

MAIL FROM GUELPH TO ERIN.

A petition to the Postmaster General has been drafted, praying for the establishment of a new mail route between Guelph and Erin Village. The memorial has already been signed by a number of the inhabitants of Guelph, Eramosa, Erin township and Erin Village. It sets forth the disadvantages under which many of the people east of Guelph labor by the Erin mail being sent by rail to Georgetown, and thence by stage. At present if a letter is despatched from Guelph to Erin the reply cannot be received on that day, or even within business hours on the next, and the reasonable desire to remedy this inconvenience, together with other considerations of what would conduce to the public weal have prompted the petition to which we refer. The gravel road to Erin has been completed, and while all the principal villages to the north have direct stage communication with the county town we can conceive no argument which could with any show of justice be advanced to exclude Erin from a similar privilege. There is just as much necessity for a line of stages between Guelph and Erin as there is for one between Guelph and any other place that can be mentioned. Public convenience demands the arrangement, and public requirements will show the wisdom of a reply favorable to the request. But there is yet another consideration. As the mails are sent at present, the post offices at Speedside and Ostic are supplied from Fergus, and any person who knows the geography of that portion of the country will readily coincide in the opinion that these offices could be much easier and more cheaply supplied from Eramosa. The same may be said with regard to other offices to the north of the gravel road, which could with greatly improved facilities receive their mail matter from either Brisbane or Erin. We have every reason to believe that should the Postmaster General accede to the request of the memorial, while he would thus give cause for the gratitude of the travelling public, he would also lay very many under obligation by giving them a more direct and speedy mail communication with Guelph, and consequently with the whole outside world. We hope to see the direct mail route established, and no portion of our community denied privileges which others possess without any paramount claim to entitle them to enjoyment.

The Wrongs of Ireland.

The London Daily News, taking up the observations of the Opposition leader on the Irish question, feels that every motive concurs to urge it to the course which Mr. Gladstone recommends, of proceeding at once to remove those grievances in Ireland which are confirmed and palpable, and of inquiring with anxious care into those which are more obscure or complicated. It is a duty which should not for a moment be interrupted, but rather be hastened, by the present necessity for inflicting exemplary punishment upon those who do not make open war upon men, but who slaughter women and children by stealth. We have to enforce justice, but we have also to do justice. We have not only to repress crime, but to remove the causes which provoke crime. The feeling which would defer this inquiry because of the horrible events of the moment is one which, however it may be worked by the organs of an interested party, the nation will disclaim. We are too strong to be either cruel or unjust. Let us hope that we shall show ourselves too noble to be driven from what is right by the excesses of those who are the unworthy avengers of wrong. Let us prove how much worthier freedom is than despotism, by letting the world see that we can confess and amend our own errors even while we bleed from the savage assaults of those whose perverted imaginations have been wrought to frenzy by the consequences of our misgovernment.

THE LATE ARCHDUKE MAXIMILIAN.—Some people evidently love sensation, and the New York correspondent of the Waterford Mail is one of them. In a letter dated Dec. 3, he gives the following piece of intelligence, which, to say the least of it, is very improbable.—Admiral Tegethoff, of the Austrian navy, is now en route for home, with what he believes to be the body of the unfortunate Maximilian. My connection with the Mexican agents in this country forbids my entering into minutiae, but I can assert that the remains which will be honored by Austria are not those of the ill-fated scion of the house of Hapsburg, but of Hamero, a noted bandit and guerilla, who in life was not unlike poor Maximilian. The latter is pining in an obscure dungeon in Queretaro, fed with felon's food, and awaiting the welcome arrival of death. The night before his supposed execution, Juarez, uncertain of his own success in seeking the President's aid, and perhaps unwilling to imbue his hands in royal blood, had the noble captive conveyed by stealth to a secret den, and substituted in his stead the ruffian who had not succeeded.

WELLINGTON GREY AND BRUCE RAILWAY.

RESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT.

On Tuesday night a meeting of the Directors of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway Company was held at the Board of Trade Rooms, Hamilton. After the minutes of the meeting were read, the Secretary read a letter from the President, Adam Brown Esq., resigning the Presidency of the Company, whereupon the following resolution was passed unanimously:— "Moved by Mr. James Turner, seconded by Mr. James Wilson, That this Board desires to express its deep sympathy with the President, Adam Brown Esq., in the misfortune which has befallen the firm with which he is connected, but having an unshaken confidence in him, and in view of his efforts in behalf of the Company, it respectfully requests him to withdraw his resignation of the office of President. Carried unanimously."

The mover and seconder, and other members of the Board, expressed strongly their regret at the untoward circumstances which led to the resignation, their lively sense of the services rendered to the enterprise by Mr. Brown, their unqualified confidence in him, and their conviction that no effort should be spared to induce him to continue in the position which he has filled with so much advantage to the undertaking; and a deputation was appointed, consisting of Messrs. James Turner, James Wilson and J. M. Fraser, to wait upon him with the above resolution, and urge him to withdraw his resignation.

The Spectator in commenting on the above says:—The Board, in taking the action they have taken in this matter, have done themselves infinite credit. In the misfortune which has overtaken the firm of Brown Gillespie & Co., one of the most honorable and enterprising business firms in the Province of Ontario it must be a matter of satisfaction to them to know that not only is the deepest sympathy felt for them, but that the confidence which has always been entertained in their honour and integrity remains unshaken. And it must especially be a source of consolation to Mr. Brown, in this moment of great trouble, to find himself sustained by those with whom he had been associated in a great public enterprise, and who had ample opportunities of learning and appreciating sterling worth of character.

DECLINE OF AMERICAN SHIPPING INTERESTS.—In the course of 1867 there entered the port of New York 678 steamers and about 4,000 other vessels. Of these 2,111 sailed under British colours, and 1,804 under the stars. It is curious to note that only 40 vessels in the course of the year came to such a place as New York under the French flag, and of all these were steamers except 12. Even Italy had more; and so had Norway and Prussia and Denmark, to say nothing of such places as Bremen and Hamburg, which had respectively 180 and 96. It may be further noted as curious that in the month of December last 7,669 emigrants arrived in New York from Europe, who were brought in twenty-five steamships. Seventeen of these bore the British flag, six that of Bremen, and only two that of the United States.

REFORM IN JAPAN.—The new year, which we have just entered, bids fair to become of more than ordinary importance in the history of the East Asiatic countries. In Japan, the whole form of government is to be altered. The peculiar position of the Tycoon, it seems, will be abolished, and the Mikado will henceforth leave his hermitic isolation and personally take notice, not only of ecclesiastical, but of mundane affairs. A Council of Daimios will assist him in the administration of the country. Two new ports will be opened on the first of January, two others on the first of April; among these four are the two most important cities of the Empire—Yedo and Osaka. In China, the time has arrived when the celebrated treaty of 1858, from which dates the intercommunication between the Christian nations and the Chinese Government, will have to be revised.

SKATORIAL.—A trial of skating endurance is the latest order of sensation. On Saturday last, at Detroit, Chas. Gekford completed the task of skating sixty consecutive hours, without sleep or rest, thereby winning a wager of \$500. He commenced on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, and kept in continual motion, with the exception of twelve minutes in each twelve hours, until 10 o'clock on Saturday night. His gait was slow, and he moved with as little exertion as possible, sometimes sitting, at others sleeping and resting himself by varying his gait. On Saturday afternoon he became so weak that it was necessary to put up blankets to prevent the wind blowing him over. About 9 o'clock his senses were fast failing and he nearly fell. Some stimulant was given him when he threw off his coat and darted away like a wild man and he had to be caught and held until his momentary delirium passed. He soon cooled down and resumed his old gait, which he kept up until time was called, when he dropped insensible on the ice.

The Nova Scotians are complaining bitterly of the pressure of the Dominion tariff upon them, ignoring the fact that even if they had not come in under the Confederation, the necessities of their own revenue would have compelled them to a higher rate of customs duty than that to which they have been accustomed. The N. Y. Post makes fun of their fury, and asks them how they would like to be under the American tariff? Indeed, says the Post, "if the Canadians desire to annex the United States, they have only to circulate here copies of this tariff, over which the Nova Scotians are writhing."

FREE CATTLE.—The Customs Department publishes the following department orders:—That horses, hogs, cattle, sheep, pigs, and other animals, poultry and fowls, and, when specially imported for the improvement of stock in Canada, whether by Agricultural Societies, or private individuals, shall, until otherwise provided, be free of duty.

New Advertisements.

CARD!

The subscriber begs leave to return his sincere thanks to his numerous friends in Guelph and the surrounding country for their kind patronage to his Hardware Store in the ALMA BLOCK for many years past.

The whole of the Alma Block, and a large portion of his Hardware Stock, having been destroyed by fire, he is now desirous to be moved to the Store corner of Wyndham and Cork Streets, near the Gore Bank, but in future it will be carried on by Messrs. JOHN M. BOND & CO., who succeed him as Hardware Merchants in Guelph, and for whom he respectfully asks a continuance of that generous support which has been so liberally given by his kind patrons.

HENRY MULHOLLAND. Guelph, 8th January, 1868.

REFERRING to the above, the subscribers beg to state that they have taken the Store corner of Wyndham and Cork Streets, near the Gore Bank, where they will continue the business heretofore carried on by Mr. MULHOLLAND as Iron, Coal and Hardware Merchants. The Iron and Coal Yard will be, as usual, at the Alma Block.

They expect in the course of a week to receive a new and complete Stock of Hardware to replace that destroyed by fire, and hope to receive a continuance of the public favor.

JOHN M. BOND & CO. Guelph, 8th January, 1868.

TUBE PAINTS!

A FULL ASSORTMENT OF ARTISTS' COLOURS,

In Tubes, kept constantly on hand.

At Apothecaries' Hall!

ALEX. S. PETRIE, Chemist and Druggist. Guelph, 7th Jan., 1868.

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TWO GALLONS PURE WHITE COAL OIL

For 25 Cts.

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Fifteen cts. per Gallon

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ALEX. S. PETRIE, Chemist, Market Square. Guelph, Jan. 7, 1868.

SATURDAY EVENING POST.

WASHINGTON AT MOUNT VERNON.

THE Saturday Evening Post gives a beautiful Steel Engraving "Washington at Mount Vernon"—30 inches long by 21 inches wide—to every full (\$2.50) subscriber, and to every one sending a club.

The following original novelties are already on hand for 1868:—"The Death Shadow of the Poplars," by Mrs. Margaret Hosmer, author of "The Morrions," &c.;—"Trying the World," by Amanda B. Douglas, author of "In Trust," &c.;—"St. George and the Dragon," by Elizabeth Prescott, author of "How a Woman had her Way," &c.

We also give the very best Stories, &c. from the English Magazine, with Essays, Sketches, Letters, Agricultural Articles, News of the Week.

THE POST is neutral in politics, being exclusively devoted to literature, and does not discuss political or sectarian questions, leaving these to the political and religious press. It offers among its premiums a great variety of choice publications, including the following:—Gilt-edged Tea Sets, Spoons and Fishers, Gold and Silver Watches, Double Barrel Guns, Croquet, Olden Weapons, &c. A SPECTACULAR OFFER.—As we have been very popular and interesting story called "One of the Family," in the Post of November 22nd, we will send all new subscribers the papers back to that date, until our extra edition is exhausted. These six papers will of course be in addition to the regular numbers for 1868, and no charge will be made for them.

AGENTS WANTED

IN EVERY COUNTY FOR THE LIFE OF JEFFERSON DAVIS

BY FRANK H. ALFRIEND, of Richmond, Va., formerly Editor of the "Southern Literary Messenger," and well known both during and after the war, from his connection with the Richmond press. This is a full, complete and authentic history of the life and services of the great Southern leader. It is a new and original work, and sheds a flood of light upon many important subjects connected with the late war, which have never been understood—or, at best, imperfectly so—because the facts necessary for their lucidation have remained inaccessible to all previous writers. Mr. Alfrend has assembled and carefully arranged in the preparation of this volume, as will be apparent to all on examination. It will every year be looked for with eager interest, and certainly to prove one of the most rapidly selling books ever published. For circulars giving full particulars, terms,

CHURCH DEDICATION.

THE OPENING SERVICES OF THE

New Congregational Church!

In the Town of Guelph, will (D V) be held on

Wednesday 15th of January

REV. H. WILKES, D. D.

of Montreal, will preach in the morning at 11 o'clock. Service in the evening to commence at 7 p.m. Collections in aid of the Building Fund will be taken at both services. There will be a Collation in the Lecture Room on the same day, from 1 to 2 p.m.

TEA MEETING

On the following

Tuesday Evening, 21st Jan.

a Tea Meeting will be held in the Church, of which further notice will be given. Guelph, 8th January, 1868. dw1

SPECIAL NOTICE.

CANADIAN

National Series of Reading Books,

Authorized by the Council of Public Instruction for Ontario,

NOW READY FOR DELIVERY.

PRICES: First Book, with 31 illustrations, strongly bound in limp cloth—five cents. First Book, 2nd Part, 54 illustrations, strongly bound in limp cloth—ten cents. Second Book, 56 illustrations, strongly bound in cloth boards—twenty cents. Third Book, 41 illustrations, strongly bound in cloth boards—thirty cents. Fourth Book, 45 illustrations, strongly bound in cloth boards—forty cents. Fifth Book, 50 illustrations, strongly bound in cloth boards—fifty cents. Stockkeepers supplied at the lowest Toronto wholesale price for cash only.

T. J. DAY, Opposite the Market, Guelph. Guelph, 8th January, 1868. dw

SPECIAL MEETING

of the Members of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the Co. of Wellington.

At the request of D. Guthrie, Esq., and other members by requisition presented to the President of the Company, a special meeting of the members will be held in the Anglo-American Hotel, Guelph, on

WEDNESDAY, 15th INST.,

at 1 o'clock, p.m., to take into consideration the loss sustained by Messrs. James Masie & Co., at the late fire in the Alma Block, Guelph.

By order of the President.

CHAS. DAVIDSON, Sec. & Treas. Guelph, 4th January, 1868. dwid

News Record, Fergus; Times, Elora; Chronicle, Waterloo; Telegraph, Berlin; Farmers' Friend, Preston, and Volksblatt, New Hamburg, copy in weekly till date, and send in account.

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Goods as cheap, if not cheaper, than any other house in the trade.

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SMITH & BOTSFORD,

THEIR WINTER STOCK AT COST.

Call and see their prices, and be convinced that this is no humbug. ONLY ONE PRICE.

SMITH & BOTSFORD, Guelph, 4th January, 1868.

Sign of the Elephant, opposite the Market.

Being desirous to sustain the high reputation which they have acquired during the last ten years, for their being the Cheapest Dry Goods Store in Guelph, are now prepared TO SELL THE BALANCE OF THEIR STOCK AT NETT COST! AND IN MANY INSTANCES UNDER COST! FRASER & HENDERSON will not, and shall not be undersold by any, no matter what their pretensions may be, and when they advertise a CHEAP SALE they mean it. Goods will be marked in plain figures, and sold for cash only. NO SECOND PRICE. P.S.—Parties indebted to the firm will please pay up before the FIRST OF FEBRUARY. FRASER & HENDERSON.

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THE GREAT CLEARING SALE AT THE

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WILL CONTINUE FOR THREE WEEKS LONGER, so as to clear out the balance of the Stock of

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Which will be sold at COST and UNDER for CASH ONLY.

Parties indebted to me must settle up their accounts immediately, or they will be put in Court for collection.

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The very best of Liquors, and choicest Cigars will always be kept.

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The very Best of Oysters

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TOM and JERRY, and all kinds of Fancy Drinks prepared in the most approved manner.

Guelph, 27th December, 1867. dw6m

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