

That Letter.
A great amount of virtuous indignation is being pumped up by the Ministerial press about the purloining and publication of Sir John's letter to Mr. Pope regarding the selection of a Tory candidate. What a blessed relief it is to turn for a brief breathing space from the weary task of whitening the political Ethiopian, to hurl a charge of robbing the mails at Opposition leaders and Opposition journalists in general. In their heart of hearts the organs are thankful to Hon. John Young for giving them this opportunity of creating a diversion and of getting up a "counter irritation" to relieve the Pacific Scandal inflammation. No doubt they will make the most of the opportunity.

An investigation as being held at Montreal in order to discover, if possible, who was the daring thief that purloined the letter and placed it in Hon. John Young's box. This is by no means the first irregularity of the kind which has occurred at the Montreal Post Office lately. Frequent complaints were made of missing money-letters, and then came a charge of defalcation against one of the Post Office officials, with a counter-charge of conspiracy. Ugly rumours were abroad about the affair; but the implicated official had powerful friends, and so the report of the investigation was kept secret, the affair was hushed up, and "everything was made lovely." It is not positively known whether the letter was purloined at the Montreal post-office, or before reaching there; but, if the theft did occur in the Montreal office, who is to blame for the demoralization amongst the officials which alone could render such a crime possible? There is but one answer—the Government, who by condoning one offence gave encouragement for the commission of similar ones. It is consoling to reflect, however, that in this case at least "stringent measures to ferret out the guilty parties" will be taken. We don't hear any suggestion that the post-office officials should be allowed to hold a secret meeting, and nominate a Commission amongst themselves to try the case.

The actual stealing of the letter is of course condemned on all hands. But its publication by the Hon. John Young and the Montreal Herald is an entirely different question. We are not inclined to defend this, and we think that it would have been much more honorable to have refrained from publishing the letter, considering the manner in which it came into Mr. Young's possession. There is no doubt, however, that in dealing with knavery and corruption of the kind which has been dragged to light by the Pacific Railway intrigues, it is hard to avoid soiling one's fingers, by fighting one's adversaries with their own weapons. And in Mr. Young's case the temptation was a peculiarly sore one, as the object of writing the letter was to work a piece of gross injustice to himself. It appears that Mr. Young for some time held the office of four inspectors in Montreal. The appointment to this office is and always has been in the hands of the Board of Trade. Recent legislation, simply for the sake of uniformity throughout the Dominion, removed the signing of Inspectors' commissions from the mayors of cities into the hands of the Governor-General; and Mr. Young promoted the measure making this alteration. Even now, the Government neither pays Mr. Young nor actually appoints him, but simply issues his commission after his selection for the office. Sir John A. Macdonald, however, saw only in the new law an opportunity of forcing an Opposition member to resign his seat, and of setting a wealthy Montrealer to bribe his way into Parliament, by dangling before his eyes the promise of a seat in the Senate. Hence the letter to Mr. Pope. The improper way in which this letter has been given to the public must not blind us to the unpardonable corruption it reveals. The Guelph Herald, apparently feeling something congenial in the sentiment of the Macdonald-Pope letter, remarks that it "does the writer no discredit!" That is quite true, but not exactly in the sense the Herald meant it.

The hypocrisy of the howl which is being raised by the Ministerial press about this letter is well illustrated by the fact that only about twelve months since a private letter from Hon. Mr. McKellar to Mr. McIntyre, having reference to the Grey election, was wrongfully taken from the post-office, and published in the Tory papers, who then did not hesitate to exult over the information thus surreptitiously obtained. It is a deplorable fact that as time goes on the game of politics is played with an ever-increasing moral recklessness; but what else can be expected when the head of the Government has set an example of such unbounded corruption and venality that his unscrupulous cunning has almost passed into a proverb?

REPORTS from Halifax continue to bring distressing accounts of loss of life during the recent storm. In one instance thirty schooners are reported wrecks, and all hands on board must have perished.
I OOR OLD LADY.—Considerable amusement has been caused by an attempt of the Toronto Leader to represent Sir John's letter to Pope as being a forgery, in view of the fact that the evidence of Sir John's own private secretary proves it to be genuine.

The Royal Commission.
THIRD DAY.

Ottawa, Sep. 6.
The Commission opened at noon. Senator McPherson deposed—I am acquainted with Sir Hugh Allan, and have met McMullen; have no personal knowledge of such an agreement as set forth in Mr. Huntington's motion; Sir H. Allan told me in Feb. 1872, that he had negotiations with Americans, looking to the construction of the Pacific Railway; I have a letter on the subject from him, which has been published.

Mr. McPherson then read his statement as it was published some months ago, also the letters that passed between him and Sir H. Allan, published at the same time.

Mr. McPherson continued—I was informed that Mr. McMullen was acting for American capitalists, who were to have seventeen-twentieths and Canadians three-twentieths of the stock was in anticipation of any legislation; nothing was said at the time of Sir Hugh being at the head of the Company; I understood that the Government was aware of Sir Hugh's negotiations with Americans; I have no knowledge of an arrangement between the Government and Sir Hugh and Mr. Abbott for granting the contract for building, etc., in consideration for money advanced to carry the elections; I am aware of no condition upon which Sir Hugh obtained the charter; I was put down by Sir Hugh for \$100,000 stock, but I never acquiesced in my name being so put down; I was President of the Inter-oceanic Company; it was only after I found Sir H. Allan would not abandon his American associates, that I, in conjunction with others, formed the Inter-oceanic Company, with the view of defeating the American scheme, and being prepared to construct the road; the Inter-oceanic Company looked upon the Canada Company as virtually composed of Sir Hugh, and had reasons to believe that he was determined to act in connection with the Americans; I had a conversation with Mr. Abbott subsequently, wherein he told me that they had dropped their American friends; this was previous to the issue of the Charter; I refused to consent, previous to the proposed amalgamation of the two Companies, to Sir Hugh being made President; I had several conversations with Sir John Macdonald, when I told him the scheme broached by Sir Hugh would involve all in failure and disgrace, therefore the Inter-oceanic refused to amalgamate. (To Sir John): The last conversation I had with you on amalgamation was in November last, when you told me, as Mr. Abbott said, that the Americans had been dropped.

Louis Beaubien was next called. He deposed—I am Vice-President of the N. C. Ry.; I do not hold any position in the present Pacific Railroad Company; I am not aware of any agreement between Sir Hugh and the Government for the advancement of money on the Pacific charter; I was not connected with the scheme till the road was incorporated; I do not know of any American capital being furnished for the road, or any other purpose connected with it; I have no knowledge of an agreement by which Sir Hugh advanced money to the Government for the Pacific Charter; I have reason to believe Sir Hugh advanced certain money to aid the elections of the Ministerial candidates in Quebec; cannot say how much; a friend of mine, some time before the elections, wanted to raise some money for elections; Sir Hugh advanced him \$1,000, but I would not like to tell his name, as Government knew nothing of the circumstance; Sir Hugh advanced money to myself without the knowledge of the Government; I gave him the following receipt: "I promise to pay to Sir Hugh Allan the sum of \$7,000 one year from date, provided it shall not be previously paid, with other sums advanced by him." I cannot say how much was subscribed to Sir Geo. E. Cartier's election; a list was passed around; I went to Sir Hugh for this money, because I was actually connected with him in the Northern Colonization Ry. (To Sir John): If being Sir George's candidate made him the Government candidate, then he was such; I don't think Cartier knew of it till after I got the money.

Mr. Bethune, manager Ottawa branch Montreal Telegraph Company, deposed—I reside in Ottawa; I have not in my possession any telegram that passed between Sir John Macdonald and Mr. Abbott during Aug., 1872.
[The books of the office were examined. No entries of such telegrams appeared in them; telegrams are kept one year and destroyed; all telegrams previous to the second of Aug., 1872 have been destroyed.]

The Commission adjourned at two o'clock, and met again at four to sign depositions, but none were ready, and they adjourned till to-morrow.

The Reason Why.
The reason why the magnificent Retail Grocery Establishments in the Alma Block and on Lower Wyndham Street, belonging to John A. Wood, are so very popular with the intelligent public:—
Because the Goods are all of the best quality.
Because the Prices are invariably the lowest.
Because the Clerks are courteous and obliging.
Because the Stock is the largest to select from.
Because the goods are always clean.
Because the Weights and Measures are always correct.
Because, in fact, the proprietor understands his business, desires to please his customers, makes good use of his capital, and buys for cash in the best markets, and always deals liberally with those who honor his stores with their custom.—
These and many other weighty reasons have contributed very largely to make the name of John A. Wood, as connected with the Grocery trade of Guelph, so well known, and his stores so very popular.

DIED
WILSON—In Guelph township, on the 7th inst., Elzabeth, daughter of Mr. John Wilson, aged 32 years.

SPLENDID CHANCE FOR INVESTMENT.
Residence for Sale.
That very desirable property situated on Paisley street, near the Western Station, consisting of White Brick two story dwelling house, with four bed-rooms, front and back parlors, dining room and kitchen, with large soft water cistern, also two large dry cellars. The land on uprisest two fifths of an acre, well stocked with fruit trees in full bearing. For terms, &c., apply to D. SAVAGE, Guelph, July 30, 1873. dw

PAISLEY STREET
Grocery No. 1.
ROBERT S. KING

Hogs to announce to the inhabitants of Guelph and surrounding country that he has opened out in the store lately occupied by Mrs. F. W. Galbraith, Paisley street, opposite the Guelph Sewing Machine Factory, where he intends keeping a nice assorted stock of Groceries, which will be sold at prices equal to any store in town.
The public are generally invited to call and examine my stock and prices.
R. S. KING, Guelph, Aug. 8, 1873. dwim

CATALOGUE
—OF—
NEW MUSIC

- Instrumental.**
30th Wellington Rifle..... price 30c
Gaelic Galop..... price 30c
U & I Galop..... price 50c
Dufferin Quadrilles..... price 50c
Picadilly Galop..... price 50c
Patchwork Waltz..... price 75c

- Songs.**
The Pilot..... price 25c
Tom Bowling..... price 25c
Her Little Boy is Empty..... price 25c
A Cup of Cold Water is great Temperance song..... price 40c
Baba's Tress of Golden Hair..... price 35c
The Old Musician and his Harp price 30c
Barney's Courtship..... price 35c

The Clandeboye Galop,
upwards of 600 have been sold.
Any of the above mailed to any address postpaid on receipt of price.

ANDERSON'S
Cheap Bookstore,
St. George's Square, East side Wyndham-st.
GUELPH.

BELTS, BELTS.
—Just opened to-day—
At **J. HUNTER'S**
20 dozen BELTS of the most fashionable kind from 50 cents up.

Chignons, Braids,
Coronets, Switches,
Combs and Fancy Hair Pins.
ALL KINDS OF

BERLIN and OTHER WOOLS
Slippers, Cushions, and

General Fancy Goods.
SMALL WARES and TOYS
AT **J. HUNTER'S**
Berlin Wool, Fancy Goods, and Toy Store,
Wyndham Street Guelph.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.
EXCURSION
TO
SOUTHAMPTON
—ON—
Tuesday, Sept. 9th, 1873.

A Special Train
Will leave Galt at 4.50 a.m., Preston 5.00, Roset 5.15, Guelph 5.33, Elora 6.05, Fergus 6.15, Alma 6.35, Goldstone 7.00, Dryden 7.00, Moorefield 7.10, Palmerston 7.35. Returning will LEAVE Southampton at 6 p.m.
Fare for the Round Trip:
From Galt and Stations north to Guelph, inclusive..... \$1.25
From Elora and Stations north to Palmerston, inclusive..... \$1.00

The Boat "Seymour"
Will sail probably be on hand on arrival of train at Southampton to take Excursionists for short trips upon the Lake at a moderate charge.
Excursion Tickets will be good only on the Excursion train. Passengers paying on the cars will be charged full fare.
Tickets can be purchased at the Company's Ticket Offices on the two days previous.
W. TIFFIN, Div. Supt. W. K. MUIR, Gen. Supt.
Fergus, Aug. 30th, 1873

CENTRAL EXHIBITION, GUELPH.
During the week of the Fair,
Messrs. J. B. Armstrong & Co.
Will offer the balance of their very large stock of
CARRIAGES,
BUGGIES, ETC.,
At Greatly Reduced Prices.
Samples to be seen on the Fair Grounds.
Factory on Macdonnell street.
J. B. ARMSTRONG & Co.
Guelph, 6th Sept., 1873. wld

SEE THE STOCK OF
Canadian Ribbed
SHIRTS and DRAWERS
—OF—
JOHN MACDONALD & CO.
TORONTO.
BEFORE PURCHASING,
679 dozen Splendid Value.

FOR SALE—Allendale Cottage and Lands—the property of the late Richard Jackson, Esq., containing about 50 acres of land, about a third of it being well wooded with handsome shade trees, balance chiefly meadow, on which there is a convenient dwelling house containing dining room, sitting room, 4 bedrooms, kitchen, parlor and woodshed, with stable, coach-house, and sheds, having a good garden with some choice fruit trees. This property is situated on the Waterloo Road two miles from the Market, and is most pleasantly situated in the vicinity of Guelph, and is well worthy the attention of parties desiring to purchase in this neighborhood. Price and terms liberal, and will be made known on application to CHAS. DAVIDSON, Town Hall Buildings, Guelph. s3-dw3m

NEW CAB.—The subscriber begs to announce to the citizens of Guelph that he has just purchased a carriage and is prepared to carry persons to and from any place in town at the usual charges. He has also a large pleasure wagon for pic-nics, excursions, &c. He hopes by strict attention to receive a share of public patronage. Orders can be left at Dr. Herod's Drug Store or at my residence, next door to the Primitive Methodist parsonage. JOHN EWING, Guelph, July 12, 1873. dwim

New Advertisements.
Co-Operative Store.
The Stock of Fall and Winter Clothing
(formerly owned by Mr. Galloway)
WILL BE SOLD AT THE FIRST COST.

- Men's Wool Pants \$2.50, former price \$4.00**
" Vests 1.50, " 2.25
" Coats 5.00, " 7.25
" Suits 10.00, " 15.00
Boys' Wool Suits 6.00, " 8.50

The Stock of Hats and Caps
From Seaforth will be sold for one half the usual retail prices.
J. C. MACKLIN & Co.
GUELPH, Sept. 5, 1873. dw

ALL ALIVE FOR THE FALL CAMPAIGN
AT THE
FASHIONABLE WEST END!

NEW GOODS COMING FAST
Every Department Well Organized for Business!
We are determined to TAKE THE LEAD this Season.
The Various Departments of our stock will contain
UNPARALLELED ATTRACTIONS
The Ladies of Guelph and surrounding country are cordially invited to visit the Fashionable West End.
A. O. BUCHAM,
Fashionable West End Dress, Millinery and Mantle Establishment
Guelph, Sept. 4, 1873. dwv

New Clothing Store.
THE ELEPHANT ARRIVES
On Wednesday, Sept. 3rd.
C. E. PEIRCE & CO.
Have great pleasure in stating that they have secured those splendid premises at present occupied by Hepburn & Co., and will open them about the 3rd of September with an entirely new stock of

READY-MADE CLOTHING
and Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods.
These Goods will be offered at such prices as will make them be sold.
Mechanics and Farmers, wait for the New Store—You will save Money.
Further particulars in a few days.
C. E. PEIRCE & CO.
GUELPH, Aug. 1873. dw

Another Lot of
CHOICE
Bacon and Hams
ARRIVED TO-DAY
J. E. McELDERRY
2 DAY'S BLOCK.
THE NOTED TEA HOUSE.

The First New Goods
OF THE SEASON.
OPENING TO-DAY
AT THE LION!
29 CASES!
DIRECT FROM BRITAIN,
By the steamer PHOENICIAN, of the Allan Line, from Liverpool to Montreal.
CHANCE & WILLIAMSON.
Guelph, Aug. 18, 1873. dw

TOWN OF GUELPH.
Debentures for Sale.

Offers will be received by the Treasurer of the Town of Guelph,
Up to Monday, 15th Sept., 1873
For the purchase of the following debentures to be issued under authority of By-Law No. 256, a copy of which will be furnished to any one requiring the same, said offers to be endorsed "Offers for Debentures." Interest, 6 per cent, payable by coupons, 30th June, and 31st December, in each year.
\$ 500 redeemable 31st December, 1874
\$ 600 " " " 1875
\$ 600 " " " 1876
\$ 700 " " " 1877
\$ 700 " " " 1878
\$ 700 " " " 1879
\$ 800 " " " 1880
\$ 800 " " " 1881
\$ 900 " " " 1882
\$ 900 " " " 1883
\$ 1000 " " " 1884
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\$ 1100 " " " 1886
\$ 1100 " " " 1887
\$ 1200 " " " 1888
\$ 1200 " " " 1889
\$ 1300 " " " 1890
\$ 1300 " " " 1891
\$ 1400 " " " 1892
\$ 1500 " " " 1893
\$ 1600 " " " 1894
JOHN HARVEY, Treasurer.
Guelph, Sept. 1st, 1873. dw

GREAT
CLEARING SALE
OF
Books, Stationery, Wall Paper, Pictures, Frames, Fancy Goods, etc.

PASHLEY'S
BOOKSTORE,
Day's Block.
Call early as the sale will only be continued for a limited time, closing on or before the 20th inst.

SCHOOL BOOKS,
—AT—
DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

ALL THE
Readers, Algebras, Geometries, Arithmetics, Grammars.

Books on Philosophy, Books on Drawing, Books on Agriculture, Books on Mechanics, Books on Botany, Books on Grammar, Books on French.
Splendid value in Drawing Books.

Day's 5c. Copy Book
THE BEST VALUE IN TOWN.
Day's stock is LARGE, and his prices are LOW.

PETRIE'S
DRUG STORE
No. 1 COAL OIL.

If you want to get the best White Coal Oil leave your orders at orders at Petrie's Drug Store. Oil sent to any part of the town.

Dye Stuffs, Dye Stuffs!
A very large stock of carefully selected Dye Stuffs just received.
All colors guaranteed.

OIL, OIL, OIL.
Threshing Machine Oil—a very superior quality kept constantly on hand.
Give it a trial.

PAINTS AND OILS
A large stock will be sold very low.
Leeches, Leeches!
Medical men and Others can always get Leeches of the best quality by sending them to Petrie's Drug Store.

Orders by mail or telegraph promptly attended to.
Remember the place,
Petrie's New Drug Store
Nearly opposite the old store.

YOUNG LADIES SCHOOL.
MRS. WINSTANLEY
Intends re-opening her school for Young Ladies on Monday, 1st September, in Brownlow's Buildings, Douglas street. Terms on application at Mrs. Winstanley's Fancy Store, Upper Wyndham-st., Guelph, August 14th, 1873. dwm