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MUSKOVIC & WRIGHT, Toronto, 6th Dec. 1867. dw

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Guelph, 4th December, 1867. dw

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.

MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 30.

It Gives Satisfaction, does that excellent Tea sold for 62 1/2c. per lb. by JAS. MURPHY, No. 1, Upper Wyndham-st., Guelph.

DRAMATIC.—The Brampton Dramatic Club appear upon the boards for the first time this evening, in two farces, the one entitled "Slasher and Crasher," and the other "Box and Cox." They intend to devote the proceeds to charitable purposes.

The already famous Sun Burner can only be had at Mr. Horsman's, and the better to accommodate those who wish to get it, his store will remain open each evening until 7, and on Saturday till 9.

A BIG FIGHT.—A row occurred in Brantford on the evening of Christmas day, between a number of civilians and ten or twelve of the 69th Regiment, and for a short time the engagement was most severe. The termination of the affair saw several of both parties ready to be carried home on stretchers.

Goderich Salt is only to be had at John A. Wood's.

FEARFUL SLAUGHTER OF FOWL.—On the night of Wednesday of last week a wild cat entered the outhouses of Mr. Joseph Lambrecht, Lot 32, 15th con, of Elma, and destroyed forty fowl. The animal was caught in the act and destroyed.

All who appreciate the benefit of a clear, bright light, should call at Mr. Horsman's and get the grand new Sun Burner and Chimney at 33 1/2c., and some of his pure White Coal Oil at 15c. Store open till 7 p. m.

A meeting of the brewers of the Western towns is called at the Commercial Hotel, Galt, on Monday next, for the purpose of establishing a uniform price for malt beverages, on invitation of the brewers of the counties of Wellington and Waterloo.

Scotch Whiskey, Malt Whiskey, Old Rye Whiskey, Cobourg Whiskey, at John A. Wood's.

PITIFUL.—Some person who allowed his love of conviviality to get the better of his prudence on Christmas day, and who signs himself "Leather Strap," has written to the London Advertiser to complain of his wife for thrashing him when he went home jolly. Poor man, his case is bad enough, but it might be worse, were he not blessed with a prompt and energetic help-meet.

The best brands of Smoking and Chewing Tobacco are kept at Geo. Wilkinson's.

AN ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY FRUSTRATED.—They are in the habit of committing highway robbery about London the Lees, or at least of attempting to commit it. A Mr. Brown was going home on Thursday night last, when some fellow met him on the commons, and after asking him what o'clock it was, collared him and demanded his money. Mr. Brown planted a "stinger" upon the would-be robber's left eye, that stretched him on the ground, and then after nearly cooking him to death, he headed the appeal for mercy that was gurgled out, and left him

NEW BOOKS.

ATLANTIC MONTHLY.—The January number of this excellent periodical has been received. It contains the first instalment of Charles Dickens' new story, written expressly for it, and entitled "George Silverman's Explanation," besides the following—The Wife; Flotsam and Jetsam, Part I; Pittsburg; Doctor Molk's friends; The Combat of Diomed and Mars; Our Second Girl; Old port Wharves; The Late President Wayland; By-Ways of Europe; and Aspects of Culture; In the Twilight; Mrs. Johnson; Hawshore in the Boston Custom House; The Old Masters in the Louvre, and Modern Art; Reviews and Literary Notices. For sale at the bookstores.

OUR YOUNG FOLK.—We have received from the publishers, Messrs. Ticknor & Fields, Boston, the January number of this popular magazine. In addition to its usual attraction it contains an excellent engraving of Dickens, and Part I. of a Holiday Romance from the pen of the great novelist, admirably adapted to the intellectual capacities of juvenile readers. The remaining contents are varied, able and interesting. For sale at the bookstores.

THE BROTHERS' EVE.—This is the title of a new novel issued by the Harpers, and which forms one of their select series. The author is Carlen, who has already contributed to the entertainment of lovers of romance by several first class works. The book is interesting, and the moral instructive. For sale at Day's Bookstore.

LONDON SOCIETY.—The December number of this clever Magazine has been received from Messrs. Chubb & Co., of Toronto. It contains first-class literature and many apt and well executed illustrations. That Memorable Night; Corners in Cornwall; why he changed his rooms; the Piccadilly Papers; Victims and their Victimizers; Marie; Playing for High Stakes; the Last Hour; Thumb nail Studies in London Streets; the Serenade; and a Big side at Rugby, constitute its contents, and there is not a single rapid article among them. The magazine is for sale at Day's bookstore.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE.—The January No. of this magy magazine has been received from Messrs. Tunis & Co., Clifton. No other periodical presents so much matter to its readers, nor varies so much the character of its contents. There are many very interesting articles and tales in this number, and the Drawer has still the same inexhaustible fund of amusement. For sale at Day's bookstore.

A LARGE HOG.—Mr. John Easterbrook, of Nassaugweya, lately killed a hog which was nine months and one week old, and weighed 315 lbs.

To accommodate his customers, Mr. Horsman will in future keep his establishment open till seven o'clock each evening, and on Saturday until 9.

OFFICE SEEKERS.—The St. Catharines Journal replies to various communications from parties looking for government offices, who have requested its assistance in attaining the object aimed at. It looks upon the man who loses his time and money in search of an office as engaged in the most thankless, most humiliating, and worst paying business in the country, and thinks that a more melancholy sight than that of a number of abled-bodied, well-informed men scrambling, manœuvring, twisting and turning to get an offices under Government, can scarcely be imagined.

One of Mr. Horsman's new style Vase Lamps, with the celebrated Sun Burner, makes a handsome gift for New Year's. To accommodate the public, his store will be kept open each evening till seven o'clock, and on Saturdays until nine.

SUICIDE.—The Milton Champion says: A few days ago a harmless old man named Francis Whitburn, but better known in Milton and neighborhood as "old Frank," committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. An inquest was held on the body, but we have not learned the nature of the verdict. We have no doubt that the rash act was committed during mental aberration, as he was subjected to fits of melancholy. He was married about a year ago, and had lately left Milton for Omagh.

Nearly all gone are those large lots of Poultry. The reason why, J. MURPHY sells them cheaper than any farmer can raise them. A fresh supply in time for Christmas and New Year's at No. 1, Upper Wyndham-st., Guelph.

FIRST APPEARANCE.—We would remind our readers of the first appearance to-night of the Guelph Amateur Dramatic Club in the Town Hall. "The Charcoal Burner" is an entertaining comedy, and from what we hear of the rehearsals of the Club we doubt not that they will do full justice to every character in the play. They have studied hard to avoid the necessity of prompting, and they are now working equally hard to complete their arrangement, and to have the Hall as well fitted up as possible. Some of the members of the club, we understand, play in a style seldom equalled, except by professionals, and as amateurs all are above mediocrity. We hope to see proof in the fullness of the house that their time and labour have not been spent in vain, and that their talents are not unappreciated. Give them at least one good hearing, and if they do not prove themselves worthy, they cannot expect the same generosity again.

Mr. Horsman's sale of Lamps, Oil, Chimneys, Wicks, &c., is so great that he finds it necessary to keep open his store each evening till 7, and on Saturday till 9.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

At two o'clock on Saturday afternoon, the Legislature of Ontario was formally opened by the Speech from the Throne. Outside the House, there were pretty much the same demonstrations as on the previous day. Crowds of persons thronged the space in front of the building and cheered heartily on the arrival and departure of Lieut.-Gov. Stisted. Cannon thundered the Vice-regal salute, and at the entrance to the Legislative Chamber were the usual guards of honor and military bands. Inside the building, the scene was very gay and animated from an early hour in the afternoon. The number of ladies in full dress invading the body of the House, was so large that the seats devoted to the accommodation of the privileged, were found altogether insufficient, and very many of the seats of the members were given up to the ladies. This was a decided improvement so far as general appearance went; and very much enlivened the Chamber for the time being. The ladies were magnificently attired. In this respect the scene on Saturday was not a whit behind that which marked the opening of the House of Commons at Ottawa.

When the Lieutenant-General had entered the House and taken his seat, the Speaker rose, and addressing His Excellency, said:—Your Excellency, the Legislative Assembly have elected me as their Speaker—though ill-able to perform the duties assigned to that office. And if in the performance of those duties I should at any time fall into error, I pray your Excellency that the fault may be imputed to me and not the House of Assembly—whose servant I am. And the better to enable them to discharge their duties to their Queen and country, they desire through me to humbly pray your Excellency that all their undoubted rights and privileges—especially those of freedom of speech and access to your Excellency's person at all reasonable times, and that their proceedings as well as my words and actions should receive from your Excellency the most favourable consideration.

Hon. M. C. Cameron read the following, in reply:—Mr. Speaker, I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he has the fullest confidence in the attachment of the Legislative Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, he grants and upon all occasions will recognize and allow their constitutional privileges; and I am commanded also to assure you that the members of the Assembly shall have ready access to His Excellency upon all reasonable occasions, and their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable consideration.

His Excellency then delivered the Speech from the Throne, which was as follows:—

SPEECH.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—In accordance with the provisions of a Statute of the Imperial Parliament for the Federal Union of the British North American Provinces, and for the erection of separate Local Governments in the Province of Ontario and Quebec, I have been appointed, in the name of Her Majesty the Queen, to open the first session of the Legislature of Ontario. I rejoice at the opportunity which has been thus afforded me, of welcoming the representatives of the people in this city, so long known as the Capital of Upper Canada.

This day is the commencement of a new and important era in our political annals. We are met together under the authority of the British Crown, to enter upon a more extended application than we have hitherto enjoyed of the principle of local self-government. For years past it has been the aim and effort of Upper Canada to secure a more direct and unlimited control over her own local affairs than was attainable whilst in Legislative alliance with another Province. Sensible of the many advantages which have accrued to both sections from this Union, since its accomplishment in the year 1841, the people of Western Canada have, nevertheless, desired a wider and more elastic governmental system, which, while it should strengthen and consolidate British Dominion on this continent, should also afford larger opportunities for their own particular growth and expansion. This object we have now obtained through the beneficent interposition of the mother country.

The provision for the future Government of this Province is, in one respect, peculiar and exceptional. It confers upon you, gentlemen, the exclusive privilege of framing laws in relation to matters within your jurisdiction, unaided and unchecked by the supervisory control of another Chamber. It remains for you to justify by your wisdom, moderation and forethought the confidence so freely reposed in you by the Imperial Government.

You begin your Legislative labors with resources, at your disposal, large enough to justify the hope that they will prove adequate not only for the actual requirements of Government, but also to satisfy the wants of this rapidly improving country.

It will devolve upon you to consider the best and most appropriate means of husbanding, as far as possible, the public wealth. I would earnestly press upon your attention the expediency of encouraging immigration and the occupation of our public lands, by affording to the working classes of Europe and to the young men of our own Province additional inducements to settle and remain amongst us. The enactment of a liberal Homestead Law, with a free grant of land to bona fide settlers, would, I apprehend, prove of incalculable advantage in adding to the number and quality of our resident population.

I am authorized to inform you that arrangements are in progress for the speedy appointment of Arbitrators for the division and adjustment of the debts, credits, liabilities, properties and assets of the late Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada under the 142nd section of the British North American Act. When these gentlemen shall have completed their labours, a copy of their Report shall be laid before you.

The expenses hitherto attending the establishment of a Local Government in this Province have been necessarily incurred upon the sole responsibility of the

pointed therein, but I have directed detailed accounts of all such expenditure to be submitted to you for your approval and sanction. I have also caused estimates of the anticipated revenue and expenditure for the ensuing year to be prepared, which I commend to your careful attention, relying upon your readiness to make suitable provision for the exigencies of the public service within that period.

In carrying out the special objects for which you have been constituted as a Legislative body, you will also be required to bestow your most serious consideration upon such applications as may be made to you for the incorporation of companies for Provincial purposes, or for the promotion of local works and undertakings. And it must be your endeavor, whilst affording due encouragement to individual enterprise, to protect the interests of the public at large from the consequences of rash or ill-advised speculations.

In the fulfilment of these onerous and responsible duties, I have the utmost confidence in your zeal and fidelity to the trust committed to you by the Constitution, and in your loyalty and attachment to the person and Government of Our Gracious Sovereign. But I would beseech you always to remember, that whilst your immediate functions are limited to matters of local concern, you form the most prominent and populous portion of a new-born Dominion, which, I venture to hope, will ere long extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and be the home of a vast multitude of thriving and contented subjects of the British Crown. Your own position in this new Confederacy, weighty and influential as it now is, will hereafter become relatively of increasing magnitude according to the degree of prudence, sagacity and forethought you may evince in the management of the important interests entrusted to your care.

May the blessing of Almighty God accompany your deliberations, and make power to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by the House, and shall report from time to time their observations thereon.

Mr. McKellar called attention to the omission of the Committee on Contingencies, and asked whether it was the intention of Ministers to dispense with it. He spoke of the duties devolving upon it, under the old regime, and testified to its importance and usefulness, and to the efforts it had made at various times to reduce the expenses of the Legislature. He urged that it was by means of this committee that the House preserved the necessary control of its expenses, and oversight of the appointments of its officers, their numbers, duties, and salaries.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald defended the proposition of the Government, on the ground that the whole expenses should be under the control of the Government, which should be responsible for the expenditure of all public moneys; and that this responsibility should not be shifted from the Ministry to the shoulders of an irresponsible committee. The Speaker and the Government would manage all the matters formerly delegated to the Contingencies Committee, and assume the responsibility for them jointly.

Sir Henry Smith approved of the Government plan. Mr. Blake was in favor of appointing the Committee. Mr. Ferguson and Mr. McMurrich also spoke in the same strain but after a few words from the Attorney General, the motion was put and carried without a division.

It was then agreed that the debate on the Address should begin at ten o'clock on Monday forenoon.

The Attorney-General informed the House that the postage on the correspondence of members would be paid out of the Provincial exchequer, the franking of letters by members securing the payment of the postage, which would be charged by the Postal department of the Province of Ontario. The House was also informed that the public printing for the present session would be given out by tender to the lowest bidder, and that the Government intended to propose a measure on the subject, which would be submitted to the House for its approval.

The House then adjourned.

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All who wish to get supplied with Mr. Horsman's splendid White Coal Oil at 15c., or with Lamps, Chimneys, Wicks, &c., have now an opportunity of doing so, as he keeps his Store open till 7 o'clock, and on Saturdays till 9 o'clock.

It is stated that a German has recently invented a telescope or magnifying glass, by means of which the most intricate nerves and vessels inside of the body may be seen from the outside. If this be true the invention will be of incalculable benefit to mankind.

Base Pale Ale and Guinness' Dublin Porter in pints and quarts at Geo. Wilkinson's.

ANOTHER STEP FORWARD BY AUSTRIA.—Austria, in the passage of the bill by the Reichsrath for the emancipation of the Jews, has taken another important step forward in the great work of dismembering herself of the shameful

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

Southampton, Dec. 29, evening.—The steamer Bourrasia, from New York, 24th, arrived.

Paris, Dec. 29.—Bourse heavy; circulation of all kinds weak, and Renten declining.

London, Dec. 29th.—The London Observer says: No new or extraordinary measures will now be asked of Parliament by the Government for the suppression of Fenian plots or disturbances. It is expected that owing to the prostration of commerce and trade during past quarter of the year, the January return will show a serious decline in the amount of the receipts from revenue during that period in the United Kingdom.

A number of eminent Russian statesmen and diplomats have met in St. Petersburg, and are holding a conference on the Eastern question.

Despatches from Italy represent that there is much political agitation in Northern and Southern Italy, in Naples and in the cities of Piedmont. The excitement is dangerous, and fears are entertained that it may culminate in risings against the authority of the government.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The Government offers to pay the interest on those Italian bonds which represent the old debt of the Pontifical States annexed to the Kingdom of Italy. The Italian Parliament recently refused, by a decisive vote, to pay the coupons on those bonds.

London, Dec. 28.—The Fenians seem to be unusually active all over the country. Nearly every hour in the day despatches are received by the authorities announcing either a contemplated movement by the brotherhood, or its absolute occurrence.

Telegrams of quite a serious nature have been received to-day from Cork, giving the details of another Fenian coup-d'état. Last night, about midnight, a large body of men with blackened faces, stormed the Martello tower near Cork.—The guard of the tower was overpowered and scattered, and the victors hastily collected together a considerable quantity of arms and ammunition and escaped with it without molestation.

The late operations of the Fenians have had the effect of rekindling the public excitement, which had nearly died out. Many improbable rumors are afloat, including one that a Fenian cruiser had been seen off the Irish coast, and was chased away by British war vessels.

A man was arrested in this city last evening on the charge of having fired the fuse which caused the recent explosion at Clerkenwell. From information in the hands of the authorities it is believed that the true culprit has at last been captured.

Madrid, Dec. 28.—The steamer in command of Admiral Theothoff of the Austrian navy, having on board the remains of the late Archduke Maximilian, arrived at Cadix yesterday. The session of the Cortes commenced yesterday. In the usual speech from the throne, Queen Isabella pledged the support of the nation to his Holiness the Pope, for the preservation of the temporal power.

London, Dec. 28.—Another Fenian outrage was perpetrated to-day at Dublin. An effort was made to fire the General Postoffice by means of Greek fire. The attempt was happily frustrated. Beyond the destruction of a few letters no great damage was done. A large powder mill at Feversham, about 50 miles from here, was blown up and utterly destroyed this afternoon. Ten persons were killed outright and a large number injured. The cause of explosion is unknown.

American Despatches.

Hartford, Dec. 29th.—The Russian government has made a contract with the Colt Fire Arms Company of this city for the manufacture of 30,000 Verdun rifles, the contract to be filled in 15 months. One hundred revolving cannon have also been ordered by the Prussian government.

New York, Dec. 30.—The Tribune's special says:—Notwithstanding the abrupt termination of the correspondence between Secretary Seward and Lord Stanley on the Alabama claims, it is understood that the new English Minister, Mr. Thornton, has been empowered with full authority to re-open the question, with a view to effecting if possible, an easy and amicable adjustment of the difficulty.

Boston, Dec. 29.—Some half dozen prominent Republicans in the town of Wrentham have had a verdict rendered against them for riding two men on a rail the day after the assassination of President Lincoln. They defended their course on the ground that one said he was glad the President was dead, and the other burned him in effigy. Several women were engaged in rail-riding the parties, but no action has yet been brought against them.

Municipal Nominations.

Orangeville.—On Monday, the 23rd inst Mr. T. Jull and Mr. M. McCarty were nominated for the Receptivity of Orangeville, and Messrs T. Jackson, J. Anderson, W. S. Hewat, S. H. McKittrick, and P. McNab for Councilors.

Esqueping.—The following candidates were nominated for the office of Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councilors for the township of Esqueping for the ensuing year: For Reeve, Messrs John McNaughton, Wm. Clay and James Lindsay. For Deputy Reeve, John McNaughton and J. Lindsay. For Councilors, Messrs Thos. Hume, Joseph Kirby, John Warren, Wm. McEnery and Robert S. Hall.

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