

TO THOSE IN ARREARS.

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CENTRE RIDING.

Mr. Ross accepts the Nomination

Mr. James Ross has accepted the nomination of the Reform Convention for the Centre Riding, which met at Marsville last week. In his letter to the Secretary he says:—

"I cannot do otherwise than accept the nomination, considering the handsome manner in which it was made. It certainly was beyond my expectation to receive so unanimous a nomination, as it appears to have been from the account in the News-Record of Friday last, seeming how easy it would have been to have found in the Riding one qualified to have taken a more prominent position in the House of Commons than I can do. However I trust, that though it would have been easy to have found a more brilliant candidate, it would not have been possible to have found one truer to the cause we have at heart. The election, I suppose, may closely be looked for soon after the close of the approaching session, and must at all events take place during the summer or early fall. Whether in the re-arrangement of the constituencies, which must be made during the coming session, any alteration will be made in our Riding we cannot as yet tell. Of course it is understood that the nomination is only made and accepted on the condition that there will be no material change. If such shall be the case, I shall loathe no time after the close of the session in commencing a thorough canvass of the Riding.

A NARROW GAUGER TO THE RESCUE.

We publish to-day a letter from Mr. John Martin, of Mount Forest, in which he contradicts in the most unqualified manner the paragraph which appeared in the Mercury some ten days ago, to the effect that for a whole week a narrow gauge train had not run into Mount Forest. If we mistake not, we copied the paragraph in question from a Walkerton paper—we are sure it was taken from some Bruce paper—and of course accept and give the same publicity to Mr. Martin's denial as we did to the statement.

But while we frankly and willingly do this, as we do in all cases when we find we have been misinformed, we take exception to the next part of Mr. Martin's letter, in which he questions our statement that the real feeling of the people in that section is that the narrow gauge is not what it is cracked up to be. He says in words strong to be polite that our information is a lie, and that in or near Mount Forest they are all satisfied with the gauge and are assured of its success. Mr. Martin may speak for himself in this matter, but we know of a surety that when he says this he does not speak the sentiments of many in Mount Forest or near it. Many have reluctantly come to the belief that the road is not what it was, or is, cracked up to be, that in fact it has failed to come up to the want and wishes of the people in that section, and they are not slow in expressing their discontent thereat. The agents of Mount Forest have said more than once to gentlemen in Guelph, and the road so far has been practically a failure as compared with other lines, and have expressed their regret that instead of it they had not got the broad gauge. The mail arrangements for the Townships north of Mount Forest are much less favorable since the road was opened than they were in the old staging days, and we have a week's complaints from subscribers that they do not get their papers until the week following their publication. Its freight business is in every respect state, which is proved by the fact that merchants in Mount Forest and north of it in many cases get their goods shipped by the W. G. & B. R. to Clifford, from whence they team them across the country. Nor has it helped the Mount Forest or other markets along the line, as has been shown time and again in our columns, and in other papers. As an additional proof in support of our statement we give the following extracts for the sake of comparison. In the Hamilton Spectator of Friday we find this paragraph:—

"The officers of the Great Western Railway, with the intelligence and enterprise which distinguishes their management, have provided Messrs. Gregory & Young with the facilities for shipping their grain (15,000 bushels) from Walkerton to Liverpool with only one bill of lading. The cars which receive the grain at Walkerton will be drawn up to the vessel's side in New York, and on the 24th instant the vessel will leave that port with the whole of the grain on board. The same firm have purchased and shipped both grain and flour from other points on the line under the same arrangements, some of it going to Glasgow and some to Liverpool. In view of the widespread outcry against the 'narrow gauge' which is going up from every point which has the misfortune to be annoyed with its inefficiency, the facts above stated have a significance which those interested will see the full force of."

Now read the following from the Bolton Standard, published in a town on the line of the narrow gauge:— "We understand that at present, and for some time past, the T. G. & B. R. has failed to dispose of the grain, etc., deposited at their stations. Several car loads are thus waiting at Bolton station, Orangeville, and other places. The several dealers along the line have been much inconvenienced in consequence of this inactivity of the road. Some have quit laying, others are compelled to team to the Grand Trunk."

Mr. Martin is still satisfied with his pet railway, he is much easier pleased than his neighbors.

his letter accuses us of making other false statements in connection with the narrow gauge. We would feel obliged to Mr. Martin if he will specify them. We have not at any time intentionally made any false statement about this road, and we defy Mr. Martin to prove the contrary. Mr. Martin tries to frighten us into object submission by threatening to stop his paper. That is generally the last resort of those who have the worst of the argument. We beg to tell Mr. Martin that his threat will not have the slightest effect in preventing us from saying what we think should be said about this road or any other enterprise. We are too much accustomed to this sort of thing to be frightened by it. We shall pursue our course fearlessly, and do what we consider to be our duty to the public irrespective of Mr. Martin, or any other narrow gauger, confident in the belief that if he does cry 'stop my paper' we shall survive the dreadful shock, and even afford to smile serenely over his folly and lamentable shortness of temper.

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

The Globe says Mr. M. C. Cameron speaks in "a dull, stridulous, saw-shapening tone."

The Reform Association of North Bruce are arranging for a series of meetings, to be addressed by K. McKenzie, Esq., Q. C.

The Toronto Telegraph issued no weekly on Thursday. There is a meeting of the creditors going on at present which is likely to be final.

The Strathroy correspondence of the London Advertiser gives the passing rumors that Hillyard Cameron is to run for West and Hinks for North Middlesex.

At the Conservative convention held on Thursday at Mount Brydges, Mr. A. P. McDonald was unanimously chosen as the Conservative candidate for the House of Commons for West Middlesex.

The Bill introduced by Mr. Hodgins to amend the Credit Valley Railway Act, has been triumphantly passed by the Committee of the Assembly. The decision stood, for the Bill, 17, against 7.

The Collingwood Bulletin thinks that the Northern terminus of the Hamilton and North Western Railway ought to be at Collingwood. It thinks that a very extensive summer trade could be done between Hamilton and Georgian Bay at that place, as the road would there connect with the steamship line to Fort William.

In the Stokes trial, now going on in New York, the prisoner's counsel are "fighting for time," and using every device known to the law to increase the number of the law's delays. Two panels of jurors, of 500 each, have been "put through," and at last a jury has been impanelled. Stokes professes to be afraid that friends of Fisk are watching a chance to shoot him, and thus save further trouble.

It now turns out that Sir John A. Macdonald was very anxious to have Mr. Beatty sell out the old Leader to the new paper company. He is said to have told Sir John that he "had started the Leader, and owned it for twenty years, and would continue to publish it as long as there was breath in his body, and that when he departed this life, a copy of the Daily Leader, of that morning would be deposited in his coffin." Sir John left.

The Courier-Journal, of Louisville, asks, "What would the South do in an event of a war with England?" and after a long review of circumstances, sums up its results thus:—"The sympathy and aid of the oppressed and persecuted people of the South we conclude, therefore, can hardly be expected by Grant and his Cabinet if, as we do not at all believe, they seriously contemplate the inauguration of hostilities against Great Britain on account of the Alabama claims."

There died at Dunfermline, last week, a young man named Alex. Miller, who was remarkable for being upwards of seven feet in height. He had been ailing for a long time, but was not confined to the house until about eight days previous to his death. The people of Dunfermline were so much accustomed to seeing him, that he attracted no notice while passing; it was only when he went to other towns that his remarkable height was commented upon. He paid a visit to London, and attracted great crowds and the newspapers had humorous descriptions of him. When he visited Edinburgh the same occurred; and in his visits to the various places in the neighborhood with the volunteers he was always a marked man. He was a young man of a quiet, inoffensive disposition, and possessed of many amiable qualities. He was 28 years of age.—Dunfermline Advertiser.

Mr. Wm. Chambers the well-known publisher, is engaged upon a memoir of his brother, the late Dr. Robert Chambers, author of several geological and Scottish antiquarian works. Mr. Adam Flock, another Scottish publisher and ex-Lord Provost of Edinburgh, is also said to be occupied in writing the political history of his times. Mr. Black was the correspondent of Lord Macaulay and of all the leaders of the Whig party for many years; and any work from his pen of the character indicated should be full of curious revelations.

Not forgotten years, if the southern papers are right, has much more ice been seen in the southern states, ice is an unusual sight on the Mississippi river within the borders of Louisiana, and they have it this winter and plenty of it. The snow is deeper in the west than for five years, and eastern papers cannot remember when the cold was more intense, or when lakes and rivers were so solidly frozen.

Advice from Manila represent that all is quiet in the Philippine Islands, the revolt of native troops having been completely suppressed. The surviving ruffians were tried by court-martial, and eleven sentenced to suffer death. The leader of the revolt has been executed.

The Government troops in Mexico are being sorely pressed, and President Grant is urged to interfere on behalf of Juarez. The revolutionary troops in the field now number about 30,000.

More miles of railroad were constructed in this country last year than in any previous year, being a total of 5,983. The number of miles of railroad now in operation in the United States is 60,382.

Dr. Burgar, of Welland, was severely burned on the hands and face last Monday evening, by the explosion of a common can of coal oil.

Interin Sessions.

THE INDECENT ASSAULT CASE.

Thomas Hoban was tried this (Saturday) morning before Judge Macdonald for committing an assault with intent, on the person of Mary Wadding in a lane off Macdonald street on the evening of the 1st of February. We gave the particulars at the time of the investigation before the Police Court.

Mr. A. H. Macdonald defended the prisoner. The trial is proceeding as we go to press.

What Becomes of the Sons of Successful Men.

Next to the enquiry, "What becomes of the pins?" an interesting question would be: "What becomes of the sons of successful men?" A few men and a few firms are in the hands of the founders; but these are exceptions. The old name and the old trade generally passes into the hands of others. "Do you see that man shovelling in coal? Well, his children, and children like his, will jostle your pampered sons and rule this land," said an old New Yorker the other day. The old names have ceased in the pulpit. The famed men of the bar seldom have a successor. The eminent jurists carry their honors with them to the grave. Merchants princes are obliterated. The fathers laid the basis of business one way and the sons build another. Men who earned their fortunes by hard work, by diligence, and that know sixteen hours toil, by personal attention, that were their own book-keepers, salesmen, cashiers and own porters, are followed by sons who do as little as possible; who delegate to others all they can, who know more of the road than of the led, or famous hotel-men, who were the equals of the best in the land, and who never sunk the gentlemen in the trade. Young men who fling the example of their sires to the winds, find it easy to squander a valuable name, run through a fortune quicker than it was earned, and find themselves, while young, at the point from which their fathers started. One thing is quite marked in New York. It is the fact the heavy business is getting into the hands of foreigners. The heavy importers, the great bankers, and much of the trade of value is slipping out of the hands of Americans, as the trade of England got into the power of the L. family.

The Elliot Bill was again passed the English House of Commons, this time by a vote of 109 to 51.

BIRTHS.

SIMPSON—At Guelph, on the 14th inst., the wife of Mr. Thos. Simpson, of a daughter.

COAL OIL

AT WHOLESALE Splendid Quality and Cheap

AT JOHN HORSMAN'S

Country Merchants

Would study their own interest to purchase of JOHN HORSMAN

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AGENT WANTED.—To sell the Food & manufactured by the North British Coal Company. A good salesman can realize a large income. Good Toronto testimonial. Terms cash. B. B. BLAKE, February 17th, 1872. dw Toronto.

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MANSIE WAUGH
PATTY
BLADE O' GRASS
JOSHUA MARVEL
LADY OF THE ICE
DIAMOND ON THE HEARTH
BREAKING A BUTTERFLY
MY WIFE AND I
PINK AND WHITE TYRANNY
LORD BANTAM

ANDERSON'S

Cheap Book, Stationery and News Depot, opposite the Market.

BERKSHIRE BOAR "JOHN A."

The Subscriber begs to notify the breeders of Swine that he has purchased the above Boar, imported from England by Geo. Roach, Esq., of Hamilton, which will save some of the season's trouble. Terms cash. W. A. BOOKLESS, Royal Hotel, Guelph, Dec. 8, 1871. Proprietor. dwif

New Advertisements.

REMNANTS, REMNANTS

CLEARING SALE OF REMNANTS COMMENCING TO-MORROW.

- Remnants of Dress Goods of all kinds
Remnants of Silks, black and colored
Remnants of French Merinoes
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Remnants of Wool Plaids
Remnants of Flannels
Remnants of Hollands
Remnants of Towellings
Remnants of Shirtings
Remnants of Prints
Remnants of Tweeds and Filled Cloths
Remnants of Overcoatings, &c.

NOW IS THE TIME, LADIES! Every Remnant in the Store must be cleared out previous to stock-taking at the end of the month.

Come direct to the Alma Block. Come early. A. O. BUCHAM, Fashionable West End Dry Goods Store.

Guelph, 9th February.

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Peaches
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Pippins
String Beans
Sweet Corn
Tomatoes
Green Peas

JAMS

- Green Gage
Apricot
Strawberry
Raspberry
Red Currant
Black Currant
Damson
Gooseberry
Orange Marmalade
Lemon do

JELLIES

- Red Currant
Black
Calves Foot
Lemon and Orange

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S

GREAT CLEARING SALE

OF BOOTS AND SHOES

The Subscriber having decided to remove from Guelph, begs to intimate to the public that before closing his business here, he will sell off the balance of his Stock of Boots and Shoes at Cost Price!

The Great Sale will commence on THURSDAY, the 8th of FEBRUARY, and CONTINUE FOR 30 DAYS

During which time the whole of his stock which comprises a good assortment of New and Fresh Goods, will be offered at actual cost price for cash, and each only. This is a Genuine Clearing Sale, and the public may depend upon getting FIRST-CLASS BARGAINS!

N.B.—All parties indebted to the Subscriber, either by Note or Book Account, are respectfully requested to settle them at once, as after the 20th inst., all accounts unsettled will be placed in the hands of A. A. Baker, Esq., for collection.

F. PREST,

Guelph, Feb. 7, 1872. dwlm West side Wyndham Street.

ASH WEDNESDAY!

- FRESH HADDOCK
FRESH CODFISH
FRESH FLOUNDERS
FRESH SEA HERRINGS
FRESH LAKE HERB
FRESH SALMON TROUT
FRESH WHITE FISH
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Fire, Marine and Life INSURANCE

Provincial, Lancashire and Phoenix. Canada Landed Credit Comp'y Lower rates than any Loan Co. in Ontario.

JOHN McCREA, Agent. Office over Bank of Commerce Buildings, Guelph, Guelph, Nov 28th, 1871. dwlm

THE MEDICAL HALL

GUELPH.



JUST RECEIVED at the Medical Hall another lot of

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- SIMPSON'S SPICE Makes Monster Calves
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SIMPSON'S SPICE The Farmer's Friend.

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That have used it say it's the best thing they have ever used for their Cattle.

E. Harvey & Co

Sole Agents Co. Wellington Guelph, Feb. 9, 1872. dw

House and Lot for Sale

FOR sale, in Harrison, on easy terms, siting in the best part of the village, a quarter acre Lot with a commodious twelve room house, 17 x 20 kitchen 16 by 20; a good well. Apply to JOHN SMITH, builder Harrison, Dec. 20, 1871. wif

Farm for sale in Guelph Township.

150 Acres of land, being Lots 14 & 15, 1st Con. Div. B. 5 miles from the town of Guelph. The land is in a good state of cultivation and well fenced. The buildings are log, and there is a first-class orchard. For terms and particulars, apply on the premises, or by letter, post-paid, to G. B. HOOD, Guelph P. O. Guelph, Dec. 6, 1871. wif

YORKSHIRE CATTLE FEEDER.

HORSES, SHEEP, COWS, PIGS, &c.

Fed with the YORKSHIRE CATTLE FEEDER fatten in one-fourth the usual time, consequently a great amount of food is saved. It is highly recommended by the Professors of the Veterinary Colleges of Great Britain, and is held in high reputation by first-class breeders of Stock throughout Europe and Canada. It is a remedy of renowned worth, possessed of PURELY VEGETABLE EXTRACTS

In a condensed form. Animals fed with the YORKSHIRE CATTLE FEEDER have always taken first prizes. Milk Cattle give richer milk. \$25 A dollar box contains 300 Feeds.

HUGH MILLER & CO., Proprietors, 107 King-st. East, Toronto.

For sale at A. B. PETRIE'S Drug Store wholesale and retail. Feb 15-72m

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The subscriber would call the attention of the public to Kinney's Patent Improvement in Stove Furniture, by which pots, kettles, frying-pans, &c., are constructed that all smoke, smell and steam from frying meat or other cooking are conducted up the chimney as perfectly as in the old fashioned fire-place. Ladies give them a trial from trying most or other cooking are conducted up the chimney as perfectly as in the old fashioned fire-place. Ladies give them a trial from trying most or other cooking are conducted up the chimney as perfectly as in the old fashioned fire-place.

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This Coal, for general use, is the best article in the market—low for cash.

All other Coals, such as Briar Hill, Mount Morris, Lehigh and Blossburg, in large quantities. Order early and secure your stock at present prices.

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GEO. MURTON, Agent at Guelph dw