MONDAY EVNG, FEB. 9, 1874

Mr. McGowan on his Mettle. Mr. McGowan, the newly elected member for the North Riding, gave the Tories on Friday night a specimen of his independence which some of them will by no means relish. The chief question before the Legislature on that day was Mr. Mowat's bill respecting the incorporation of Benevolent, Provident, and other Societies. When the Bill came up Societies. When the Bill came up for the third reading, Mr. Merrick moved the aix months' hoist. A long debate followed, during which the Opposition did their best to inthe Opposition did their best to influence the House against the measure. Mr. M. C. Cameron went so far as to say that the course adopted by the Government in bringing in this bill was an affront to the Orangemen of the Province. Although the Opposition exerted all their influence to defeat the bill, the third reading was carried by a majority of 12 in a thin House, 24 voting for the six months' hoist, and 36 against. Mr. McGowan voted with the Government for the third reading. We are told that Messrs. Cameron and Lauder looked daggers at the youthful legislator when he recorded his vote, and immediately after walked him off to the smoking room, where no doubt they gave him a suitable lecture for daring to exercise his own judgment, and vote contrary to the wishes of his chiefs and the party with which he is associated. Mr. McGowan deserves credit for his independence, and his course on this question tends to show that he will not be the unthinking tool of the Tories. Meantime we commend his vote to the attention of the Orangemen in the Riding, especially those in Amaranth and Maryboro' who gave him such a large vote.

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#### The New Marriage Law.

A Government Bill is now before the Ontario Legislature in reference

The first clause provides that all marriages which have before the passing of the Act been celebrated in Uping of the Act been celebrated in Upper Canada, by any person legally authorized to marry, between persons not under any legal disqualification for matrimony, are declared to be lawful and valid so far as respects all matters within the jurisdiction of the Ontario Legislature, provided that the parties lived together as husband and wife, and that the validity of the marriage has not hitherto been questioned in any law suit. The effect of this will be to prevent vexatious actions being brought in the courts to declare a marriage invalid and the offspring of it illegitimate merely because there may have been some informality in the license, the banns, or the ceremony.

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In the case of marriage by banns, the new Act provides that it is only necessary for the parties to he called in church once, instead of three times, but one of the parties must have lived at least fifteen days in the municipality where the banns are published. This will tend to prevent clandesting marriages, as under the old act banns might be, and often were, published far away from the evidence of the intending man and wife, in a place where they were entirely unknown.

A certificate from the Provincial Secretary may be substituted for the present Governor's license; but before any certificate or heense is granted, one of the parties to the instended marriage shall personally make oath that he or she believes that there is no affinity, consanguinity, precontract, or other lawful or legal impediment to the marriage; and that one of the parties has for the preceding lifteen days had his or her usual place of abode within the municipality where the marriage is to be solemnized; and, in case either of them is under the age of twenty one, that the consent of the parent or guardian has been obtained. If there is no parent or guardian, an eath to this effect must be taken. It will be seen that the residence clause; comes in here again. The boad formerly required is abolished.

The other provisions of the Act are a reduction of the license fee to about \$2—an excellent change; and the relieving of the minister from liability in case of any legal impedi

THE HALTON BONUS TO THE H. &

N. W. RAILWAY.—The Milton Champion says that the people of that town are thoroughly united in favour of are thoroughly united in favour of granting a bonus of \$65,000 to the Hamilton and North-western Railway. At the meetings held in other parts of the County the proposal masets with great favour, and the promosters of the scheme have every confidence that the By-law will be carried by a large majority on the 13th.

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,
Governor-General's Secretary.
Guelph, Ont.
[Extract from a private letter from 13th.

Major Service, of Stratford, on

A petition has been filed against the return of Sir John A. Macdonald for Kingston. It is said the Conservatives of that city feel quite downhapted over it, as they did not expect a protest.

Lieut.-Col. Fletcher].

Major Service, of Stratford, on the did of the Militia Department, has inspected the drill shed in the did over th

Canadian Granges.

To the Editor of the Guelph Mencury.
Sin,—I see by the newspapers that an American "agent" has come to this country to organize "granges" amoung our farmers. Already one has been formed in the Township of Westminster, and it is understood that an effort is about to be made in the same direction all over this country.

Having attended several of the most important "Grange" meetings held in the State of Illinois during my brief sojourn in Chicago early in last year, I am able to speak "from the book" in regard to the movement, and beg respectfully to call your attention and the view of stating at least two serious objections to our having anything to do with it.

this is a circumstance of which those should make note who are tempted to go west in search of a farmer's paradise.

No doubt, in some instances, our rail the Ontario Legislature in reference to the solemnization of marriager. It makes the present law more strict in some respects, and relaxes it in others. ment-masers have put larger profits on their wares than would have paid them a fair percentage; but Canadian farming is not threatened with bankruptcy, like the farming of the Great West. There is none of the "oppression" which is none of the "oppression" which 'drives a wise man mad" here. We cannot complain that it takes three bushels of corn to carry one to market, nor are our farmers obliged to mortgage their lands to pay running expenses. We do not "farm at a dead loss." We have no occasion to organize an opposition to railroads, middle men, and implement-makers; and as this was and is the mfain end and aim of the "Grange" movement, it need not be imported to Canada.

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2. "Granges" organized here would be held in subordination to the "National Grange" of the United States, and would be expected to report proceedings and pay over a percentage of funds to it. Not estissed with coaxing away our young farmers to the Great West, our neighbors across the lines actually have the cool impudence to come over here, and propose to tax us to help lighten their self-imposed burdens, and increase the profits of their unremunerative farming! Let us by all means live in all friendship and good fellowship with our American courins; but as for getting up agricultural organizations that are to be in allegiance and subjection to theirs, the idea is monstrous, and any "agent," who comes here to propose such a thing deserves only to be scouted and hooted out of the country. We don't ask American farmers to submit to taxation for our benefit, and certainly we are not going to submit to it for theirs.

It is very desirable that our farmers should organize for mutual improvement, and for the advancement-of the interests connected with their important calling. The multiplication of Farmers' Clubs and the like cannot be too strongly commended, but as for "Granges,"—"not any, thank you."

Guelph, March 6, 1874.

are a reduction of the license fee to about \$2—an excellent change; and the relieving of the minister from liability in case of any legal impediment having existed, providing that was unaware of it.

Our usually well informed cotem porary the Free Press has made some ridiculous blunders in commenting on the Act. For instance, it says:—"It may be thought that facilities for clandestine marriages will be promoted under such an Act, for though the banne' are to be audibly published once, the residence of only one party to the marriage is necessary, and that only for afteen days. It is easy to see how such revenights of the vork.

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Worlds during the week; also T. J. Day and John Anderson, both large dealers, have each subscribed for a copy of the work. It is expected that several hundred orders will yet be taken in Guelph. We learn that agents in other places are having ine success with this work. Our readers will remember the opinion of our pastors in regard to be audibly published once, the residence of only one party to the marriage is mecasary, and that only for affects days.

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Now was our contemporary really unaware that there has hitherto been no stipulation as to residence at all? Or was the blunder a wilful one, made for political purposes?

The H.

BIRTHS.

integer—In Orillia, on the 20th uit, the wife of Mr. D. W. Nelson, carriage ma-ker, formerly of Guelph, of a son. rayroan—In Elora, on the 2nd inst., the wife of Mr. Wm. Stafford, of a son.

DIED.

Tost.—In Guelph, on the evening of the 7th inst, Ann, the beloved wife of Mr. Geo. Todd, gr., aged 7s years.

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