

# Guelph Evening Mercury

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## Business Cards.

**MEDICAL CO-PARTNERSHIP.**  
We, the undersigned, have entered into partnership for the practice of the Medical Profession under the style and firm of  
**KEATING & MACDONALD.**  
PHOS. ACHOLMUT KEATING,  
W. D. M. C. S. B. England  
A. A. MACDONALD,  
M.D., LL.D., Edin., and L.R.C.S., Edin.  
Guelph, July 1st, 1873. dw

**REMOVAL OF SURGERY.**  
**DR. HEROD**  
Has removed his Surgery to the rooms above the Guelph Drug Store, where he may be found from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance on Cork Street. After 6 p.m. at his residence as usual. dw

**D. BROOK,**  
OFFICE AND RESIDENCE  
Directly opposite Chalmers' Church  
Quebec Street, Guelph.  
Dr. Brook having returned from the South will attend to all professional calls as usual.

**STEPHEN BOUTIL, Architect, Con-tractor and Builder.** Planning Mill, and every kind of Joinery Work prepared for the trade and the public. The Factory is on Quebec Street, Guelph. dw

**FREDERICK BISCOE, Barrister and Attorney at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Conveyancer, &c.** Office, corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets. dw

**OLIVER & MACDONALD,** Barristers and Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors, Notaries Public, &c. Office—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, up stairs, Guelph, Ont. dw

**GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,** Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Guelph, Ontario. dw

**D. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN,** Guelph, March 1, 1871. dw

**LEMON & PETERSON,** Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Conveyancers and Notaries Public. Offices—Brownlow's New Buildings, near the Registry Office.

**A. LEMON, H. W. PETERSON,** CHAS. LEMON, County Crown Attorney

**ROBERT CRAWFORD,** PRACTICAL  
Watch and Clock Maker, Jeweller.  
Wyndham Street, Guelph.  
Gold and Silver Watches, Chains, Brooches, Rings, &c., Hair Plate and Device Work, Clocks and Time pieces, Jewellery repaired and made to order. Plated Goods in variety. Guelph, Feb. 13, 1873. dw

**NEW CAB.**—The subscriber begs to announce to the citizens of Guelph that he has just purchased a carriage and is prepared to carry persons to and from any place in town at the usual charges. He has also a large pleasure wagon for picnics, excursions, &c. He has by strict attention to receive a share of public patronage. Orders can be left at Dr. Herod's Drug Store, or my residence, next door to the Primitive Methodist parsonage. JOHN EWING, Guelph, July 12, 1873. dw

**NEW COAL YARD.**  
The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of  
**Hard and Soft Coal**  
At moderate prices. Orders left at the store of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham Street, will be promptly attended to.  
Guelph dw

**F. STURDY,**  
House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter  
GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.  
Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. dw

**WILLIAM J. PATERSON,**  
Official Assignee for the County of Wellington.  
Office—Opposite Town Hall, Guelph. dw

**IRON CASTINGS.**  
Of all kinds, made to order at  
**CROWE'S IRON WORKS,**  
Norfolk Street, Guelph.  
151w JOHN CROWE, Proprietor

**E. A. A. GRANGE,**  
Veterinary Surgeon  
Graduate Ontario Veterinary College.  
Office—No. 6, Day's Block, UPSTAIRS.  
All calls at night will be attended to by calling at the office.  
N.B.—Horses bought and sold on commission. May 17, 73—dw

**PARKER'S HOTEL,**  
—DIRECTLY—  
OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH  
First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.  
The best Liquors and Cigars at the bar. He has just fitted up a room where Oysters will be served up at all hours, in the favorite style.  
Pickled Salmon, Lobsters, and Sardines. Guelph, Feb. 1, 1873 dw

**PRIZE DENTISTRY.**  
**DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL**  
Licentiate of Dental Surgery, Established 1864. Office next door to the "Advertiser" Office, Wyndham St., Guelph.  
Residence opposite Mr. Bonill's Factory.  
Teeth extracted without pain. Restorations, Dr. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph. Drs. Buchanan and Phillips, Toronto. Drs. Elliot & Meyers, Dentists Toronto. dw

**W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S.,**  
SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH.  
Office 37 E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham and Macdonell-sts. Guelph.  
Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) administered for the relief of tooth pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable.  
Businesses kindly permitted to Dr. Herod, Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph; W. K. Graham, Dentist, Scarborough. dw

## New Advertisements.

**SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE.**  
For sale, several first-class Sewing Machines, different makes, all new, cheap for cash. Apply at the Manufacturer's Office.

**WANTED—TWO SMART BOYS** to learn the Cabinet making. Apply at once to  
**BURR & KENNEDY,** Furniture Factory  
Guelph, Aug. 13-31.

**TO LET—A large two-story Stone Building** in the center of the Town, suitable for manufacturing purposes. Apply to Robert Melvin, Guelph. dw

**COTTAGE OR HOUSE WANTED.**  
To rent on or before Sept. 1, containing six or eight rooms; ten minutes' walk from the market. Write and send references to George Murton, junr., at Shaw & Murton's. at-dt

**SITTING ROOM AND BED ROOM** WANTED.—Furnished.—By a single man in a central part of the town, with or without board. Apply at this office. at-dt

**MONEY TO LEND.**  
On farm security, at eight per cent. No commission charged. Apply to  
**FRED. BISCOE,** Barrister, &c. Guelph.  
April 4 '73—dw

**MONEY TO LEND.**  
In sums to suit borrowers. No solicitor's fees or commission charged. Apply direct to the undersigned.  
**GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,** Guelph, April 24, 1873. dw

**EDUCATIONAL.**—The Misses Mc Donald will open a school for Young Ladies in Mr. Hatch's Block, Woolwich street, on Monday, 1st of September. Terms and particulars given on application. Residence, Guelph, Aug. 12, 1873. dw

**RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS.**  
The High and Public Schools, Guelph, will re-open after the Midsummer Vacation, on Monday, the 19th inst.

**ROBERT TORRANCE,** Sec. U. E. of S. T. Guelph, Aug. 13, 1873. dw

**YOUNG LADIES SCHOOL.**  
**MRS. WINSTANLEY**  
Intends re-opening her school for Young Ladies, on Monday, 1st September, in Brownlow's Buildings, Douglas street. Terms on application. Mrs. Winstanley's Fancy Store, Upper Wyndham-st., Guelph, August 14th, 1873. dw

**REMOVAL.**  
**Thompson & Jackson**  
Have removed to Brownlow's Buildings, Douglas street, three doors north of the Post Office, and over the rooms of Messrs. Lemon & Peterson. Guelph, Aug. 13, 1873. w213

**WANTED—An assistant Teacher** (female) for the Primary School, West Ward, to commence duties on the 1st of September. Salary at the rate of \$175 per annum. Applications with statement of qualifications to be lodged with the undersigned on or before the 23rd of August.  
**ROBERT TORRANCE,** Sec. U. E. of S. T. Guelph, Aug. 12, 1873. dw

**SONS OF TEMPERANCE.**  
**An Open Meeting**  
On Friday Ev'g, August 15th, In the Good Templars' Hall.  
When addresses will be delivered by the Rev. Mr. Wood; Mr. Farrow, Lecturer for the League; and Mr. J. M. Dunn. There will be music at intervals by an excellent choir.  
The public generally are cordially invited to attend.  
Admission free. To commence at 7.45.  
Guelph, Aug. 13, 1873. dw

**LIMESTONE**  
**Quarry and Kilns for Sale.**  
About four acres of land within ten minutes walk of the Grand Trunk Railway Station at Guelph, upon which there is a valuable Quarry and two Lime Kilns.  
This property is very valuable to Masons, Lime burners, or for building sites.  
Will be sold by public auction at the Market House, Guelph, on SATURDAY, the 16th day of AUGUST, 1873.  
Sale at one o'clock.  
For particulars, apply to Henry Hatch, Land Agent, or to D. Kibbe, on the premises.  
**W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer,** Guelph, 1st August, 1873. dw

**PAISLEY STREET**  
**Grocery No. 1.**  
**ROBERT S. KING**  
Begg to announce to the inhabitants of Guelph and surrounding country that he has opened in the store lately occupied by Mrs. F. W. Galbraith, Paisley street, opposite the Guelph Sewing Machine Factory, where he intends keeping a nice assortment of Groceries, which will be sold at prices equal to any store in town.  
The public are cordially invited to call and examine my stock and prices.  
**R. S. KING,** Guelph, Aug. 8, 1873. dw

**PLENDDID CHANCE FOR INVESTMENT.**  
**Residence for Sale.**  
That very desirable property situated on Paisley street, near the Western Station, consisting of White Brick two story dwelling house, with four bed-rooms, front parlour, dining room and kitchen, with large soft water cistern, also two large dry cellars. The land comprises two fives of an acre, well stocked with fruit trees in full bearing. For terms, &c., apply to  
**D. SAVAGE,** Guelph, July 30, 1873. dw

**GUELPH ACADEMY.**  
Reopens Monday, August 11th.  
Particular attention to English Branches. Terms on application. **JOHN MARTIN,** dw

**HOTEL CARD.**  
*The Right Man in the Right Place.*  
**THOMAS WARD,** late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has acquired possession of the Victoria Hotel, next door to the Post Office, where he hopes by courtesy, attention, and good accommodation, to merit a fair share of public patronage, both from old and new friends. The best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars &c., constantly on hand. A good hostler always in attendance. Remember the spot—next door to the Post Office.  
**THOMAS WARD,** (Late of Crown Hotel), Proprietor. Guelph Dec. 5th, 1872. dw

**W. H. TAYLOR,**  
**CARRIAGE SILVER PLATE,**  
GUELPH.  
The only one of this kind of Toronto. All work warranted the best. Please send or price list. 730173

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**THURSDAY EVENING, AUG. 14, 1873.**  
**Town and County News.**  
Messrs. HARBOUR, boot and shoe manufacturers, are removing to-day across the street to their commodious new premises next door to Bond's hardware store.

**Bio.**—We learn that Mr. Thos. Bolton, near Clifford, this week thrashed 450 bushels of fall wheat in seven hours, with his old "long-tailed rat" machine. Mr. B. says that he raised 298 bushels of Treadwell wheat from 5½ acres of land. Good for Minto.

**Y. M. C. A.**—The members will meet this evening at 8 o'clock, to listen to a report from the Committee concerning the new rooms, to appoint delegates to the coming Convention, and to transact other important business. Members, as far as possible, are requested to be present.

**REMARKABLE COINCIDENCE.**—A brief paragraph describing Grip's latest cartoon, and purporting in each case to be original, has appeared in three daily papers—the Evening Mercury, the St. Catharines Daily News, and the St. Catharines Times. The odd feature about this is that the wording of the paragraph in each paper is precisely similar, and that whilst it was in the Mercury of Monday, the two St. Catharines papers published it on the following Wednesday! These things will happen.

**THE GREAT SQUAT.**—Last night our Fire Brigade went out to the number of eighteen or twenty, to exercise themselves and their engine a little. The engine, fortunately, has so little to do here that the poor thing would get stiff-jointed and melancholy if it was not brought out for an airing—and watering—now and then. The engine was taken down to the dam, and the space between the station and Mr. Allan's was dotted with smart, red-jacketed fellows, who gave the station buildings a good dressing. What was done subsequently—if any thing—dependent sayeth not.

**THE CLIFFORD SONS OF TEMPERANCE.**  
We copy from an exchange the following list of officers of this Division. The list furnished us by our correspondent was unfortunately mislaid when we published our former notice.—The Division was organized by Mr. W. H. Knapp, D. G. W. P., assisted by the Rev. S. F. DeFoe, formerly of Harrison, now of Walkerton. The officers installed for the present quarter were: Mr. A. Kerr, W. P.; Miss E. Dolmage, W. A.; Mr. J. H. Dolmage, R. S.; Miss A. Sparrow, A. R. S.; Mr. W. B. Shaw, F. S.; Mr. S. Sparrow, T. M.; D. Dickson, C.; Mr. G. Hamilton, A. C.; Mr. G. K. Hamilton, I. S.; Mr. J. Kerr, O. S.; Rev. W. Wickett, Chaplain.

**EARLY ARRIVALS.**—Mr. A. O. Buchannan, of the Fashionable West End, requests us to state that he will be prepared on Tuesday next, the 18th inst., to exhibit a large and choice variety of new goods.

**SERIOUS ACCIDENT.**—A serious and perhaps fatal accident occurred on Tuesday evening to a son of Mr. John Hewitt, of Walton. Some cattle had got into a wheat field, and members of the family, including the boy, who is fifteen years of age, proceeded to chase them out. A cow turned on the youth and struck him in the ribs, when it is supposed, the concussion injured one of his lungs. He is in a very precarious condition.—*Brussels Post.*

**THE MONTHLIES** for September—that is, some of the "early birds" among them—are making their appearance at John Anderson's. He sends us Bow Bells, the Family Herald, and the Ladies' Magazine. Another permanent enlargement and fashion plate is promised for the last named. The Family Herald contains a large selection of interesting fiction. Bow Bells has also a large coloured ladies' supplement, and the small bell-ringers on the cover, who had the blues last month, now blush all over a rosy pink. For sale at Anderson's.

In an editorial on the horse disease, the *Congregationist* suggested that it might be well to sit at the feet of a horse and learn humility. "Just so," says the *Californian News Letter*; "sit down at the hind feet of a mule, and if he don't humiliate you, pull his tail and tickle the inside of his legs with a stable fork."

**MOLLY'S ANSWER.**—Being No. 5 of Irving's five cent music; also Will Carleton's farm ballads, and "The Danbury Newsman" now for sale at Paisley's cheap bookstore.

**DURING** the examination of witnesses before a select committee of the British House of Commons on the subject of the protection of wild fowl, an old bird-catcher of London revealed some tricks of the bird trade. By some professional legend-domin known to the initiated green-finchers are constantly sold as linnets, while hen birds painted up to resemble cocks, are sold in the streets to lovers of bargains. It was also testified that there has been a great decrease of goldfinches and linnets in England in the last twelve years.

A conscientious man promised his wife the other day that he wouldn't drink another drop as long as he had a hair on his head. That very night he got his head shaved smooth, and then got drunk with a proud consciousness of having faithfully kept his promise.

Godrich and Clinton have had hail storms.

**POVERTY** is bad, but the worst kind of poverty is poverty of the blood; this makes a man "poor indeed," for it takes away his strength, courage and energy; but enrich the blood with its vital element, iron, by taking the Peruvian Syrup (a protoxide of iron) and you will feel rich and "as good as a body." Try it.

## BY TELEGRAPH

**Rumoured Wreck of a Yacht.**  
**A Prusso-Spanish Difficulty.**  
**The Republic of Spain.**  
**Allan Clipper Reported Sunk.**  
**Cholera in Columbus.**

London, Aug. 13.—It is reported here to-day that the Allan line clipper ship *Abeona*, from Montreal for Glasgow, was run down and sunk by the State Line steamship *Alabama*, from Glasgow for New York, and that the wreckage, which it was at first thought came from the *Alabama*, was a portion of the *Abeona*, Madrid, Aug. 13.—The Republicans of Barcelona have petitioned the Government to establish a junta of public safety in Catalonia.

New York, August 13.—A *Herald's* special from Madrid, dated 13th, says:—Further complications have arisen from the interference of the Prussian frigate in Spanish affairs. Eight hundred Spanish sailors who were sent by the Government from Alicante to Escobarate, to take possession of the iron-clad *Vitoria* and *Salamanca*, were refused possession by Capt. Weaver on the ground that there was no authority from Berlin to disembark or they will open fire upon her without regard to the Prussians. Thus, by small degrees, Weaver's first blunder leads him further into quarrel.

Royal Head Quarters, Alcala, Aug. 9.—The Republicans have abandoned all the fortified positions in Navarre excepting Pampeluna, Vitoria and Vergara. With the exception of these cities the northern part of the Province is in full possession of the Carlists. The King is here with very few troops observing the possible movements which Dorregaray, Valasco and Lizarras are respectively ordered to make.

New York, August 13.—Two deaths from cholera in Columbus, Ohio, yesterday, and one to-day.

The fire to-night in the furniture warehouse of Gustavus Astenreith, 871 Pearl street, did damage to the amount of \$50,000.

Washington, August 13, 1 a.m.—Probabilities for the middle States, northerly and north-westerly winds, lower temperature, cloudy weather and rain, clearing in the afternoon. For lower lakes, north-easterly winds, falling barometer, and partly cloudy weather.

New York, August 13.—To night two boarders at the house of Pat Hartigan quarrelled. Hartigan, who was in bed, was awakened by the noise, and jumping up stabbed one of the men, named McConey, seven times. The latter's wounds are fatal.

Providence, R. I., August 13.—The yacht *N. F. Dixon*, carrying the mails and passengers from Black Island to Newport, had not arrived at Newport at a late hour to-night, being several hours overdue. Newport is agitated by a rumour that the vessel was seen bottom up off Point Judith this afternoon. About 100 strangers were on the Island, some of whom would doubtless take this boat.

**Two Children Burned to Death.**  
At about twenty minutes to 2 o'clock on Wednesday morning the dwelling-house of Mr. W. Jordan, painter, Oshawa, was discovered to be on fire. The sad part of the event was the burning to death of one of the children, Sarah Anna, a sweet little girl about seven years of age. The father was sleeping by himself down stairs and the mother and the children were up stairs. When aroused by the flames he ran to the staircase and shouted, but the smoke and flames beat down upon him so that he could not go up. The mother, finding access by the staircase cut off, seized the baby and ran to the north window, where she was helped out along with a boy. Mr. Jordan moved to the north side with a ladder, and entering, groped around through the smoke; he found a little girl in bed and handed her out of the window; he also found a little boy and got him out in the same way. The flames then burst into the room, and all was in a blaze in a moment. Mr. Honey made his escape, but was badly burned in the neck, and both children, when taken out, were blackened with smoke, and appeared to be suffering. The child burned was not heard nor seen by Mr. Honey, and must have been suffocated while asleep. The family was kindly taken into the house of a neighbor and have been cared for. They lose almost everything, the mother and children only saving their night-dresses. A subscription has been started on behalf of the sufferers. Another of the children injured has since died.

**STEAM PASSENGER CAR.**—The Great Western Railway Company have just completed a steam passenger car to be placed on the branch of their line running from Wyoming Petrolia. In one end of the passenger car a powerful upright steam engine and boiler has been placed, having direct connection with the axle of the wheel truck below. The car will accommodate about thirty or thirty-five persons comfortably, and it is expected will do the work of carrying passengers between Petrolia and Wyoming at a satisfactory speed at a much less cost to the company than by the use of a locomotive. A refitted pony car will accompany the passenger car and do duty as a baggage van.

**NEW BOOKS.**—Mr. Paisley hands us the *Young Ladies' Journal* for September, which besides the elegant fashion plates contains an extra large sheet of designs in various kinds of lace. *Boys of England, Young Men of Great Britain, Sons of Britannia, London Society, Sunday at Home, Leisure Hour, &c.* for August are now on sale at Paisley's.

## DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

**THE PROROGATION.**  
OTTAWA, August 13.  
The city all day has been in a state of bustle and excitement previously unknown. Great interest and anxiety was felt as to the course the Governor-General would adopt in answer to the deputation of the members, but general ignorance on the subject prevailed. About one o'clock it became known that the Guards were ordered out. It was then certain that the House would be prorogued, and the conjecture was confirmed when about half-past two o'clock several members of the suite of His Excellency took possession of the door by which he was to enter the building. About two o'clock the galleries of the Senate Chamber were crowded, the principal occupants being ladies. On the floor of the Chamber several ladies occupied prominent seats. Some six or eight Senators put in an appearance, and waited with becoming dignity for the approach of the Governor-General. Shortly after three o'clock Lord Dufferin, attended by his suite, entered the Chamber. Black Rod was at once despatched to the faithful Commons with a message, that the Governor-General required their attendance immediately. Some half an hour elapsed however, before this obsequious functionary returned, and then only followed by the members of the Government and a few of their followers. The great majority of the members present remained in the Commons chamber. His Excellency then read the following  
SPEECH.  
"Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons:  
"In relieving you from further attendance in Parliament I beg leave to convey to you my best thanks for the diligence with which you have applied yourselves to the performance of your public duties. Among the measures you have adopted are laws of great importance to the well being of the Dominion. The interests of trade will be promoted by the Act relating to the inspection of the staple of the Dominion, as well as by the statute regulating weights and measures. The several Acts respecting our merchants shipping will greatly tend to the success and development of that great branch of our national industry, and the protection of the lives of seamen. By the Act relating to the trial of Controverted Elections of members of the House of Commons, you have adopted the system which is new in successful operation in the mother country.  
"I sincerely congratulate you on the admission of the Colony of Prince Edward's Island as a Province of the Dominion.  
"Gentlemen of the House of Commons:  
"In Her Majesty's name I thank you for the supplies you have so cheerfully granted. They will insure the vigorous prosecution of the great public works so imperatively called for by the wants of this growing country.  
"Honourable Gentlemen and Gentlemen:  
"I have thought it expedient in the interests of good Government to order that a Commission should be issued to inquire into certain matters connected with the Canadian Pacific Railroad to which the public attention has been directed, and that the Evidence adduced before such Commission should be taken on oath. The Commissioners shall be instructed to proceed with the inquiry with all diligence, and to transmit their report as well to the Speakers of the Senate and House of Commons as to myself.  
"Immediately on receipt of the report I shall cause Parliament to be summoned for the despatch of business, to give you an early opportunity of taking such report into consideration. Meanwhile I bid you farewell."  
THE COMMONS.  
Ottawa, Aug. 13.  
The Speaker took the chair at 3.25 p.m. and immediately on his doing so  
Mr. Mackenzie rose and said:—Mr. Speaker, I propose to address you and the House on a very important question. (Hear, hear.) In the present grave phase of the history of our country, and the extraordinary circumstances under which we are called together, I think (interrupted by the Speaker, and loud cries "Go on" from the members)—I think it incumbent upon me to place the following motion in your hands.  
Mr. Speaker—Upon what does the hon. gentleman propose to make his motion? Mr. Mackenzie—I am making it upon a question of privilege. The following is the motion:—  
"That this House during the present session order an inquiry by a Committee of its own into certain grave charges in connection with the granting of the charter and contract for the construction of the Pacific Railway, which, if true, seriously affect the official honour and integrity of His Excellency's constitutional advisers, and the privileges and independence of Parliament; that the investigation thus ordered has so far not been proceeded with owing to circumstances not anticipated when the enquiry was ordered, and that it is the imperative duty of this House at the earliest moment to take such steps as will secure a full Parliamentary enquiry; that constitutional usage requires the charges of corruption against Ministers of the Crown should be investigated by Parliament, and that the assumption of that duty by any tribunal created by the Executive would be a flagrant violation of the privileges of this House; and that this House will regard as highly reprehensible any person who may presume to advise His Excellency to prorogue Parliament, before it shall have had an opportunity to take action on the premises, inasmuch as such prorogation would render abortive all the steps taken up to the present time, would inflict an unprecedented indignity on Parliament, and produce great dissatisfaction in the country." I think this House will regard it as highly reprehensible that a Government against which such charges have been made should be allowed to advise His Excellency to prorogue Parliament before it shall have had the opportunity of

## taking action on the premises. (Great cheering.)

At this point the Speaker again interposed, but Mr. Mackenzie persisted and, amidst tremendous cheering, proceeded to speak in terms of the strongest indignation of the threatened interference with the privileges of the House. The Speaker, however, gave the signal for Black Rod's admittance, and that functionary's appearance was the signal for another storm of cries, echoed by marked demonstrations in the galleries. It may be doubted if Mr. Speaker heard the murmurs, although he professed to understand it. The Sergeant-at-Arms shouldered the mace, and the Speaker, followed by the Ministers and about a score of their followers, followed him amid shouts of "privileges" groans, hootings, and other manifestations of displeasure, unparalleled in the parliamentary history of Canada. Those who remained were over one hundred in number; not one of the dissentients left the floor of the House.

**Parliamentary Protest.**  
**Meeting of Members.**  
**Reform Members Speaking.**  
No sooner had prorogation been effected than the members opposed to the course taken by His Excellency, under the advice of his Ministers, met, and that course became the subject of lively debate in the large Committee room, usually sacred to railway and other Parliamentary Committees. Mr. Mackenzie was called on to preside, and a succession of vigorous speeches was made by leading members of the House, and by the gentlemen who had waited on Lord Dufferin with the memorial earlier in the day. Mr. Holton denounced the prorogation as an unheard of indignity perpetrated by the advice of Ministers under impeachment. Mr. Cartwright gave a brief outline of the interview with Lord Dufferin, and announced that His Excellency had asked that comment might be suspended until his written reply should be in the hands of the delegation. The Governor-General hinted at a couple of months hence being probably the date of the House re-assembling. Mr. Cunningham followed. He had put the matter to His Excellency as a clear invasion of the privileges of Parliament, and had urged that the Crown had no right to issue a Commission until Parliament had formally sought such action at the hands of the Executive. Mr. Burpee, Mr. Church and Mr. Paquet, the other three members of the deputation, spoke briefly in the same strain. Mr. Laflamme opposed a Commission.

Mr. Mackenzie then addressed the meeting, and in the course of his remarks pointed out that while ninety-five members had signed the memorial, several who had not signed had remonstrated in person, so that the prorogation had, in fact, taken place in the face of the protests of an actual majority of members. He declared that the conduct of the Government would only intensify the feelings of indignation and disgust entertained by the country at their proceedings. Mr. Blake followed, and gave an outline of the course of events in connection with this question. He showed how Sir John A. Macdonald had again and again suggested a Commission instead of a Committee, but the House had shown a marked disinclination to adopt the proposal of the Premier. Now, said Mr. Blake, a greater question even than the guilt or innocence of Ministers was involved, namely, whether the rights of a free Parliament were to be taken away. He pointed out that the Government had known early in June that the Committee could not proceed without fresh instructions, but had, nevertheless, not only failed to ask their supporters to attend, but had actually, in answer to enquiries, warned them not to come to Ottawa, and then, having done all they could to keep members away, had traitorously advised the Governor-General that in the absence of members Parliament could not be permitted to proceed to business. He pointed to the easy alternative of a short adjournment, instead of prorogation, and to the fact that the sealed packet in the custody of Mr. Starnes was no longer impounded, now that the Committee was at an end. He sketched Sir Hugh Allan's intrigues, and concluded by expressing his confidence that, notwithstanding the corrupt means used to elect many of its members, the present Parliament would still do its duty.

Mr. Huntington was called for and delivered a long and eloquent speech. He denounced the violation of the constitutional rights of Parliament, but declared that if Providence were pitted against prerogative, Providence in the end would triumph. He paid a high tribute to the aid he had received from many political opponents as well as friends, and defending Mr. McMillen from opprobrium cast upon him. He went to argue against the suggestion of a Commission for the Committee, and alluded to the attempted defence of the Government by their organs as exhibiting the stupidest of all excuses for the most rascally of all crimes. Mr. Dorion, being loudly called for, next spoke. He referred to the exceptional course taken to secure the disallowance of the Oaths Bill, and to the intense feeling of indignation expressed at the proceedings of the Government throughout the country.

At six o'clock the meeting adjourned till half-past seven. At that hour the room was densely packed, several strangers attracted by the novel character of the discussion being present, in addition to the members and Senators. The proceedings were of the most stirring and enthusiastic description, and until far into the night the unusually quiet corridors of the Parliament buildings resounded with the cheers of the audience that greeted successive speakers.

The *Harriston Tribune* of last week makes its appearance enlarged to a 68-column paper. It is very well printed, clear type and good paper, and we congratulate our contemporary upon the improvement.