

The Centre Riding Imbroglio.

In the Centre Riding there is nothing but "confusion worse confounded." We exceedingly regret the untoward state of things there. From the first day that two Reform candidates were in the field for the Local Parliament, we entertained the hope that a satisfactory arrangement would be effected before it was too late, so that either one of the candidates, or both, should retire, leaving the clearest clear for one Reformer and one Conservative, if the Conservative party chose to bring one out. We are satisfied that no Conservative would have been brought out for the unfortunate split in the Reform ranks, and we are equally satisfied that even had remained in the field he would have been easily defeated in the event of only one Reformer running. But the proceedings at Fergus on Saturday have complicated matters very much. The leading men of the party there, after mature consideration, withdrew Mr. Dobbin for the very purpose of getting over the difficulty, and to prevent the Bidding from falling into the hands of the Conservatives. No sooner was this done than a number of Reformers, feeling dissatisfied at the withdrawal of Mr. Dobbin, and indignant at the course Mr. Loghrin had pursued all through, brought out and nominated Mr. John S. Armstrong. Thus the old difficulty is revived, and not only that, but it is very much aggravated by the bitter feeling which has sprung up between both factions.

We publish in another column a statement of the whole affair by Mr. Charles Clarke, who was present during the conference and a party to it. Our readers on a careful perusal of it will be able to judge which is to blame, and they can draw their own deductions. There is one thing quite clear to our mind, that if anything is not done to reconcile these differences, and to induce either one of the candidates to withdraw from the contest—and that immediately—the Riding is lost to the Reformers, and by their peevishness folly thrown into the hands of the Conservatives for no one knows how many years. We appeal to the patriotism, the honor, the party delicacy of the friends of both candidates to sink all their minor differences—to ignore all personal feeling—and to unite ere it is too late, so that the polling day may be only one Reform candidate in the field, and the Reformers may concentrate their strength on him. If they do this the victory is certain—if they do not both of them will assuredly be beaten. The responsibility that will attach to the party through whose instrumentality this may be brought about will never after have to deplore the mistake he made, and be assured the Reformers of the Riding—when they come to dispassionately weigh the whole case, after the heat and excitement of the contest—will hold him to strict account for his conduct. But there is still time to prevent all this, and we do hope that sensible, discerning men on both sides will sacrifice all minor considerations in view of the well being of the party, and for the purpose of securing the Riding to the Reform cause.

With regard to Mr. Dobbin's reflections in his letter on the course the Mercury has pursued during the contest in the Riding, all we have to say is, that that course was dictated by an earnest desire to see the Reformers united, and that we studiously refrained from saying anything that could tend to irritate the feelings of any one on either side—always entertaining the hope that the differences between the two candidates would be reconciled, and that we at least should do nothing to prevent it. We felt then—we feel still—that the course pursued was the right one, and the most judicious under the circumstances. When it became necessary for us to take a side, we did not hesitate for a moment to do so, and gave Mr. Dobbin all the assistance which the influence of the Mercury could command. Mr. Dobbin, therefore, should be the last man to complain; and he has a right to his opinion, and to have an equal right to justify our course, and clear ourself from the charge he has made.

Our special despatch from Durham, received to-day, gives Jackson a majority of nine over Dalglis in the Centre Riding, and Lauder (Reformer) a majority of 220 over Fleisher for the Liberal.

Our special despatch from the States was received by a trap gun while the contents were in the gun shop. The contents were lodged in his two arteries, and from the respect of the man when he died in intense agony, the premises was placed in a safe place, and since then, the contents have been preserved.

The Elections.

Hochelega election resulted in the return of Hon. A. A. Dorion by 20 over Llanonette, for the Commons, and of Beaubien (Ministerialist) by 235 for the Local.

We are happy to announce the return of Mr. Rastall for the House of Commons, and of Mr. Blake for the Assembly, by the Reform electors of South Bruce. Blake's majority is 215 and Rastall's 110.

We are sorry to announce that Mr. Macfie, who fought so splendid a battle against Toryism in Middlesex, has been defeated by a small majority by the former member, Mr. Crowell Wilson. Mr. Evans, the Reform candidate for the Local body, is elected however. Wilson's majority is 135. Evans' majority over Taylor, the Conservative, is 25.

In North Hastings on the second day Bowell has a majority of 316 over Wallbridge. For the Local Parliament, Boulton's majority over Reed is 404.

In North Simcoe, on the second day, Mr. Lount had a majority of 135 over Angus Morrison.

To the shame of the people of West Middlesex, they have elected the jobbing Chats Canal contractor, A. P. Macdonald. James Beaty and he will make a capital team. Macdonald's majority is 19. For the Assembly Currie's majority over Campbell is 87.

For South Huron Mr. Cameron's majority is 171, and Mr. Gibbons' over Carling (brother to the Hon. John Carling) 10.

The Globe is happy to learn that Dr. Smith the Reform candidate in Bothwell for the Local Legislature, has most handsomely volunteered to give way for Mr. McKellar, and that that gentleman will unquestionably be elected to the Ontario Assembly.

Base Ingratitude.

While Mr. Macdougall is universally regarded as a clever man, no person does him the injustice of attributing to him the possession of any principle of manliness or honor. It is well known that at the Toronto election he gave his vote for Beaty—a man known only to be despised—and in its last issue the Perth Courier makes known another incident, that will give a still clearer insight into his character. It says:

"Moralists have always inculcated the doctrine that of all the sins mankind are prone to commit, the most heinous and the blackest on the list is that of ingratitude; and we are sure that few of our readers will be disposed to contradict the correctness of the statement. The most glaring instance of this sort of crime that we have been called upon to record for a long time was committed a few days ago in Ottawa, by no less a personage than the Hon. W. Macdougall. Two parties were running for the Local Parliament—Mr. Friel, an old Reformer, and W. Scott, as old a Tory. During the tenure of the McDonald-Dorion Cabinet, Mr. Friel published a paper in Ottawa called the Daily Union, the best journal that has ever been issued in that city. This paper always supported the McDonald-Dorion Government, and defended Macdougall from many an attack made on him by the Tories, among the rest Scott, Friel's opponent. Mr. Friel announced himself a Reformer, but, if elected, one who would support the Combination Ministry. One would suppose that that profession would be enough to satisfy any Reformer, and we believe it did satisfy the most of them, but it did not suit Macdougall, for he recorded his vote against Friel and for Scott—the candidate who came out fairly and squarely as a Tory. Now, we think the most of our readers will agree with us that this act is one that must meet with the sternest disapprobation of every true Reformer—one, in fact, that must stamp Macdougall as a man wholly lost to all principle, and totally regardless of his past professions."

A PERTINENT QUERY.

To the Editor of the Guelph Mercury. Sir—Allow me through the columns of your valuable journal to ask whether the Wellington Mutual Insurance Company is a public Company or a private one; because in common with a great number of shareholders, or members, supposed it was a public Company, and that its office was a public office; and if a public office, how does it come that the Secretary allowed it to be used, nay, advertised it in the public prints, as the office of Messrs. Stone and Leslie's Committee during the election contest. Such conduct on the part of the office-holders of that Institution certainly deserves the greatest censure, and if persisted in on future occasions may lead the members to consider what are the proper steps to take to put a stop to this sort of work, by bringing the blame home to the party who deserves it. Yours, &c.

ONE OF MANY MEMBERS

"CASTLE."—Such is the title of a new novel, which we have just received from Messrs. Tunis & Co., Clifton. The author is known as the writer of another work entitled "Mr. Arle." For sale at the bookstore of Mr. T. J. Day, opposite the market, Guelph.

ANOTHER RETURNED.—Mr. George Jeffrey arrived in town last night, having just returned from his transatlantic tour. His health is good. He combined in his trip across the ocean business and pleasure, as he visited some of the best British markets and made extensive purchases of staple and fancy dry goods. These are now on their way to Guelph, and are expected to arrive at an early date.

The Lily only has its place? Is it because the absent rose Has gone to paint her husband's nose?

FEMALE CHICKENERS.—Twenty-two New Forest women are advertised to play a game at cricket at the Antelope grounds in Southampton. The names of the women are advertised. Both elevens now practice daily at Bolton's Bench, in the New Forest, for the coming match.

A yacht from Baltimore, of two and a half tons burthen, yclept the John T. Ford, and so named after the proprietor of Ford's Theatre, in Washington, and manned by four persons, had reached the English channel in safety, when it was captured, and all on board perished but one.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

Special Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

From Washington.

Washington, Sept. 10.—The Navy department has received despatches from Pensacola, announcing the continued ravages of yellow fever at that port.

From Richmond.

Richmond, Sept. 10.—A telegram from Farmville reports a fight there between some soldiers and the town negroes. About a dozen soldiers and blacks badly beaten.

From New York.

New York, Sept. 11.—The Herald's special says another batch of the correspondence concerning the Alabama claims has been published. Lord Stanley, in his despatch of May 24th, which was handed Mr. Seward by Sir Frederick Bruce, consents to arbitration, provided two distinct tribunals are established—one to decide the responsibility incurred by the British government in the depredations committed by the rebel privateers, and the other to adjudicate the general claims on both sides. To this Mr. Seward objects as unnecessary, claiming that if there should be two tribunals they should be clothed with the same powers.

New York, Sept. 11.—The fine ship Invincible, of the California line took fire this morning, and will probably be destroyed. She was valued at from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

New York, Sept. 11.—The World's Bangor (Maine) special says the result of the election yesterday in Maine has astonished both parties. The immense Republican majority of last year, 28,000, has been nearly, if not entirely overcome, and it will take some days to decide certainly whether the radical candidate for Governor is elected.

Cable News! OF TO-DAY.

From Berlin.

Berlin, Sept. 10.—The second Parliament of the Confederation of the North German States met here to-day, and was formally opened by King William of Prussia in person. In his speech, he commenced by addressing a warm welcome to the representatives as members of the first German Parliament, which had met under the new constitution. Alluding to the position of the South German States, he said their national relations with the rest of Germany had been fixed by the treaties of Zollverein, which they had signed. He assured the members that the financial condition of the Confederation was excellent. Its revenues so far had been quite sufficient to meet all expenditures. He promised that bills would be introduced providing for complete and equal settlement of the terms and conditions of military service, making all necessary regulations in regard to passports, prescribing a system of weights and measures for the country, regulating postal matters with foreign nations, and looking to the establishment of Consulates in all foreign ports, and to the protection of the commercial marine of the Confederation everywhere on the high seas. The King concluded his speech with the following peaceful aspiration: "Gentlemen—Progress is to be the great principle underlying all your discussions, your work will be a work of peace; and, by God's blessing, the fatherland will in peace enjoy the fruit of your labours."

From London.

London, Sept. 10.—Evening.—The mace at Doncaster were inaugurated with much spirit to-day. The Shah of Persia has accepted the invitation from the Emperor Alexander to visit Russia. Preparations for the journey are being made at Teheran.

The other Side.

During the whole course of the elections so far as they have yet proceeded, none have deprecated more loudly than the Conservatives any appeal to national or religious prejudices in order to withdraw support from one party and secure it for another. We have no intention whatever of entering into a discussion of the propriety or impropriety of such a proceeding; it is not our design to read a homily to any man for supporting a candidate out of personal regard, leaving his political principles in abeyance, or rather for the time being, making a virtual renunciation of them. But we would just like to say, that what Tories have accused Reformers of being alone guilty of they have not blushed to do themselves, and their leader has not only descended so far from his dignity as to take the stamp for some of the worst men Canada owns in order that his government may be strong, but he has further demeaned himself by resorting to the lowest arts practiced by the most unscrupulous canvasser. We presume it will be told us that men are most successfully combated by fighting them with their own weapons. The argument is not valid; for the best opponent of fraud is moral force. Mr. Fraser, a clever young man, has been defeated in Brockville, and John A., is to blame for it. The Ottawa Daily News says he was beaten simply because he was a Roman Catholic, and adds: "Religious prejudices were meanly roused against him, and he was beaten by the small majority of 24." In some of the Western constituencies Sir John is endeavoring to "arouse the passions of the Irish Roman Catholics against Reform candidates; and yet in Brockville and Elizabethtown "he was not ashamed to use that basest of political weapons, the religious cry, "to defeat an opponent."

AN EPICURE.—A good many years ago a satirist wrote the following epigram to a pale-faced lady with a red-nosed husband:— "Whence comes it that in Clara's face The lily only has its place? Is it because the absent rose Has gone to paint her husband's nose?"

Also—A pleasantly situated property in the flourishing Village of Everton, consisting of a good Frame Dwelling House and a Stable, two-thirds of an acre of land attached, good garden and some choice fruit trees, &c. Title indisputable.

For terms and particulars apply personally, or by letter (pre-paid) to the subscriber at Everton.

PETER MCGILVRAY, Everton P. O., County of Wellington, Guelph, 10th Sept., 1867.

Apprentice Wanted. WANTED, an apprentice to the Carriage and Blacksmithing—one from the country preferred. None but one well recommended apply.

J. B. ARMSTRONG, Guelph, Sept. 10, 1867. (dw) Excelsior Works.

Belfast Ginger Ale! AT BERRY'S.

BIRTHS.

ARCO—At Fergus, on the 6th inst., the wife of James Arco, Esq., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

KRO—McKEN—At Glenallan, on the 4th inst., by the Rev. Thos. McGuire, Mr. Robert King to Margaret, daughter of Wm. McKee, Esq., both of Maryboro.

DEATHS.

ALDIS—In Nichol on the 28th ult., Nicholas Algis aged 14 years and 7 months.

WILKIE—In Garafaxa, on the 31st ult., John Wilkie, aged 80 years, one of the first settlers of Garafaxa.

LOWRY—At Guelph, on the 8th inst., Mary Ann Hannah, infant daughter of Mr. E. C. Lowry, aged 2 years and 6 months.

THE COMING ELECTION

Is something which is creating quite an excitement in the Town of Guelph, and at present it is not known which of the opposing candidates will be successful, both having a fair show of hands. Be this as it may, SMITH & BOTSFORD have the largest, best and cheapest stock of CLOTHING ever offered in Guelph, which they are selling at remarkable low prices. Sign of the Elephant, opposite the Market.

[Advt.] SMITH & BOTSFORD.

New Advertisements.

COW STRAYED.

STRAYED from the York Road Commons, about a week ago, a dark brown Cow, with white stripe along the back, horns a little turned up in front, in good condition. Whoever will return her to the owner, or give such information as this office as will lead to her recovery, will be suitably rewarded.

ROBERT MARTIN, Guelph, 11th September, 1867. w3in

Insolvent Act of 1864 AND AMENDMENTS.

In the Matter of William Hockin and Samuel Hockin, Insolvents, and of William Hockin, an Insolvent.

A MEETING of the creditors of the above-named insolvents will be held in the Wellington Hotel, Guelph, at 1 o'clock, p. m.

On FRIDAY next, 13th Sept., to advise the Assignee generally respecting the estate of said insolvents.

E. NEWTON, Official Assignee. Guelph, 11th Sept., 1867.

TENDERS FOR SCHOOL FURNITURE

THE Chairman of the School Property Committee of the Board of School Trustees will receive Tenders up to Saturday the 14th instant at noon, for furnishing

Forty Double Desks & Seats for the South Ward School, according to specifications to be learned on application to him.

GEORGE S. HEROLD, Chairman School Property Committee. Guelph, 11th September, 1867.

Don't Forget, you can now get your Coal Oil for 20c per Gallon, AT JOHN HORSMAN'S.

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Guelph, Sept. 12, 1867. daw tf.

PICTURES.

And the rest of mankind, are of opinion that they can get THE BEST

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At MARSHALL'S Photograph Rooms, Day's Block, Guelph, Ontario.

W. MARSHALL. Guelph, 11th Sept., 1867.

A RARE CHANCE.

Spring Bank Farm FOR SALE.

THE subscriber offers for sale the above well-known and desirable property, situated near Osprey, on the Erin and Guelph Gravel Road, 12 miles from Guelph, 8 miles from Everton, being the Eastern half of Lot No. 10, in the 2nd Concession, Township of Erin, 100 acres, more or less, between 60 and 70 acres cleared. It is well laid off with good fences, and in a very superior state of cultivation, with good suitable buildings, a never-failing supply of water, the creek running alongside of it, and a good well of water and pump at the door.

The above is acknowledged to be one of the best wheat growing farms for its extent in the County of Wellington. Title indisputable.

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September 12th and 13th.

HOLMAN English Opera Troupe

MISS SALLIE HOLMAN, The young and beautiful Prima, supported by a full and EFFICIENT COMPANY, the best and most versatile combination of OPERATIC, DRAMATIC AND PASTORAL TALENT now or ever before the public.

THE Manager begs to announce that the above talented Troupe will have the honor of appearing before the citizens of Guelph on the above mentioned evenings, in a choice selection of

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THURSDAY EV'G, SEPT. 12 will be given Bellini's beautiful and romantic Opera, in THREE ACTS, entitled

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Eccentric Song & Dance, MASTER C. BURTON.

To conclude with the Screaming Farce called

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GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

FRIDAY EV'G, 13th SEPT.,

will be produced Donizetti's celebrated Comic Opera, in TWO ACTS, entitled

THE CHILD of the REGIMENT

Concluding with the celebrated specialty,

THE MINSTREL SCENE.

Doors open at 7.30.—Performance to commence at 8.15. Admission Twenty-five Cents. Reserved Seats Fifty Cents. See Programmes. Guelph, 9th Sept., 1867.

H. HOGG'S FLOUR AND FEED STORE

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CONSTANTLY ON HAND, all kinds of Mill Feed, Chopped Peas, Middlings, Shorts, Bran,

Corrmeal, Oatmeal, Flour!

Bacon, Sugar-cured Hams, and Potatoes.

Guelph, 25th August, 1867. dw-tf

DOMINION BITTERS

R. HOPKINS & CO., Guelph and surrounding country, that they are prepared to fill orders for any quantity of

The Dominion Bitters

Put up in barrels, half-barrels, kegs and bottles. N. B.—Purchasers will not confound the "Dominion Bitters" with the "New" or "Old" Dominion Bitters.

Manufactured a few doors West of the Wellington Hotel, W. York Street.

Guelph, July 23, 1867. daw-tf

\$20. STAR \$100. SHUTTLE SEWING MACHINE.

Patented May, 1867.

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Mr. J. SPAFFORD having been appointed General Agent for Ontario, wishes to engage a few good local and travelling agents, to whom good inducements will be offered. For machine, sample of work, or terms, address

J. E. SPAFFORD, P. O. Family No. 1, O. Street, Stratford, 3rd September, 1867. (d)

TO THE ELECTORS

On Friday and Saturday.

H. WALKER

WILL open the store lately occupied by G. T. TODD & SON, directly opposite his present stand, with a choice assortment of CROCKERIES, &c.

HUGH WALKER, Guelph, 5th Sept., 1867. (d) Wyndham-st.

DR. GUY'S ENGLISH CHOLERA REMEDY

Is the only medicine when taken as a specific

For Cholera Morbus, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Colic, &c.

Is quick and certain in its action, pleasant to take, and never fails to cure. Don't trust to Pain Killers and other trash, but get a bottle of GUY'S Great English Remedy.

Sole Wholesale and Retail by Lyman, Elliot & Co., Toronto; Wynn & Co., Hamilton; N. High-botham, & B. Petrie, E. Harvey, and J. Holden, Guelph, and retailed by all medicine dealers. For testimonials see circulars and wrappers.

Guelph, 2nd August, 1867. (dw-2u)

CATTLE STRAYED.

LOST on the night of Wednesday the 5th inst. between Guelph and Preston, three FAT CATTLE, marked A on right hip. Any person giving information at Lindsay's Hotel, Guelph, or to Isaac Atholson, Hamilton, will be handsomely rewarded.

A. MCKILLOP, Guelph, 9th Sept., 1867. dw-tf

E. W. MCQUIRE, M. D., PHYSICIAN, Surgeon, Acconcheur, &c. Licentiate of Upper Canada and Graduate in Medicine of University of Victoria College. Office and residence, Ainsley's Brick Building, opposite Knox's Church, Norfolk St., Guelph. Special attention paid to diseases of Women and Children. Consultation days Tuesday

Extensive Sale!

EXTENSIVE SALE OF Valuable Thorough-bred Leicester and

SOUTHDOWN SHEEP

ESSEX PIGS, ETC.

THE subscribers will offer for sale on the Market Ground, Guelph,

On WEDNESDAY, 2nd OCTOBER.

(being the first day of the South Riding Fall Show), the following Thorough-bred Leicester and South-down Sheep:

LEICESTERS.—Twenty Ewes, various ages, some imported; 15 Ram Lambs, 15 Ewe Lambs—all pure-bred Stock.

SOUTH-DOWNS.—Six Ewes, 6 Shearing Rams and 8 Ewe Lambs, and six aged Rams. All the Shearings and Lambs are from imported stock, and the Ewes from Stock imported by Mr. Daniel Tye, Wilmet.

GALLOWAY STOCK.—Will be sold at the same time, if not previously disposed of, five pure-bred Galloway Bull Calves.

ESSEX PIGS.—Also, will be offered for sale at the same time ten pure-bred Essex Pigs.

Sale to commence at 1 o'clock

TERMS.—Sums of \$10 and under cash; over that amount, twelve months' credit will be given on approved endorsed notes if required.

THOMAS MCCRAE, JAMES ANDERSON. Guelph, 5th September, 1867. (dw-12)

VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY

For Sale or to Exchange.

THE undersigned offers for sale, or to exchange for Real Estate in the Town of Guelph, the undermentioned property, viz:

FIRST.—A valuable improved Farm North of the Durham Road, in the Township of Bentinck, three miles from the Village of Puritan, containing about 200 acres, of which about 100 acres are cleared and under fence. On the premises are a substantial Frame Dwelling House with good cellar, garden and well, with pump of excellent water. Also, a Frame Barn 60x50, with 18 feet posts and underground stabling, and a never-failing spring in the barn yard for the supply of water to cattle. This is a very eligible property, and well worthy the attention of those who wish to obtain a good farm.

Also—Lot 42, in the 3rd Concession of Bentinck, West of the Garafaxa Road, 100 acres, about 12 acres cleared, with a Frame House on the Lot.—The Rocky Saugeen River crosses one corner of this Lot, and has a valuable water power on it, capable of driving any machinery.

Also—Lot 25, in the 1st Concession, South of the Durham Road, three miles from the Village of Pricerville, in the Township of Artemesia. There are about 25 acres cleared and fenced on this lot, with a good new Log House.

The above lands are well situated and timbered with the best kind of hard wood timber, with indisputable titles—the last two being direct grants from the Crown.

For further particulars, &c., apply to the proprietor.

JOHN KAY, Brass Founder and Fitter, Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph. Guelph, 5th September, 1867. (d-tf)

NOTICE.

ALL Creditors of the Estate of William Burrows, formerly of Eden Mills, are hereby requested to send in their accounts, with vouchers, to the office of Messrs. Blair & Guthrie, on or before the 21st of September, 1867.

CHARLES ADSETT, } ASSIGN