

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 15, 1879.

MR. LAIDLAW'S MEETING. From the report upon another page our reader will easily gather that Mr. Laidlaw did not have a very successful meeting in the city hall last night. The number of his supporters present was very limited and their enthusiasm was not by

any means noticeable. Fully half, or even more, of those who attended the meeting were opponents of Mr. Laidlaw and the Mowat government. It may well be doubted whether any political candidate ever called a mass meeting in Guelph and was greeted by so small an audience. Mr. Laidlaw may know his fate from last night's proceedings. His speech was a very mild justification of the Mowat government which, he admitted was not at all perfect, though as good, perhaps, as it was wise to expect from frail humanity. He followed pretty closely the line taken in his address, and said nothing either to confirm the faith of those who believe in Mr. Mowat's administration, or dissipate the doubts of those others who know not Oliver the saint for a character in real life. On the whole it was a harmles speech and did as little discredit as possible to the Grit candidate. A man could not very well support the Mowat government and say much less for it. Mr. J. J. Hawkins mad a most logical and convincing speech, and went over more ground in less time than it is given to many to be able to do. His exposure of the way in which the modern Grit claims kinship with the dead Sandfield Macdonald was very telling When Sandfield was alive no abuse was too bac for him but now the Grit leaders profess to rever ence his memory. From 1867 to 4871 the Grit ence his memory. From 1867 to 4871 the Grits wanted his place; from that time forward they have winted his reputation. Mr. Hawkins' criticisms of the railway policy of the Blake-Mackenzie and Mowat governments, were very well received and evidently were acceptable to the majority of the audience. The invidious distinction made between the farmers' sons' franchise and the owner of town or city property's franchise was clearly pointed out, and while Mr. Hawkins did not object to the farmers' sons hav-ing the franchise, he decidedly objected to class legislation. In fact Mr. Hawkins made so many good points against the Mowat admin istration that the audience felt constantly called upon to applaud vigorously. Although requently interrupted by anombers of the audience he answered all questions propounded with the utmost courtesy and patience. Regarding the meeting in the light of an exhibition of Mr. Laidlaw's strength in this city, the most sau-guine and the most stubborn of Grits must admit that it was a miserable failure. No party palaver can conceal that disastrous fact Hawkins' brief reference 'to the national policy clicited such an approving demonstration from timent here on that great question. of Guelph have not regretted their patriotic regard for the national policy. As to Mr. Dunbar's personal ettack on Mr. Hawkins, it is safe to any

personal ctack on Mr. Hawkins, it is sale to any that it has not injured Mr. Hawkins in the least. It was quite in and for and aniistificable.

The committee on a riculture of the American congress has agreed upon a bill to crush out the cattle disease. It appropriates \$25,000. It without the commissioner of agriculture to an appropriate second. ner of agriculture to a point no more than three agents in each section such points as he may select on the great lines o inter-state communication; their duty is to inspect passing cattle. Experts are also to be ap pointed whose duties are to be general through out the country. The minority of the committee will recommend state action in the matter.

THE Detroit Free Press has become possesses of the strange idea that what it calls the "Cana dian Exodus" is a movement on the part of Cana dians in search of homes in the Western States and territories. It is very true that there is large "exodus" from old Canada going on present, but Manitoba and our own North-wes territories are the destinations of the emigrant and not the Western States and territories. have that admirable opportunity to compare the Canadian and colored classes of immigrants which the Free Press anticipates.

On Tuesday the debate on the third reading the Campbell divorce bill took place in the house of commons. Sir John at once took the ground that it was ultra Vires, the Dominio parliament being confined in its jurisdiction t the simple relations arising out of the marriage tie, the incidentals lying within the scope of provincial legislation. The danger of confusing the legislative and judicial functions was strong ly pressed by Rim, and later on by Mr. Mosseau, who contended that what was virtually asked was the revisal of a decision by a provincial court, and that a court of appeals was the proper place to go for this purpose. Mr. Coursol, in the course of a short and strong argument against allowing of a short and strong argument against allowing this bill to establish a precedent that would be sure to be regretted, censured the publication of the evidence by the senate in these cases. Mr. Macmillan, however, came to the support of Mr. McDougall, and summed up the case for Mrs. Campbell to such effect that Mr. Mills' motion for the three mouths hoist was rejected by a vote of 56 to 38, and the bill was carried on the same division.

The estimated sugar supply of the world, including corn, beet, and all the other sugars, is 5,105,000 tons for the present year. Of this 3,520,000 tons is cane sugar, 1,465,000 tons is other sugars. Of cane sugars, by far the larges portion comes from India, whose production is 1,500,000 tons; Cuba, next in rank, produce 580,000 tons; British West Indies and Demarara yield 250,000 tons, and Java 220,000 ton tons. Louisiana is set down for 100,000 tons. France is the greatest producer of beet sugar, leading the list at 420,000 tons; Austria, Germany fellows with 390,000 tons; Austria, Germany fellows with 390,000 tons; \(\text{\text{Austra}}, \)
335,000; Russia, \(220,000 \); Belgium, \(\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{Bol}}}} \),000;
Holland, \(25,000 \), and other countries \(10,000 \)
The Cuban crop of sugar promises to be as large, and from all present indications the prices of the raw material will not materially advance, if at all. This old world ought to grow sweeter as it grows blder, and if the increased consumption of sugar is any evidence of the approach of the millenium we will do well to live in anticipation of the happy event. × -

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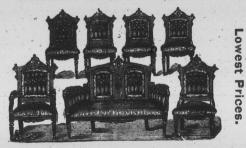
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