

THE FRENCH ELECTIONS.

Louis Napoleon's administration is for the present at least secure. The elections have resulted in the return of a heavy majority favorable to the Imperial rule, although the Opposition has gained an accession to its strength. It is feared that the talented Thiers has been defeated, which is not so much of a wonder as that he has been so long permitted to hold a seat and talk things bordering on defiance of the Autocrat of France. The Emperor has a way of his own of putting down persons obnoxious to his government, and the bold utterances of Thiers as a member of the Corps Legislatif might long since have been silenced had he been a less dangerous man to muzzle, or did it not sometimes suit Napoleon's purpose to make at least a show of moderation.

Louis is an old man now, and if his abilities as a tactician remain unimpaired he may probably retain his seat until the end of his days, but his name will not be associated with those bold executive characteristics which endeared his uncle to Frenchmen, and the Imperial scion, not being of remarkable promise, it is not surprising that the Emperor should have fears for the perpetuation of his dynasty. At the present time, however, there must remain in France a pretty strong feeling in favor of the Empire, else how shall we account for the still large returns of official candidates, unless it be on the supposition of a use of some such means as made Napoleon from a one year into a ten year President, from the latter into an Emperor, or such as his enemies say were employed to carry the plebiscite which caused his disgrace and the unfortunate Maximilian's death in Mexico. Considering the measures of high-handed oppression which were carried out some time ago, when men were fined and imprisoned for daring to speak their sentiments, when the poorer classes in some of the departments were in a ferment on account of starvation, when that terrible dangerous thing for France, a Paris riot, actually occurred, and when all these things had set the popular passions seething it is rather wonderful if the people should have so soon of their own free will buried the remembrance of them in oblivion, and showed no more republican tendencies than those exhibited in the return of a few more opposition members.

France is perhaps not the France of yore, and probably like other great nations considers that peace is most conducive to her welfare, and is to be preferred to internal strife, or the doubtful glory which might be acquired from a struggle with an external foe. Former revolutions may have taught her the salutary lesson that "it is better to bear those ills we have than to fly to others we know not of." And after all there may be some justice in the claims which the Emperor lays to having done good since he ascended the throne. He says he has fostered industry, given a stimulus to commerce and in various ways endeavored to promote the happiness of the nation, and this may be all very well if men, like spaniels, are content to be lashed one minute and then lick the hand that struck them the next. Napoleon probably knows his own business best, and he may to the last hold the reins so that there shall be no swerving, but suppose Frenchmen should come to his son, if he succeed, as the Hebrews did to the sons of Solomon, and demand that their yoke be made lighter would he dare to reply that he would add to the yoke, or that he would even allow it to remain as heavy as it had been. It might be better for the heir were the father to undertake the amelioration, and grant the country, before he died, a government approaching more nearly to constitutional.

Following the example of a brother Professor, the Alabama question has been discussed in a lecture before Yale College, New Haven, by President Woolsey. The lecture was entirely free from any warmth of prejudice or bias of partisanship. Mr. Woolsey thinks Sumner a well informed man, but not a wise man, though perhaps of excellent intentions. He contends that England cannot rightly be blamed for issuing her proclamation of neutrality and recognizing the South when she did. The question is whether the British Government was sufficiently alert in endeavoring to prevent the escape of the Alabama. The general unfriendliness of Britain even if proved, ought not to be mixed up with a purely legal question. The English Government have offered to submit the question to a proper tribunal. President Woolsey concluded his very sensible speech (first humorously stating that he was not influenced by "British gold") by believing that the American people are not likely to lose \$300,000,000 in war for the sake of getting \$15,000,000 in damages.

Sir Francis Grant stated at the Royal Academy dinner on Saturday that her Royal Highness the Princess Louise had sent to the Exhibition a marble bust executed and chiseled by her own hands, a faithful likeness of her Royal mother. It is a work full of truth and genius. Art without truth, or truth without art, is of small value; but the Princess has produced a likeness of our beloved Queen in which truthfulness is happily combined with art and taste.

The corruption of the American Senate is, it appears, about as complete as that of the Pennsylvania or Albany Legislature. Any bill that favors private interests, it seems, only passed by means of heavy payments; and, in some cases, money has been taken from one side to pass a bill, and then money is demanded from the other side to defeat it. This, at all events, is affirmed by parties concerned in the copper bill recently passed.

Garibaldi, although a republican himself, advises the Spaniards to elect a king or a dictator without delay. That country is not ready for a Republican Government, and as long as things remain unsettled, there is a great and growing probability of civil war. Already an invasion of Bourbonists is threatened from France.

Telegraph communication between Europe and America will soon be greatly facilitated. A French cable is shortly to be laid down, and a duplicate line from London to Valencia is to be established. This latter is to be reserved for transmitting cable despatches only, and of the two cables which are both in working order, one is to be used for sending messages from England, and the other those from America. Communication between New York and London will thus be instantaneous.

Lord Palmerston was always very particular to write nothing rashly. He wrote at a standing desk and kept his inkstand at the other end of the room, so that he had the time occupied in crossing the room twice to reflect upon what he intended to say.

BIRTHS.

TAIT.—In Elora, on the 26th inst., the wife of Mr. John Tait, of a daughter.
THOMAS.—In Arthur, on the 11th inst., the wife of Mr. Henry Thomas, of a daughter.
ASHLEY.—In Newcastle, on the 14th inst., the wife of Mr. John B. Ashley, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

GATERS.—TREMBLE.—In Pilkington, on the 20th inst., by the Rev. Mr. German, Mr. James Gaters, to Mrs. Elizabeth Tremble.

DIED.

BISHOP.—In Mount Forest, on the 24th inst. Mr. John Bishop, a native of Devonshire, England, aged 75 years.

New Advertisements.

THE TRUTH DOES NOT PREVAIL.

To the Editor of the Mercury.
Sir,—We are again compelled to notice briefly the strange and unprovoked statements made by Mr. W. Bell & Co. in their letter of the 27th, headed "Truth will prevail," they first state that Mr. Wood was a partner, and then conclude by saying that he was only their workman. This is one specimen of their truthfulness. The receipt and agreement are quite correct for the three months, but the latter statements are incorrect, for he was then a partner, and received his profit by a percentage on all instruments made and sold, also for repairing and piano tuning. It is also incorrect for them to say that he (Mr. Wood) had no authority in the factory, when he had the superintendence of the most important branches of the business, as the following statements by our workmen will testify:

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that Mr. Wood was a partner in the late firm of Bell, Wood & Co., and was recognized as such by us at the time of the last Provincial Exhibition, and up to the time of the dissolution of partnership, he (Mr. Wood) having the sole superintendence of the most important branches of the business; and we also affirm, and believe, the success of the late firm of Bell, Wood & Co. was chiefly owing to the business tact of Mr. McLeod and the mechanical ability of Mr. Wood.

J. JACKSON, THOMAS PRATERSON,
(Signed) ROBERT SHAIN, Wm. SNOWDON,
JOHN REID, M. A. SNOWDON,
SAMUEL COUCH.

Mr. McLeod accepts the challenge offered by W. Bell & Co. to prove by two disinterested witnesses that he (Mr. McLeod) said that he would never exhibit Mr. Wood's work; but no party or parties holding enmity against him will be accepted as witnesses.

Without trespassing further on your space, or on the patience of your readers, we think that the above proof will amply satisfy the public that the statements made in our former letter were correct. In conclusion, we challenge our late partners for any amount of money they choose to test in the separate warehouses, East Market Square, Guelph, the quality and tone of both make of instruments, to be decided by competent judges and the public, and to be open for trial at any time. We think that the decision of the above challenge will be more satisfactory to the public than all the petty personalities they have a mind to publish.

R. McLEOD,
R. B. WOOD,
Guelph, May 28.

FOR THE
1,000,000

A large assortment of New
FIVE CENT
MUSIC

JUST RECEIVED AT
THORNTON'S

New Cheap Bookstore, Wyndham-st.
Guelph, 28th May

COW STRAYED.

Came on the premises of the subscriber about a week ago a young cow, giving milk. The owner on proving property and paying expenses can take her away.
May 27 43 PATRICK DUGGAN,
York Road, Guelph.

PORTER WANTED.

A young man of good character, and one accustomed to the grocery business preferred. Apply at
May 27 40 JACKSON & HALLETT'S,
Wyndham-st., Guelph.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1864.

In the matter of JOHN BOWES, Elora, An Insolvent.

The creditors of the Insolvent are notified that he has made an assignment of his estate and effects under the above Act to me, the undersigned, Official Assignee, and they are required to produce before me within two months from this date, their claims upon the said estate, under oath, specifying the security they hold, if any, and the value of it; and if none, stating the fact, with vouchers in support of such claims.
THOMAS SAUNDERS, Official Assignee.
Guelph, 27th May, 1869. 6422

TOWN OF GUELPH.

RAILWAY COMMITTEE

A MEETING of the Railway Committee will be held on

Friday Afternoon, 28th May

at 4 o'clock, in the Market House. The same evening at half-past seven, an adjourned meeting of the same Committee will be held, when merchants, business men, and other ratepayers anxious to get the Great Western Railway Station removed into the town are requested to attend and confer with the Committee on the subject.
P. McCURRY, Chairman.
Guelph, 27th May. 42

TRUTH WILL PREVAIL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE GUELPH MERCURY.

Sir,—In proof of our former assertion, that Mr. Wood was being a nominal partner, we produce the following receipt and agreement:

GUELPH, 26th May, 1868.
Received from William Bell, Robert McLeod and Robert Bell, the sum of \$70.22, as payment in full of my interest and good will in the business lately conducted in the name of Bell, Wood & Co., from which I now retire, said partnership being dissolved by mutual consent.
R. B. WOOD.

GUELPH, 26th May, 1868.
We, William Bell, Robert McLeod and Robert Bell, hereby engage, Riley B. Wood, to work for us at the rate of \$2.50 per day, and to give him two months' notice in case we should wish to have a change; and the said Riley B. Wood, agrees to give the same notice if he should wish to leave, or forfeit one week's wages.
(Signed) WILLIAM BELL,
ROBERT V. BELL,
R. McLEOD,
R. B. WOOD.

Three months after, in place of \$15 per week we agreed to give him \$10, and in lieu of the other \$5 per week, he was to get 3 per cent. on sales, he preferring to have it that way, because it looked more like being a partner, and we, thinking that he would take more interest in the work, agreed. It was expressly stipulated that he was to have no authority in the factory, and in fact two of the men threatened to lay violent hands on him when he began to interfere with them. As to the small sum loaned to the firm, we would say that he put it in for three months at a time, taking our note and drawing interest in advance like an ordinary creditor.

In regard to the prizes, we would merely say that if Mr. Wood had been the workman they now claim him to be, the first prize on Organs would not have been divided between ours with five sets of reeds, eighteen stops, and a double reed Organ costing as much as ours. Mr. McLeod and ourselves were all so much dissatisfied at the result that we all declared that we would never again exhibit his work. In accordance with this resolution, Wm. Bell went to Toronto three days after the Exhibition to get the address of a good tuner, and we thenceforward advertised the prizes in the name of the "Guelph Melodeon Company," thus preparing for a change of name as soon as we could get a new tuner. Three months before the dissolution we were corresponding with the men whom we have now got from Prince's, and told them to come on about the 1st of March. We were unsuccessful then, and Mr. McLeod, at the request of his partners, tried to get a tuner at the factory of Carhart & Needham, New York. This looked very little like offering "every inducement" to Mr. Wood to again become a partner. Our late partners claim that they have established the Melodeon business here. How came it that they could establish a business for us and failed to do for themselves, after a fair trial, elsewhere?

Still adhering to our former assertions, we will now say in conclusion that we have proved Mr. Wood to have been only an employee of the late firm for the ten months preceding the dissolution. We will also deposit \$100 in the hands of any responsible person, and will agree to forfeit it to the Benevolent Society here if we fail to prove by more than one witness that Mr. McLeod solemnly affirmed in and out of the factory that he would never again exhibit Mr. Wood's work! This we maintain, notwithstanding the high opinion which Mr. McLeod now pretends to have of the abilities of the above self-important personage. Till this challenge is taken up, we do not see any use for further discussion.

W. BELL & CO.
Guelph, 27th May. dw

MAGAZINES

FOR

MAY

AT

CUTHBERT'S.

Guelph, 14th May. dw

PRIVATE RESIDENCE FOR SALE

In the West End of the
TOWN OF GUELPH.

For Sale, within ten minutes walk of the Post Office, consisting of a substantially built

Stone COTTAGE, dry & healthy

Containing eight rooms, with Stable and Driving House, all in good condition. Pleasantly situated in a respectable locality. A large garden planted with choice fruit trees, and plenty of excellent spring and soft water. Terms of payment, easy. One-half of the purchase money may remain on mortgage. Apply to the proprietor—
May 10. 43m w4t Buckland's Survey.

GLASGOW HAM CURER.

The subscriber wishes to inform the inhabitants of Guelph that he has on hand

A large stock of Beef, Pork, Rolled Spiced Hams.

All of which will be sold at 12 1/2 cents per lb. The best Bacon from 10c. to 12 1/2 cents. Smoked shoulders same as the Bacon.
A Splendid Lot of Smoked Hams Lard, &c.
A large lot DRIED BEEF and MUTTON will be sold at from 4c to 5 cents per lb.
D. NAISMITH,
Upper Wyndham Street.
Guelph, May 20th, 1869. 41m

TOWN OF GUELPH.

TENDERS WANTED.

Tenders for the erection of a DOME on the MARKET HOUSE will be received at the Town Clerk's Office until

Saturday, 5th of June next

The tenders are required according to two plans, which, with specifications, may be seen at the Clerk's Office. The Contractors are themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk.
Guelph, 26th May. 404d

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE

House and Lot for sale on Delhi Street, Mr. Bell's Hill, Guelph, being Lot 25, in Division A, containing one-fifth of an acre. The house is built of stone, and contains four rooms and kitchen, also clothes press and cellar, all well finished. The lot is well fenced, and planted with choice fruit trees. There is a good well, with pump, on the premises, also, a well and carriage house. This house is well adapted for a small family, being on a healthy site, and affording a fine prospect. It will be sold cheap. For further particulars apply to Wm. JOHNS, McGraw-st., near the Elora Road.
Guelph, 26th May. 404w

BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.

CHURCH-ST. - - - GUELPH

MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open on the 5th of April.
Guelph, 27th March, 1869. 40

FRESH ORANGES AND LEMONS

AT THE FRUIT DEPOT.

FRESH PINEAPPLES

AT THE FRUIT DEPOT.

FRESH DATES AND PRUNES

AT THE FRUIT DEPOT.

FRESH FIGS, only 25c. per lb.

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FRESH WALNUTS AND ALMONDS

AT THE FRUIT DEPOT.

Fresh PEACHES in Cans

AT THE FRUIT DEPOT.

Fresh Tomatoes, Green Peas and Corn

AT THE FRUIT DEPOT.

HUGH WALKER,

Wyndham-st., Guelph, May 28. dw

Opposite the English Church.

Golden Lion!

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NEW SEASON'S TEAS.

Just imported from CHINA and JAPAN, and now offered for sale—per "OLETA," from Foochow—selected by JOHN FORSTER & Co., expressly for the Canadian Market.

2,167 Packages of BLACK TEA, consisting of Chests, Half-Chests, and Caddies—Choicest Trips Souchong, Ex. Choice Lap Seng Souchong, & Choicest Kaisow Congou.

Per "Sir WILLIAM WALLACE," "MONKCHESTER," and "ANGLO-SAXON," from Shanghai—2,361 Half-Chests Nankin Moyunes, Moyunes, and Fychow GREEN TEAS, comprising — Gunpowders, Imperials, Hysons, Young Hysons, Hyscn Twankays, and Twankays.

Per "ALCYONE" from Yokohama—154 Half-Chests Colored Japan, 472 Half-Chests Uncolored Japan.

G. J. FORSTER & Co.
Hamilton, May 21.

SUGARS AND OTHER SWEETS—in Store and arriving—per "A. H. Curtis," "Fresh Breeze," and "Signal," from West Indies—860 hds. Muscovado Sugar, 500 boxes Centrifugal do.

1,200 barrels REFINED SUGARS, comprising New York Ex. Powdered, Powdered, Granulated, Square Cut Loaf, and Broken Loaf, and Montreal Ex. Ground, Ground, Crushed A., Dry Crushed, and the different grades of Yellows. 200 bls. Amber, Golden, Common Syrup and Molasses.

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Guelph, May 26. Mrs. T. Robinson, dw Upper Wyndham st.

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People's Magazine
Englishwoman's Magazine
The Sunday School Teacher
English Mechanic

Argosy
The World of Fashion
Leisure Hour
Cornhill
Temple Bar
Good Words
The Quiver

Young Englishwoman
Sunday Magazine
Young Englishwoman's Journal
All the Year Round
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