Government, and Ministers are fast sinking in the estimation of the members.

The North-west and the Union. The correspondence between the Government of Canada and the Colonial Secretary on the subject of the admission of British Columbia and the North-west Territory into the Union, has been laid on the table of the House of Commons. The proposition for the annexation of these countries has been promised, by the Secretary, an early consideration, but, he says, as the subject is one of no common importance, it will require lengthened and careful deliberation. Accompanying the correspondence is a copy of the resolutions passed at a public meeting in Victoria in January last, together with a memorial addressed to the Governor General of Canada, by a Committee appointed by the said meeting. The resolutions recite the action taken by the Legislative Council of British Columbia, which, in the month of March last, passed unanimously a resolution, requesting the Governor General to take measures without delay to secure the admission of British Columbia into the Canadian Confederacy on fair and equitable terms. A public meeting held in Victoria concurred in this action. The memorialists allege that public opinion in the colony is overwhelmingly in favor of Confederation with Canada; that the office holders are generally opposed to Confederation, and that there is a small party in favor of annexation to the United States. They further urge on the Canadian Government to telegraph the Imperial Government to urge on the Governor of the Colony to negotiate for the admission of British Columbia on the following terms:—

- 1. Canada to become responsible for the public debt of \$1,500,000.
2. To provide Federal officers and services.
3. To grant a sufficient fixed subsidy and per capita subsidy to insure the support of the Local Government.
4. Representation in the Senate and Commons of Canada.
5. The construction of a trans continental wagon road from Lake Superior to the head of navigation on the Lower Fraser, within two years after admission.
6. Popular representative institutions insuring responsible control over the Government.

These terms cannot be considered unreasonable, and that they are not so may be accepted as proof of the sincerity of the wishes of the people of British Columbia to cast in their lot with the other confederated Provinces. If admitted at all, they must of course be admitted in accordance with provisions in the Act in anticipation of their desire, or that of their neighbours of the North-west to enter the Union, and the same rights and privileges must be accorded them that are now enjoyed by the Canadas, or Nova Scotia, or New Brunswick. The validity of their claim for a subsidy for the support of the local Government must be allowed, and none will question their right to representation in the General Parliament. The opening of communication by a more direct route than at present exists, even though the thoroughfare should be simply a wagon road is the one condition to which there is likely to be a demur. We should not be surprised to hear it obstinately contended that a wagon road is not the proper sort of road to build, that it would be nearly valueless so far as the intention of making it subservient to purposes of emigration went; and that the Dominion is not in a position to build a railway. Should this idea grow strong and prevail, then farewell to British Columbia, for it is not at all likely that the inhabitants of that colony would join the Union while the want of a thoroughfare kept them actual aliens from the chief portion of the country to which they had been annexed. That a railway cannot now be constructed to British Columbia by the Canadian Government is certain; that it will not be undertaken by private enterprise may be asserted with equal confidence—and what then is to be done? What but comply with the modest request of the memorialists, remembering always that children must creep before they walk.

The Red River Nor'-Wester of the 29th of February contains the following strange paragraph:—"We are informed that the people of the Portage have become disgusted with the present rule of the Hon. Hudson Bay Company, and have formed themselves into a new Republic, to be known hereafter by the name of New Caledonia. President Thomas Spruce and his Private Secretary, Mr. Frederick Bird, of the New Republic were here last week, conferring with Gov. MacTavish, on important business, the nature of which is not yet made public."

Be now settled that Mr. Thos. R. Merritt and Mr. Eccles will be candidates for the representation of Lincoln at the coming election, to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of Mr. Benson to the Senate. Mr. Rykert was solicited, through the medium of a requisition, to become a candidate, but he declined the proposed honor. The Hamilton Times says it is reported that Mr. Rykert will support Mr. Merritt, and that Mr. Merritt, if elected, will be an independent supporter of the Government. We apprehend the word independent, as applied to Mr. Merritt, means simply nothing at all. It is used as a sort of meaningless euphemism. We have never known any man to profess to give a government an independent support who did not abandon his self-assumed role as soon as he entered Parliament. Mr. Eccles, we are informed, has issued his address, and comes out on broad Reform principles. The nomination will take place on Thursday, the 2nd of April, and the polling on Thursday and Friday, 2nd and 3rd of April.

GERMAN INGENUITY.—The French are peculiarly clever in delicate scientific tests; but no nation on earth except the Germans ever have thought of so singular and effective a trial of mechanical apparatus as was used lately upon a new arrangement for ventilating the House of Commons of the North German Parliament. When the apparatus was all in order, the three hundred workmen who had been engaged upon the building, which is an entirely new one, were shut up in the Council Chamber, furnished with cigars and tobacco, and ordered to enter upon a general fumigation; which command the tobacco-loving Teutons joyfully obeyed, delighted at so easy and pleasant a mode of earning their wages. After three hours, the doors were opened, and the thermometer showed a rise of only one degree in the temperature of the room, while the atmosphere was comparatively unaffected by the enormous amount of tobacco burned there. Such is the statement, at all events, if it be true, the Berlin legislators may congratulate themselves upon possessing what does not elsewhere exist,—a thoroughly ventilated Council Chamber.

A Mr. Smith writes to the Ottawa News, disclaiming any jealousy of the Fraser clan, and suggests a gathering of the Smiths. By all means, have a world's congress of Smiths.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. NOTICE. ALL persons having claims against the Guelph Packing Company are requested to send them to the undersigned by mail for adjustment. EDWARD HARRISON, Box 131, Guelph P. O. Guelph, 26th March, 1868.

Toronto Advertisement W. & D. DINEEN. BEG to inform the people of GUELPH and surrounding country that they have the Largest, Cheapest and Best Stock of HATS, CAPS AND FURS Ever brought into Ontario, at No. 80 Yonge Street, three doors north of King-st. Wholesale and Retail. TORONTO. Toronto, 26th March, 1868. dwt

Free Lecture! In Old Masonic Hall. Entrance next door to Co-operative Store. MR. J. EVANS Will deliver a Lecture (D. V.) in the OLD MASONIC HALL, On Sunday Next, 29th Instant, At half-past two o'clock p. m. SUBJECT: The Destiny of the British Empire. The Daughter of Tyre and the Tarshish of the latter days, as revealed in the Bible.—Her work in the restoration of the Jews, and her subjection to the Kingdom of Israel in the age to come shown by the Prophecy. REFERENCES.—Isaiah 17th chapter, 12th verse to 2nd verse of 18th chapter; 60th chapter, 9th verse; 66th chapter, 19th verse. Ezekiel 38th chapter, 18th verse. Psalms 45th chapter, 12th verse; 72nd chapter, 10th and 11th verses. Isaiah 2nd chapter, 16th to 18th verses. Psalms 48th chapter, 7th verse. The public are cordially invited to attend with Bible in hand. Erin, 29th March, 1868. ds

Law Clerk Wanted. WANTED, a steady intelligent Lad as Clerk in a Law Office. Apply to PALMER & LILLIE, Guelph, March 25, 1868. dwtf

School Teacher Wanted. WANTED for School Section No. 1, Township of Erin, a 1st class male teacher, to commence immediately. ALEX. SCOTT, DONALD McKECHNIE, MALCOLM McLACHLAN, Erin, 9th March, 1868. 41dw Trustees.

BILTON IMPORTER OF MEDITERRANEAN FRUITS! ORANGES, LEMONS, COCOA NUTS, PEANUTS, BANANAS, PINE APPLES, &c. No. 123 King-st. East, and No. 185 Yonge Street, TORONTO, HAS THIS DAY received another car-load of first-class ORANGES, LEMONS and COCOA NUTS, to which he invites particular attention. Price per 10 boxes \$4.50 per box per single box \$5.00.

Having made arrangements for having his business promptly attended to in his absence, he intends attending Fruit Sales in Britain and New York personally during the next two months, thus securing the best Fruits in good order, and all orders will be filled at the very LOWEST PRICES! ALL KINDS OF FIRE-WORKS supplied for private and public exhibitions, and particular attention paid to the shipping of all kinds of foreign and domestic Fruits, Oysters, Salt Water Fish, Game, &c., AT BILTON'S Sole Agent for MALLORY'S world-renowned Baltimore OYSTERS. W. BILTON. Toronto, 24th March, 1868. 242w

FOR SALE 200 lbs. Honey, Strained or Comb. 500 lbs. Boston Canned Peaches 200 lbs. Keiller's Dundee Marmalade. 50 lbs. Red and Black Currant Jelly. 100 bushels Dried Apples. French Plums and Prunes. Anchovy Paste. Bloater Paste. Maple Sugar and Amber Syrup. AT JOHN A. WOOD'S. Guelph, March 24th, 1868 dw

Mechanics' Institute TOWN HALL, GUELPH. RE-UNION READINGS —BY— MR. WM. T. URQUHART, OF HAMILTON, From popular authors, interspersed with GLEE SINGING! By Amateurs, in the Town Hall, On Friday, March 27th inst. Admission 12 cents. Doors open at 7:30, Readings to commence at 8 Guelph, 24th March, 1868. dtd

Speed Lodge No. 180. AN Emergency Meeting of the above Lodge will be held in the New Masonic Hall, on Thursday Evening Next, 26th, at half-past seven o'clock, sharp. A full and punctual attendance is requested. J. CRIDFORD, Secretary, Guelph, 23rd March, 1868. dd

POTATOES! Potatoes of all Kinds Wholesale and Retail, AT WEBSTER'S Grain and Flour Store, West Market Square, Guelph. Guelph, March 20, 1868. do if

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Wanted. A GOOD man or boy capable of attending to Horses and a Garden. H. W. PETERSON, Guelph, March 25, 1868. dwtf

Board Wanted. BY a married couple in a private family where no other Boarders are kept. Address C. C. A. Mercury Office, Guelph, March 19th, 1868. 42t

JUST OPENING AT THE BRITANNIA HOUSE A Splendid Assortment of SPRING FURNISHINGS 2 & 3 PLY CARPETS, Tapestry, Brussels, Hemp, Felt, &c. Muslin and Lace Curtains, Damasks, Fringes, &c. HEFFERNAN BROS. Guelph, 25th March, 1868.

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

GORDON, MACKAY & CO., Importers, Manufacturers, and General Warehousemen, Have now in stock one of the most magnificent assortments of Staple & Fancy Dry Goods Home and Foreign Woollens! AND TAILORS' GOODS AND TRIMMINGS. They are constantly receiving Leading Styles from the various places of production.—Terms Liberal. Lybster Mills Sheetings 33 and 36 inches. Also, Lybster Mills YARNS and BATTING. Toronto 26th March, 1868. dw-1m.

JOHN MACDONALD & CO TORONTO, Have now a very Large and Complete Stock! To which, throughout the Season, ADDITIONS WILL BE MADE WEEKLY JOHN MACDONALD & CO. Nos. 21 and 23, Wellington Street, and Nos. 28 and 30, Front Street, TORONTO. No. 103 King Street, Manchester, England. Toronto, 25th March, 1868. dw1m

PARTNERSHIP NOTICE! THE undersigned have entered into Co-partnership under the firm of BUCHANAN & CO., Hamilton, Ontario, and of PETER BUCHANAN & CO., Glasgow, Scotland. ISAAC BUCHANAN, ANDREW BINNY, PETER T. BUCHANAN. Hamilton, Ontario, February, 1868. 1868. SPRING IMPORTATIONS, 1868. THE Subscribers have received and are NOW OPENING a portion of their SPRING IMPORTATIONS —OF— BRITISH AND FOREIGN DRY GOODS, And will have an excellent assortment opened out by the 25th inst., as also of Canadian and American Manufactures. BUCHANAN & COMPANY. Hamilton, 19th March, 1868. dw

DOMINION HOTEL GEORGE BLACK BEGS to inform his friends and the public that he has opened the above Hotel, in the BRICK HOUSE, MACDONNELL-ST. A few doors above Higinbotham's Drug Store and immediately opposite Messrs. Sharpe's Seed Store. There is a good stable attached to the house, with good and commodious stabling. Every attention will be paid to customers in order to secure their comfort and convenience. Guelph, March 6, 1868. daw 3m

WARRING WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER, DAYS BLOCK, Opposite the Market, Guelph. FOR sale cheap, SEETH THOMAS' CLOCKS, by the best maker in America. Also, Perseuscope Tinted SPECTACLES. Guelph, 19th March, 1868. dw

R. J. JEANNERET, From England, (Established in London, Ont., 1842, and in Guelph 1865.) WARRING WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER, DAYS BLOCK, Opposite the Market, Guelph. Servant Girl Wanted. A GIRL capable of doing general housework.—Apply to MRS. SLEEMAN, Waterloo Road, Guelph, March 21, 1868. 41w

Teacher for the Senior Girls' School. APPLICATIONS for the office of Teacher of the Senior Girls' School, under the management of the Joint Board of Grammar and Common School Trustees of the Town of Guelph, will be received by the subscriber up to 11th April. The salary is \$400 per annum. Applicant must hold first class certificate, and be competent to teach French. ROBERT TORRANCE, Secretary, Guelph, 24th March, 1868. 81w

Agricultural Books FOR SALE AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE, OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH. AMERICAN Populogy Applied. By Dr. T. J. Warden, with 200 Illustrations. Price \$2.50; by mail \$2.75. THE American Gardener's Assistant. In three parts. Containing complete practical directions for the cultivation of Vegetables, Flowers, Fruit, &c. By Thomas Bridges. New edition, revised and enlarged. Illustrated by S. Edward Todd. Price \$1.50; by mail \$1.60. THE Modern Horse Doctor, containing Practical observations on the causes, nature and treatment of disease and lameness in horses, with illustrations. By George H. Dodd, Veterinary Surgeon. Price \$1.25; by mail \$1.30. THE Illustrated Horse Doctor, being an accurate and detailed account of the various diseases to which the equine race are subject, together with the latest mode of treatment, and all the requisite prescriptions, written in plain English.—By Edward Mayhew, M. R. C. V. S. Illustrated with more than 400 pictorial illustrations. Price \$3; by mail \$3.25. SMALL Fruit Culture. By S. Fuller, Practical Horticulturist, Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. J. Price \$1; by mail \$1.10. HALL'S for Profit and Draining for Health. By George E. Waring, Engineer of Drainage of the Central Park, New York.—Illustrated. Price, \$1; by mail, \$1.10. Address: T. J. DAY, Bookseller, Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Guelph, March 21st, 1868. daw

The Irish in America, By JOHN FRANCIS MAGUIRE, M. P., Price, \$1.75; by mail post-paid to any part of Canada, \$2.00. HENRY WARD BEECHER'S NEW NOVEL. NORWOOD. PRICE \$1. At Day's Bookstore, Opposite the Market, Guelph. Guelph, March 20, 1868. daw if

INDIA AND CHINA TEA COMPANY A LARGE SUPPLY OF THIS CELEBRATED TEA FOR FAMILY USE. Just received at the MEDICAL HALL. N. HIGINBOTHAM, Sole Agent for Guelph. Guelph, 19th March, 1868. dw

TO FARMERS. NOW IS THE TIME TO USE FRENCH'S Condition Powders! They are the best medicine known for removing all impurities of the Blood, and producing a sleek and Glossy Coat, and they have a peculiarly good effect in cleaning the skin. As a Diarrhoeic Medicine they will be found superior to any other Powder made. PREPARED BY A. B. PETRIE, Chemist and Druggist, Market Square, Guelph, Guelph, 11th March, 1868. wd

TEACHER FOR THE Senior Girls' School. APPLICATIONS for the office of Teacher of the Senior Girls' School, under the management of the Joint Board of Grammar and Common School Trustees of the Town of Guelph, will be received by the subscriber up to 11th April. The salary is \$400 per annum. Applicant must hold first class certificate, and be competent to teach French. ROBERT TORRANCE, Secretary, Guelph, 24th March, 1868. 81w

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