THE HURON SIGNAL

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1880.

A MAD BARGAIN.

At last the Canada Pacific Railway agreement has been made known, and one has but to read the terms to understand the fear the Government had of "letting the cat out out of the bag" before the House met. Had the agreement between the Government and the Syndicate been known a month before Parliament met, the temper of the country would have been so manifested that the Cabinet would not have dared to attempt to carry out the terms. As it now is, the people think it useless to complain, as the servile majority at the back of Sir John Macdonald will follow their leader anywhere. A synopsis of the bargain appears on another page. The speculators, who have been promised the job at their own terms, have a rich thing. $25,000,000 and 25,000,000 acres of choice land, with the Western portion of the Railway as an additional sop, are to be given the favored company The value of the Western section is estimated at about $30,000,000, and when completed will be handed over to the Company. There is a difference of opinion as to value of the land grant of 25,000,000 acres. The Conservative press are now reckoning the land at $1 an acre, or worth $25,000,000 in all. But when it is considered that the Company have the power to reject any inferior land, and select land along any branch line until the 25,000,000 are completed, it will be seen that $1 an acre is rather too low an estimate. Only one-half the grant will be taken up on the main line, and the remainder will be selected along the branch lines running into fertile sections on either side. This will put the sites for future towns and cities in the lands of the railway monopoly, and give the Company the best land in the country. But we need only quote the saying of the Conservative papers of a few months ago, when the Government plan was a different one to the present, to show the value of the land in question. The Montreal *Gazette*, edited by White of Cardwell, then said,

"In the United States the lowest price at which land within twenty miles of a railway is sold by the Government is two dollars and fifty cents an acre. The twenty-five millions reserved by the Canadian Government, under the present arrangement, if the *Globe's* statement of that arrangement is correct, as compared with that of 1872, will be within the twenty-mile belt, and will certainly realize two dollars and a half an acre. On that estimate the land subsidy of 25,000,000 acres is worth $62,500 000."

The Company have ten years in which to complete the line, and there is no clause compelling them to finish the prairie sections before that time. Under the old plan that part of the road was to have been completed by 1885. The terms governing the quality of the road are very loose. The Company binds itself in general terms to build a line equal to the Union Pacific Railway *as first constructed*. There is a vast improvement in railways of the present day as compared with the U. P. Railway when first built, and it was always the intention of the Government to have a superior line to that. Sandford Fleming the old engineer, always declared so. The material to be used in the construction of the line is to be permitted to come into the country *duty free*—and the National Policy is to set aside for the benefit of this powerful Company. The Government is to grant to the Syndicate a free road bed, and free land for stations, workshops, docks, etc. and the road bed, rolling stock and machinery are to be free of taxes forever. The lands if unsold, are to be free of taxes for 20 years. The bargain is one that favors the Syndicate in every way. Competition has been practically shut out, and the monopolists have been able to make their own terms.

Since Confederation no matter of such national importance has come before the country. It surely cannot be possible that so gigantic a scheme will be rushed through the House before the public have an opportunity of pronouncing upon it. A halt is necessary. The step is too great a one to be taken suddenly and without the national feeling being tested. Over $100,000,000 in money, land and other property are at stake, and the people shoul give their opinion on this great and momentous question at the polls. Dare Sir John appeal to the people with such a "bargain."?

FEARS are entertained that the health of Sir John A. Macdonald will not permit him to long continue at the head of affairs. The Premier is nearly 66 years of age, and his life has been a particularly active one. Yet it is evident that he is fast failing in health, and that his once wiry frame is losing much of its old time toughness. His withdrawal from public life may be expected before long; for if he continues in place, he cannot be idle, and will eventually wear out. Sir John should be permitted to drop into some quiet and fat office, for notwithstanding great and glaring faults, the veteran statesman has been so closely identified with Canadian history for the past thirty years, that he deserves a snug berth as he nears the close of his active life.

ITS USEFULNESS IS GONE.

About a year ago we expressed our opinion that the Government should soon withdraw the annual grant of $10,000 at present annually made to the Agricultural and Arts Association. Since that we have made special exertions to find the feeling of the country as to this proposal, and now feel warranted in saying that the feeling in every section of the Province is in favor of at once withdrawing the grant. We do not wonder at this feeling, when we look at the financial statements of the Association issued yearly; that for 1879, will serve as an instance. The actual prizes paid in 1879 amounted to $12,909, and the expenses incurred during the year $15,107.96. Among other items of expenses we find these:—Salaries $3,250, postage stamps $507.13; Council expenses are placed at $1,807.50 in the statement, but this is misleading, the actual amount paid out of the Association funds to the Directors is $3,112.16. This large expenditure is made up of the $1,807.50 placed under the heading of "Council expenses," and three items under "exhibition expenses," of $54 for "pay list of members attending council meeting, Toronto," $1,175.16, "members pay sheet," and $75.50, Mr. Kavanagh, refreshments." The Secretary gets $1,200 a year, and the Treasurer $600, an extravagant expenditure when we consider the work done. Some years ago the Association did good work in introducing new varieties of grain, in compiling and publishing agricultural statistics and managing the distribution of the grants to local agricultural societies, and generally advancing agriculture and the arts. The Association used to publish a monthly paper, *The Canadian Agriculturist*, in which all the leading topics of interest to agriculturists were thoroughly discussed. But matters have changed; the prize list has been reduced and the expenses increasing rapidly until now it actually costs $15,107.96 to destribute a prize list of $12,909!! The directors are not competent men, they regard the time spent upon the business of the Association more as a holiday than anything else, and they enjoy themselves accordingly, and at the same time pocket the snug sum of $3,112.16 of public money. Truly the usefulness of this Association is gone, and it should be numbered among the things that were. While the Government bolsters it up with $10,000 however it does not seem probable that it will be dissolved; but the moment that grant is cancelled the monster ceases to breathe. By all means therefore let the grant be cancelled at once. If the Association continues as it is now for three or four years longer, all the property held will be swallowed up. This year, while the prize list was smaller than any former year, the expenses were so heavy that we are informed it will be necessary to mortgage the Association property on the corner of Queen and Yonge streets, Toronto, for about $6000 to satisfy all demands. We feel curious to see the financial statement of 1880; doubtless it will be a model.

There are many other reasons we might urge against the Association, such for instance as their method of appointing judges. It has become notorious now that no one can reasonably look for prizes who has no "friend" to look after his interests, and many cases can be shewn where the wildest possible judgment has ruled. We have seen judges on cattle who did not know an Ayrshire from a Galloway, or a Durham from a Jersey! and other departments equally bad. But the financial management alone, coupled with the fact that the time has arrived when a perambulating Provincial Exhibition is no longer required, should be good ground for now doing away with this Association.

We before expressed our opinion in favor of dividing the present Government grant among say three or more district exhibitions, dividing the province for that purpose into convenient districts. At present the Herd Books are compiled and kept by the Secretary of the Association, and we have yet to hear of the first breeder who feels pleased with the manner in which they are kept. The fact is, the Association did wrong when, upon the death of Mr. Hugh C. Thomson, they undertook the charge of the Herd Books, and from that date to the present they have been the laughing stock of American breeders. The breeders themselves should control the Herd Books. At present there is neither promptness in issuing certificates of registry, nor can the registry as now conducted be relied upon. For years while Mr. R. L. Denison had full control matters were managed with the utmost satisfaction, and had the work been left in Mr. Denison's hands no one could to-day have reason to complain, as he is doubtless the most competent gentleman in the Province for such a position, and besides he would have willingly continued to act in that capacity, taking the fees as his remuneration. Possibly his services could still be secured and with the hearty co-operation of breeders our Short Horn Herd Book would once more be put into a shape alike creditable to the compiler and breeders. The Ontario Government can hardly pass that $10.000 item this year.

ELECTION POETRY.

"The Signal" Rhymster Touches the Lyre.

CANDIDATE'S SONG.

I do not pant for office—
I do not care for place—
My friends have pleaded with me
To enter in the race.
And if I am elected
I'll cut the taxes down,
And I will see that things will "hum"
All next year in this town.

SONG OF THE LABORING MAN.

I love the candidate so good
He shakes my hand;
And as I slowly "buck" my wood
He'll near me stand.
He talks to me in such
A kindly way,
And gets me work until—
Election day.

THE BUMMER'S LAY.

As I lounge at the bar
I hear from afar
The candidate's voice begging votes.
He is coming this way—
He is here every day—
He seems to be "lined" with bank notes.
And often I think
As I merrily drink
To the candidate's health, as he treats,
That elections are made
To encourage the trade
Of the gentry who loaf on the streets.

THE ORDINARY VOTER'S PLAINT.

Save me from the candidate—
The "on the canvass" candidate—
Who shakes my hand three times a day
And asks me for my vote.
I'm weary of the candidate,
I'll have to shoot the candidate,
Who grasps my hand three times a day
And asks me for my vote.

JUST think of it. The Government propose to hand over to the Syndicate $25,000,000 in money, and the Western portion of the line, valued $30,000,000. This amounts to $55,000,000 in cash or it's equivalent, and putting the number of persons in each family at five, means over $60 for every family in the Dominion. This is exclusive of the 25,000,000 acres of fertile land, which is variously estimated as worth from $1 to $4 an acre (the Montreal *Gazette's* valuation) the land grant is equal to another $62,500,000, or over $65 for each family. In lands, cash and completed lines, the Government hands over to the Company some $125 for every family in the Dominion. What do our farmers and our workingmen think of this?

POOR IRELAND.

The Whole Land full of Trouble.

Demagogues Ruling and the People Reckless.

Col. Callaghan, of Limerick, and his family are absolutely cut off from communication with the outer world. The servants and laborers have all left. The colonel and his wife never leave the house without revolvers

At Swanlinbar and Belcorfars, a bellman went about warning people not to buy or sell acccept to Leaguers, and cattle bought from non-Leaguers were returned to the former owners.

Two hundred members of the Land League near Kintulla, county Galway, hearing that a farm which had been untenanted for some time was about to be occupied by a man who refused to join the movement, demolished the house, and set fire to the ruins. The meeting subsequently called on all true Irishmen to Boycott all bailiffs and agents who refuse to join the League.

Parnell has received a letter, in which he is warned, under pain of death, not to appear at the land meeting at Pomroy, County Tyrone.

The *Irish Times* ascribes the present misery of Ireland mainly to the course of the officials at Dublin Castle, beginning with the Lord-Lieutenant, and calls for their removal.

A police patrol on Friday night near Rushtown fired on a body of men suspected about to attack a house. One man was seriously wounded and arrested.

In four months 698 indictable offences were reported in Connaught. Only thirty nine persons were rendered amenable. Five hundred and seventy-seven persons, against whom offences have been committed, have, through terror or a desire to shield the offenders, refuse to prosecute or assist the police. In Mayo there were 888 lesser and 236 indicatable offences.

Parnell has called a meeting of the Irish Parliamentary party at Dublin on January 4th.

Chas. Davis, of Leadbury has returned from Manitoba. He says that although the weather in the Northwest is cold, it is more pleasant than here. He is buying cattle and slaughtering them for the Manitoba market. He has also commissioned Mr. R. Pollard, of this place, to buy poultry for him, so that farmers and others may expect to get good prices for their poultry.

EPP'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette.*—Sold only in Packets labelled—"JAMES EPPS & Co., Homœopathic Chemists, London, Eng."—Also makers of Epps's Chocolate Essence for afternoon use. 1761.

NOTICE—HAVING BOUGHT OUT the right, title and interest of Robt. Runciman and Wilson Salkeld in the Goderich Foundry; The firm of D. Runciman & Co. is therefore dissolved. All monies due or to become due, are to be paid to D. Runciman; who will pay all legal debts contracted by said firm. All Book accounts must be paid on or before the 15th January next. DAVID RUNCIMAN. 1764.
Goderich, Nov. 12th, 1880.

Goderich Markets.

GODERICH, Dec. 16, 1880.

The delivery has been fair during the past few days, although the thaw made some days very dull for trade. Salt has kept steady at 80c. per barrel. Wheat is in demand at as high as $1.06 for fall and up to $1.15 for spring. We quote:

Wheat, (Fall) ℔ bush	$1 01	@	$1 06
Wheat, (Spring) ℔ bush	1 01	@	1 15
Flour, ℔ cwt	2 50	@	2 75
Oats, ℔ bush	0 30	@	0 32
Peas, ℔ bush	0 60	@	0 66
Barley, ℔ bush	0 60	@	0 62
Potatoes, (new) ℔ bush	0 25	@	0 30
Hay, ℔ ton	7 00	@	9 00
Chickens	0 25	@	0 30
Butter, ℔ ℔	0 18	@	0 20
Eggs, ℔ doz. (unpacked)	0 18	@	0 18
Hides	0 08½	@	0 08½
Pork	6 00	"	6 10
Wood	2 25	@	2 50
Salt per barrel	0 80	"	0 80

Banking.

BANK OF MONTREAL.

CAPITAL, - - - *$12,000,000.*
SURPLUS, - - - - *$5,000,000.*

Goderich Branch.
C. R. DUNSFORD, - - - *Manager*

Allows interest on deposits. Drafts, letters of credit and circular notes issued, payable in all parts of the world. 1754.

CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

Paid up Capital, - *$6,000,000.*
Rest, - - *$1,400,000.*

President, - *HON. WM. McMASTER*
General Manager, - *W. N. ANDERSON.*

Goderich Branch.
A. M. ROSS, - - - - MANAGER.

Interest allowed on deposits. Drafts on all the principal Towns and Cities in Canada, Great Britain and the United States, bought and sold.

Advances to Farmers on Notes, with one or more endorsers, without mortgage. 1753

Legal Notices.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF LANDS.

County of Huron, } By virtue of Two Writs of
To Wit: } *Fieri Facias*, each issued out of Her Majesty's County Court of the County of Huron, and to me directed, against the Lands and Tements of Mary Pierce and Edward Pierce, at the suits of Christopher Crabb, I have seized and taken in Execution all the Right, Title and Interest and Equity of Redemption of the above-named Defendants, in and to Lot Number 3, in the third concession of the Western Division of the Township of Ashfield, in the County of Huron, containing thirty-nine acres of land, more or less, which Lands and Tenements I shall offer for sale at my office, in the Court House, in the Town of Goderich, on SATURDAY, THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF JANUARY, A. D. 1881, at the hour of 12 of the clock noon.
ROBERT GIBBONS,
Sheriff's office, Goderich. } Sheriff, Huron.
Oct. 21st 1880.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF LANDS.

County of Huron, } By virtue of three Writs of
To Wit: } *Fieri Facias* issued out of Her Majesty's County Court of the County of Huron, and to me directed against the Lands and Tenements of James Mullin, at the suits of Malcolm Collin Cameron, Philip Holt and Malcolm Græme Cameron, and also by virtue of an order from Isaac F. Toms, Esquire, Junior Judge of the said Court, made in this cause, bearing date the 20th day of January, A. D. 1880, I have seized and taken in Execution all the Right, Title and Interest and Equity of Redemption of the above named Defendant, in and to the south half of lot number Twelve in the eleventh concession, Eastern Division of the Township of Ashfield, in the said County, excepting three-quarters of an acre off the south-east corner of the said lot, containing ninety-nine and one-quarter acres of land, more or less, and the south-west quarter of lot number Thirteen, in the eleventh concession of the Township of West Wawanosh, in the said County, containing fifty acres of land, more or less, which Lands and Tenements I shall offer for sale at my office, in the Court House, in the Town of Goderich, on *Saturday, the Twelfth day of February, A.D. 1881*, at the hour of twelve of the clock, noon.
ROBERT GIBBONS,
Sheriff's Office, Goderich, } Sheriff of Huron.
Nov. 4, 1880. } 1759-td.

Union Soldiers Of the War of 1861, in the United States, are respectfully informed that we have re-opened our Detroit office and will give particular attention to the claims of those residing in Canada. Please address us, stating what you believe to be due you, and we will send you the proper questioning blank.
MILO B. STEVENS & Co.,
U. S. Pension Attorneys,
Abstract Building, DETROIT, MICH.
1764.

AGENTS Wanted. Big Pay. Light Work. Constant employment. No Capital required, JAMES LEE & Co., Montreal, Quebec. 1762.

WANTED,
Everyone in
GODERICH and VICINITY
to know that the best is always the cheapest, therefore I want every person to come and see my stock of CAKES and PRICES before purchasing elsewhere.
My
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS
Fruit Cakes
Will be superior to any offered to the public before, being made of the very best material, and iced and ornamented in the latest styles and designs, also the genuine
SCOTCH BUN and SCOTCH SHORT BREAD, DUFFERIN, MADEIRA, COCOANUT and STRAWBERRY POUND CAKE,
The latest out WINE SPONGE CAKE, etc., etc.,
and as large an assortment of other cakes as to be found in any City in the Dominion. Puff Paste, Tart Shells, Oyster Patties, Pork Pies, Mince Pies and Patties. All kinds of fancy Bread, Biscuits, imported candies and my own make of Candies, warranted pure. CANDY CANES, just the thing for boys and girls. I will have an excellent plain fruit cake at 15c per lb., which which will be ready for inspection on Tuesday.
Oysters always on hand, and got up in any style, come and see, even if you don't want to buy.
Wm. BERRY,
Practical Baker and Confectioner,
2 doors below Sturdy's Bakery.
N. B.—My shop will be decorated in the old country fashion. 1765-2t.

THE OLD NAME
IN A NEW STAND.
GEO. H. OLD, FAMILY GROCER,
HAS ON HAND A CHOICE STOCK OF
CHRISTMAS GROCERIES,
CONSISTING OF
RAISINS, CURRANTS, CANDIED LEMON,
SUGARS, SPICES, &c., &c., &c.,
ALL THE LINES OF A FIRST-CLASS GROCERY.
SOME BEAUTIFUL CROCKERY--SUITABLE FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.
COME AND SEE! COME AND SEE!!
G. H. OLD,—At P. O'Dea's Old Stand, on the Square.
Goderich, Dec. 16, 1880. 1765-3t.

I. E. KNIGHT
Still to the Front!
With a larger and better assortment of
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S CAKES,
Than I ever offered before, and also better quality—Iced and Ornamented, SECOND TO NONE. Also all other kind of Pound Cakes.
My Stock of
CANDIES
Is also of a Superior Quality—large and a varied assortment,—which I guarantee will give GENERAL SATISFACTION.
BISCUITS
Of every description, fresh and of Good Quality. I will have also a larger and better assortment of all other kind of cakes made especially for the Holidays. Home-made Candy Canes, all sizes and prices. Self-praise is no recommendation, but try my
PLAIN and FANCY BREAD,
Which I deliver daily to all parts of the town. Home-made Cakes Iced and Ornamented in the latest style and as cheap as the cheapest. I want every one to give me a call and judge for themselves.
REMEMBER THE ADDRESS
I. E. KNIGHT---Near the Post Office.
Goderich, Dec. 16, 1880. 1765-2t.

FOR
ORNAMENTAL WEDDING CAKES,
CHRISTMAS CAKES,
CONFECTIONERY OF ALL KINDS,
CHRISTMAS TOYS, and
THE BEST BREAD IN TOWN,
GO TO
D. CANTELON'S
WEST STREET, GODERICH.
Ladies requiring Christmas Cakes should send in their orders without delay. Home-made cakes taken in and ornamented on short notice, and at reasonable rates.

Just What the Public Needs.
Arrived and opened out another supply of Winter Goods, consisting of
Overcoats, Overshoes and Rubbers
As well as various other seasonable lines.
Examine my Stock and Get my Prices.
JOHN ACHESON.
Goderich, Dec. 9, 1880.

GEORGE CATTLE,
Chemist & Druggist,
Dealer in Pure Drugs and Chemicals, Fancy and Toilet Articles, &c.
Imported Havana and Domestic Cigars, Pipes, Tobaccos, &c.
Physicians' Prescriptions and Family Receipts carefully prepared at all hours.
COURT HOUSE SQUARE.
1751

Huron School Book DEPOT.
Xmas Cards,
Xmas Books,
Xmas Presents.
SEE ABOVE
at
SHEPPARDS
SANTA-CLAUS HEAD QUARTERS.

1880 NEW FRUITS. 1880
NEW VALENCIAS,
NEW LAYERS,
NEW CURRANTS,
S. ALMONDS,
WALNUTS,
FILBERTS,
CHESSNUTS.
LAKE SUPERIOR
TROUT, WHITE FISH & HERRING.
SALT WATER
HERRING AND CODFISH.
ALSO, A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
Teas, Sugars,
And General Groceries;
CROCKERY, GLASSWARE, AND CHINA.
Dr. PRICE'S Cream Baking Powder.
Dr. PRICE'S Lupulin Yeast Gems.
Chas. A. Nairn,
THE SQUARE. 1758