

Guelph Evening Mercury

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN. 3, 1877.

The Grand Trunk Strike at an End.

We are pleased to inform our readers that the strike on the Grand Trunk Railway is at an end. We received official notice this forenoon that all passenger trains on the road would be resumed to-day, and might be expected to arrive this afternoon and evening at the usual hours. Up to the present writing we cannot tell what the terms of agreement were between the Company and the engine drivers, but it is evident that an arrangement must have been come to satisfactory to both parties, and it is no less satisfactory to the public to know that travel and traffic are resumed on the road.

Latest from the East.

All hopes of a peaceful solution of the Eastern question are rapidly vanishing. Not only have the Turkish delegates to the Conference declared that they cannot discuss certain points of the proposals made by the Powers, but their counter-proposals differ completely from the scheme agreed upon by the plenipotentiaries. The Russian Ambassador has declared that he cannot discuss the Turkish proposals, and it is said he is supported by the other plenipotentiaries. Lord Salisbury—the English ambassador—has condemned the obstinacy of the Porte. Another sitting of the Conference is appointed for Thursday, but little hope of an understanding is entertained. The plenipotentiaries have intimated their intention, if the Porte persists in resisting the proposals of the Powers, to quit Constantinople. Lord Salisbury and Midhat Pasha had an interview after the sitting of the Conference. In consequence of Lord Salisbury's representations the Grand Vizier declared he was ready to resign, as he could not agree to conditions incompatible with the independence and integrity of Turkey. Lord Salisbury urged that it was to the interest of Turkey to accept the proposals. Midhat replied that the Porte might make some concessions, but would reject all contrary to the dignity of the Empire. Subsequently a Cabinet Council was held and Midhat Pasha visited the plenipotentiaries. A Council of the Turkish Ministers will be held to decide on the resolutions to be communicated to the Conference on Thursday.

CHURCH REFORM MEETING.—A meeting of the Reformer of Centre Wellington will be held at Casey's Hotel, Fergus, on Thursday, the 18th inst., at one o'clock, to which all friends of the party are invited.

Opening of the Ontario Legislature.

The Speech from the Throne.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Toronto, Jan. 3, 1877.

This day at three o'clock, the Hon. Donald Alexander Macdonald, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, proceeded in state to the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly, and being seated on the throne, was pleased to open the second session of the Third Parliament of Ontario, with the following speech:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:
I have much pleasure in welcoming you again to your annual duties in connection with the Legislature and government of the Province.

I rejoice to have it in my power to announce that the learned Commissioners have completed their important and laborious undertaking, and that the result is ready to be submitted to you. I hope that it will be found practicable to give to the people of the Province, at your present session, the benefit of this work, with such amendments in the existing laws as your wisdom may suggest or approve.

Bills embodying various amendments, which have the recommendation of the Commissioners will be laid before you. A measure giving effect to the recommendation in certain cases will be submitted for your consideration. Also a bill for extending the Voters' List Act, with necessary modifications to municipal elections.

Further progress and improvement may be looked for in the great cause of education, now that it has reached another stage of development under the Act of the last session, which assigned the administration of educational affairs to a responsible department.

It is proposed to ask your assistance towards improving the qualifications of teachers, and in securing to all the schools teachers properly trained in the best method of teaching.

Reports will be laid before you as to the working of the law respecting the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors, under the Act of last session.

It will be seen that the Act has already had a beneficial effect in diminishing the evils against which it was directed. A bill will be offered for your consideration, embodying some amendments which have been suggested by experience, as calculated to advance the efficient working of the law.

An arrangement has been arrived at with the Government of the Dominion for the purchase of the Rockwood Lunatic Asylum, subject to your approval, and the approval of the Parliament of the Dominion. Should the agreement be made, effect to the lunatics now confined in this Asylum will be removed and room will thereby be obtained for other patients, but I regret to say that it seems that still further provision must be made at this session for the accommodation of the insane, if our means of receiving and caring for these afflicted persons are to keep pace with the annual requirements which unhappily are to be anticipated.

I regret to find also that there is a necessity for increasing accommodation for the blind and for deaf mutes.

The propriety of an appropriation for additions to the existing establishments for the instruction of these unfortunate classes will therefore demand your year human consideration.

Notwithstanding the large sums hitherto applied to aid of important railway enterprises, urgent applications are made on behalf of some of the unimpaired, as well as the other projected railways for fresh grants. I commend to your prudent attention any of these applications which may be brought before you.

The safety of the records in the Crown Lands Department being of great importance to the whole community, I invite you to consider whether there is any sufficient reason for further delay in erecting such a fire proof building as may afford the needed security in future.

It is with satisfaction I note that while the laborious and prudent character of our people has saved us from much of the depression which still prevails in so many countries, their energy and intelligence are opening up new markets for the produce of the province.

I rejoice to be able from a personal view to give my testimony to the success which attended the exhibition of Canadian resources at Philadelphia. Too much credit cannot be given to the great zeal and the intelligent efforts which were displayed in every department by the people of Ontario, and it is largely contributed to Canada's gaining a proud position in the rivalry with older and larger communities. Since last session the differences between Ontario and Quebec have continued to receive the attention of my Government, besides some correspondence on the subject. Members of my Government met at Ottawa by appointment a Committee of the Government of Quebec, and after deciding on a course of action to obtain, without further loss of time an authoritative decision as to the award of 1870, it was mutually arranged that such a decision being found to be essential to either an acceptance of the award, or settlement of the important matters embraced in it, for the determination of the Provincial boundaries by the agreed method of arbitration, the appointment of a new arbitrator on behalf of the Province recently became necessary, the distinguished Judge who was to occupy that position having requested to be relieved from it. Meanwhile a Provisional line had been mutually determined upon in terms of the resolution of the Legislative Assembly at a former session. A considerable amount of additional materials for the ascertainment of the ultimate boundaries had been collected, a new and exhaustive statement of the case of Ontario had been prepared, and a considerable part of the documentary and other evidence affecting the questions at issue had been printed. Almost everything is now ready for the final decision which will be made within a few months by able and competent referees of a dispute which has for two centuries given occasion to keen controversy, and often to fierce conflicts between the nations as well as the great public bodies who have from time to time claimed portions of the disputed territory.

I have given directions that the public accounts for 1876 shall be laid before you. The estimates for the various branches of the public service for the present year have been prepared, and will be submitted to you. You will find that they have been prepared with every regard to economy as well as efficiency.

I trust that your deliberations will result in a wise and judicious decision, and in advancing the prosperity and happiness of all classes of the people.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUNDERS.—This Presbytery met in Knox Church, Hamilton, on Tuesday afternoon last. Among other matters, the Mount Forest difficulty was again taken up, and several cases in connection with it were settled, the Presbytery declaring those who were suspended from membership by the church session for resigning their pews, to be still members in good standing in the church. This vexed question may now be said to be brought to a conclusion. A petition from a large number of members and adherents of Knox Church, Mount Forest, and a number of other Presbyterians, was received, praying the Presbytery to disjoin them from Knox Church and erect them into a separate congregation, with a view to becoming fairly and upon equal terms united with the congregation of St. Andrew's Church. The petition was granted, and commissioners were appointed to bring about the formation of the petitioners into a congregation—to meet with them for that purpose in Knox Church, in Mount Forest on the 18th January.

Rev. A. A. Cameron, Baptist Minister of Ottawa, has been censured by the Ottawa Branch of the Evangelical Alliance for contributing to the *Canadian Independent* an article in which the ground is taken that Baptists are the only Evangelical denomination. The resolution "deeply regretted that Rev. Mr. Cameron did not accord to other members the same liberty in the interpretation of Scripture that they accord to him."

English bondholders of the first mortgage bonds of the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway are cheered by the announcement of the Board, that they will pay at the rate of two per cent. this half year on these seven per cent. bonds. The stock has risen one or two on the announcement.

KNOX CHURCH, HAMILTON.—At the communion held in Knox Church on Sunday last eighty-eight persons were admitted to membership in the church for the first time and thirteen joined the congregation by certificate, making a total addition of over one hundred to the church in one day.

We learn that a tourist party of English gentlemen is likely to be organized next spring to visit Manitoba and the North-west Territories for the purpose of hunting and shooting.

The track of the Hamilton and North-western Railway is now laid to within a mile or two of Stewartsburg, and the Company are now advertising for ties for the road between Georgetown and Barrie.

Mr. Murray, No 274 Essex St., Williamsburg, Long Island, a very old lady, suffered with inflammatory rheumatism; the joints of her hands and feet swollen; her sufferings were intolerable, and agony intense. Clifton's Liniment bottle of Ammonia reduced the swelling and drove away the pains.

BIRTHS

WATSON.—In Ayrton, on the 29th Dec, the wife of W. J. Watson, harness maker, of a son.
GOODING.—In Fulsinch, on Dec. 22nd, the wife of Matthew K. Gooding, of a son.
NEALSON.—In Rockwood, on the 26th Dec, the wife of Mr. John Nelson, of a son, still born.

MARRIAGES

MAIN-FETTER.—At the residence of A. B. Petrie, Esq., Guelph, on the second inst, by the Rev. Thomas War, M. A., Mr. Nelson Main, of North Dumfries.
WILSON.—On the 29th ult, by the Rev. A. D. Macdonald, Mr. Robert Wilson to Helen, eldest daughter of Alex. Hunter, Esq., of London.
HARTY-EVATT.—On the 31st inst, by the Rev. Thos. L. Harty, M. A., Mr. D. Harty, of the Baptist Church, Guelph, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Charles Harty, Esq., of Guelph.
CLAYTON.—On the 31st inst, by the Rev. David Ayl, Esq., Mr. John Clayton to Maria fourth daughter of Francis Clayton, Esq., of Guelph.
TROSBY-WILSON.—At her father's residence, Fulsinch, on the 1st inst, by the Rev. David Ayl, Esq., Mr. John Trosby to Miss Martha Wilton, youngest daughter of Mr. Charles Wilton, Fulsinch Plains.

DEATHS

GRANT.—In Fulsinch, on the 30th ult, Alexander, son of Mr. Joseph Grant, aged 17 years and 7 months.
LEWIS.—At Fulsinch, on the 30th ult, Mary By, wife of Joseph Lewis, Jr.

CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

Ottawa, Dec. 16, 1876.
Authorized Discount American Invoices
A. S. M. BOUCHETTE,
dew Commissioner of Customs

LAST WARNING

All parties who are indebted to me must pay up forthwith, otherwise they will be put into court without further warning.

JOHN HORSMAN.

FANCY GOODS

XMAS BOXES

Prices to Suit the Times

The Noted Tea Store

J. E. McELDERRY.

2 Day's Block.

NOTICE OF PARTNERSHIP.

Market Square and Corner of Woolwich street and Eramosa Road.

MR. GEORGE BEATTIE IN RE-TURNING thanks to his numerous customers for their liberal support in the past, begs to intimate to the public that he has taken into partnership Mr. Wm. Dyson in his saddlery and harness business, and trusts that the liberal patronage bestowed in the past may be continued to the new firm.

We beg to say that we have opened a branch shop in connection, on the corner of Woolwich street and Eramosa road, adjoining Chase's Carriage Works, in the shop formerly occupied by Mr. W. H. Barker. A large stock of harness and every thing pertaining to a first-class saddlery kept constantly in stock.

Horse Blankets, Whips, Brushes, Combs, Trunks, Travelling Bags, Heavy and Light Harness in great variety. Repairing Executed Promptly.

Horses Neatly Fitted.
A limited quantity of cordwood taken in exchange for harness.

Beattie & Dyson,
Market Square and Corner Woolwich street and Eramosa Road.

MONEY TO LOAN

In sums to suit Borrowers

ON

FARM AND TOWN

Property Security.

An unlimited supply of

money is now at our control for Investment, in sums

to suit Borrowers, on undoubted first-class Farm and

Town property Security.

Loans pushed through expeditiously, and at low prices.

HIGINBOTHAM

& McLAGAN

Corner Wyndham and Macdonnell Streets, Guelph.

DAY'S

BOOKSTORE

Guelph.

A LARGE STOCK OF

FANCY GOODS, TOYS, &c

AT

DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

Ottawa, Dec. 16, 1876.
Authorized Discount American Invoices
A. S. M. BOUCHETTE,
dew Commissioner of Customs

Merchant Tailors.

SHAW & MURION

THE MONTH OF JANUARY

DURING

ITS CLEARING SALE

GREAT

THAT WONDERFUL MAN.

IS OFF FOR THE

British and Foreign Markets Again.

GREAT CLEARING SALE

WILL COMMENCE

On Wednesday, 3rd Jan., 1877,

OF THE ENTIRE STOCK OF

FANCY AND STAPLE DRY GOODS.

Ready Made Clothing, Millinery, Hats, Bonnets, Ladies' Jackets, Mantles, Pale-sets, &c., &c. Also Carpets, House Furnishings of every kind, Bed Blankets, Sheetings, Towels and Towellings, Bed Tickings, Table Linens, Flannels, Flannel Shirtings, Grey Cottons, Bleached Cottons, Prints, Winceys, Fancy Dress Goods, new and elegant styles and colors in every fabric, make and description, French Merinoes, Waterproof Cloths, Costumes, Cloths with an immense variety of Trimmings. Also over 400 Pieces of BLACK SILK for Ladies' Dresses, including all of the various makes and widths, plain colored Dress Silks in every colour and stripe (some beautiful evening dress silks) Colored French broadcloth dress Silks, perfectly beautiful goods—indeed no other House in the trade in this town would venture on such a fine class of Goods.

CARPETS.
Our Carpets are a great specialty, and well worthy of attention by those who intend to buy a carpet. It would be too long a list to trouble the public with a description of the immense variety of all classes of Staple and Fancy Dry Goods that we keep. Suffice to say that we are now determined to rush off without any reserve, probably one of the largest, best values, and most carefully selected goods ever submitted to any community.

THE WHOLE TO BE OFFERED AT ACTUAL COST PRICE.

We would say to all our old friends and customers, Come in, come in at once, don't delay, the prices will astonish you. We guarantee every article that we offer to you. We keep no old stuff—no bankrupt trash—nothing but good, sound honest goods that will ensure to us a return of your custom. We ask the public with confidence to come and pay our Great Clearing Sale a visit, feeling assured that every one who will do so will be amply well repaid. We have at all times made it a point, no matter with how great a loss it may be to ourselves, that when we advertise a cheap sale that we will carry it out.

Saving of fully 25 per cent to all Purchasers

Our Mr. Hogg leaves for the English, Scotch, Irish and French Markets by the 20th January, 1877, and before leaving a clearing out of the entire new, fresh and fashionable Fall and winter goods must be effected. Extraordinary value for Ladies' in

Dress Silks in Black, Dress Silks, plain colors Dress Silks, broadcloth Coats and Jackets, beautiful goods Shawls

Fancy Dress Goods Trimmed Hats and Bonnets.

Ready Made Clothing will be cleared out at ruinous cheap prices. Don't fail to call. Carpets must be sold. Come and look at them—wonderfully cheap, beautiful styles, rich colors, about half price. The whole Stock must be rushed off no matter what the loss. Times are hard and the prices of goods must be brought down—indeed the bottom must be knocked out.

Remember the Great Cost Price Clearing Sale will commence on Wednesday, 3rd of January, 1877, and will continue daily until the first day of March.

It is an astonishing fact that the "Wonderful Man" is a terror to the old fogey system of long profits. The old adage is sound—a nimble sixpence is better than a slow shilling. Remember the spot—Alma Block, Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph.

N. B.—All accounts remaining unpaid on 15th January, 1877, will be collected. No credit given to any one. Cheap goods and ready pay is the true system.

JOHN HOGG & SON.

Guelph, December 1876.

ERIN VILLAGE.

Remember Wm. Conboy's Great Clearing Sale

DRY GOODS AT A GREAT REDUCTION.

READY MADE CLOTHING VERY CHEAP

All Goods marked Down to Bottom Prices.

Nov. 30th., 1876.

CO-OPERATIVE STORE.

GIVING UP BUSINESS

As we have not received satisfactory tenders for our Stock in one lot, we are open for tenders for the Stock in separate parcels.

Lot 1, Dry Goods,
Lot 2, Clothing
Lot 3, Carpets, Hats and Furs
Lot 4, Boots and Shoes
Lot 5, Groceries.

Stock Sheet can be seen on application.

We will continue to sell Retail at First Cost

J. C. MACKLIN & CO

Accounts Rendered.

All Accounts for 1876 are now rendered, and we would esteem it a favor if parties indebted to us would pay up at once.

A. O. BUCHAN.

Fashionable West End, Jan. 2nd '77.

BUY YOUR

CHRISTMAS GROCERIES, FRUITS.

OYSTERS.

FINNAN HADDIES GAME, ETC.

The Best 50 cent Tea in town, at

HUGH WALKER'S,

80 Wyndham street, Guelph.

December 19th, 1876.

A BOY WANTED.

ITALIAN WAREHOUSE

CHRISTMAS FRUITS.

Finest Table Raisins, Malaga Grapes.
Valencia Oranges. Messina Lemons.
New Walnuts, Soft Shell Almonds.
Fancy Mixed Biscuits.

CHRISTMAS WINES.

Local Lodenar Champagne, Sandeman's Port, Billecart Saumon-Champagne, Cruces Claret, &c., &c., &c. Also.

Magic Holly Leaves for Table Decorations, Colored Wax Tapers, &c., &c.

LOCH & GALBRAITH.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GOODS

The largest and most complete Stock of Goods in

SILVER WARE

(goods that we guarantee) consisting of

Tea Services, Card Baskets, Cruets, Cake Baskets, Fruit Dishes, Preserve Dishes, &c., &c., &c. Also

French and American Bronzes, Bohemian and French Vases

and an endless variety of goods suitable for the season at

H. CLEARIHUE & CO'S

ALMA BLOCK.

Prices to suit the times and as low as the lowest.

GREAT DRESS GOODS SALE.

GEO JEFFREY

Has secured an American shipment of Dress Goods, amounting to over \$15,000 at less than the cost to manufacture. He will offer the same at less than half price for the next 80 days, in order to clear by the 15th of January, 1877.

Previous to His Removal to New Premises.

5,000	Yards News Dress Goods at 12 1/2c.	Town Price 25c.
3,250	do do do 15c.	Town Price 30c.
2,250	do do do 20c.	Town Price 40c.
1,125	do do do 25c.	Town Price 50c.

These are the cheapest goods ever offered in Guelph, and must be sold by the middle of next month. Every article marked in proportion and, no goods held back.

GEORGE JEFFREY