

SPOILING FOR A FIGHT.

No matter how small the dimensions of a rebellion are in any nook or corner of the earth, or how little the grievances which bring it forth, the Americans are always ready to render "aid and comfort" to the insurgents—so long as the rebellion does not take place in their own territory and amongst their own people. In that case their sympathies are reversed, and they set at defiance the very first principle under which their constitution is formed, viz., that "governments derive their just power only from the consent of the governed."

The Hudson Bay Company. A writer in the Ottawa Times gives the following interesting summary of the history of the great landed monopolists who stand in the way of opening up the unbounded regions of the Northwest to civilization.

The Hudson's Bay Company was incorporated on the 2nd of May, 1669. The first Governor was Prince Rupert. The original capital subscribed amounted to £10,500 stg. So successful had their operations been at the end of twenty years, that in order to make their yearly dividends appear smaller than they really were, the Directors passed a resolution declaring the capital of the company to be trebled. It was accordingly entered in their books at £31,500 each holder of £100 stock becoming by that arrangement a proprietor to the amount of £300.

Thirty years after that date a similar proceeding was adopted, and by a stroke of the pen the company's capital was made £94,500, each original £100 share being made to represent £300. Subsequently a further subscription of 10 per cent. was raised in cash, and nominally trebled, so as to amount to £9,450, and added to the previous capital account in the company's books, which then stood at £103,950, of which, however, only £13,650 was really subscribed by the shareholders.

The knowledge of these large profits soon stimulated Canadians to struggle for a share of the gains—and they interfered seriously with the Hudson's Bay Company. A fierce rivalry quickly sprang up between the contending traders, until, in 1783, the Canadians found it necessary to form themselves in a party for mutual self-defence.

They enrolled themselves under the name of the Northwest Company, dividing their interest in future undertakings into twenty shares or parts, but without laying down any money capital.

The operations of this new Company—unprotected by charter, extended rapidly on all sides—until in a few years, their shipments of furs to Europe exceeded those of the Hudson's Bay Company, while the number of their employers doubled those attached to the factories of their rivals. At length, after some fifty years of bitter opposition, the two companies were amalgamated; and in the year 1821, the whole trade merged once more into the hands of the Hudson Bay factors. The capital of the two Companies was at that period made up to a nominal amount of £200,000 each, so that £400,000 is the "imaginary capital"—said to be invested in the trade of 3,000,000 square miles, about one-third of that

sum being really the total subscribed capital employed. Two years ago this valuable property changed hands—still retaining the title however of the 'Hudson's Bay Company.' The consideration received by the old proprietors being the enormous sum of one million five hundred thousand pounds sterling; of which £1,023,569 was for landed properties in British Columbia; a claim against the United States Government under the Oregon treaty; ships, goods, pelts, and business premises in England and Canada. £350,000 was a cash balance, and the remainder, £100,431, we may take as the outside value placed on territorial rights by both the old and the new Hudson's Bay Companies.

For these territorial rights, the Hudson's Bay Company, at the suggestion of Lord Granville, are willing to take the sum of \$300,000, together with their present stations—50,000 acres of land—and one-twentieth of the lands that may be surveyed for settlement during the next fifty years.

STATISTICS OF ELORA.—The assessor of Elora, Mr. David Poote, has completed his roll, and we extract therefrom the following items: Total value of real estate in the village of Elora \$247,685; total income \$6,550; aggregate value of all property assessed \$308,235; population 1,468.

GRAIN STEALING.—Some thieves recently entered Mr. David Allan's barn, in Nichol, and carried off 50 bushels of oats, about 20 bushels of wheat, and 16 bags. Mr. Allan expects to hear nothing about the grain, but he would like to have the bags returned, as they were borrowed from a neighbor.

HOTEL ARRIVALS COULSON HOUSE.

GUELPH, April 22, 1869. The following are the arrivals at the Coulson House up to 10:30 this morning: J Priestman, Toronto; Thos Hearnden, Montreal; S E Townsend, Hamilton; W Reed, Toronto; R L Sharp Seaforth; B C Stinson, Hamilton; H Booth, Toronto; James Morrison, do; F W Byron, do; Thos Adcock, Montreal; W L Matheson, Toronto; C J Booth, Montreal; A W Gage, Toronto; J M Oast, D & M R B, Detroit; John McLay, Walkerton; Gabriel Stell, Ancaster; Thos Dickinson, Hamilton; Miss McMullen, do; W H Schoeman; Glenlyon; Andrew Dean, Ramsay Ill; J C Jackson, Boston.

New Advertisements.

BASE BALL MEETING. A special meeting of the Guelph Maple Leaf Base Ball Club will take place at Nichol's Court House Hotel, on Monday Evening, 26th inst. at 7:30 p. m. A full attendance of members is particularly requested.

HOTEL TO LET AT ELORA. The good-will and three years lease of the FARMERS' HOTEL, ELORA, (late James Hamilton's stand). Apply on the premises to the subscriber.

CARE TAKER WANTED. Applications will be received by the undersigned up till the 28th April for the situation of caretaker of the steam fire engine, to clean and light the lamps in the South and West Wards, and to take charge of the Drill Shed, Market Clerk's Office and Police Court. Salary—\$250 per annum with free house, wood and light.

PLANTING SEASON FOR 1869. FRUIT TREES of the different kinds, recommended by the Fruit Grower's Association of Canada.

ORNAMENTAL TREES. GRAPE VINES, very hardy. STRAWBERRY PLANTS, 12 varieties of best. ROSES on their own roots.

BENEFIT NIGHT FOR THE PEOPLE. Prime OYSTERS THIS EVENING. ONLY 25 CENTS PER CAN. Warranted Fresh.

THE subscriber has just closed one of the most successful Oyster seasons ever he had—Having sold about 10,000 CANS. He has adopted this novel mode of returning his sincere thanks to his numerous patrons.

HUGH WALKER, Fruit Depot, Guelph, do.

G. A. D. C. ACTING MANAGER, THOS. H. TAYLOR. LEADER OF ORCHESTRA, WILLIAM VALE.

SELECT DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT. MAGNIFICENT SCENERY. GORGEOUS COSTUMES.

THE Guelph Amateur Dramatic Club announce their last appearance this season, ON FRIDAY EVENING, 30th APRIL. In the Town Hall, Guelph, when will be produced the great Irish Comic Drama by Samuel Lover, Esq., entitled the

WHITE HORSE OF THE PEPPERS! Interpersed by Comic and Sentimental Songs. And as many were unable to be present at the previous entertainment, the popular and highly amusing Farce of

TURN HIM OUT Will be repeated. This being a local exhibition, and the last of the season, the Club have determined upon giving the general public a benefit; therefore the admission fee has been placed at a nominal figure.

Tickets 25c. to all parts of the hall. Front seats reserved for ladies and gentlemen accompanying them. See programme. ALEX. F. PIRIE, Secretary, Guelph, 24th April.

THORNTON'S BOOKSTORE AND BINDERY. Near the Post Office. Guelph, April 24. aw tf

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY. Change of TIME TABLE. ON AND AFTER MONDAY, 26th APRIL, 1869, trains will leave Guelph as follows:

LEAVE 6:25 a. m., 3:15 p. m. ARRIVE 11:45 " 9:40 " Connecting with Trains on Main Line. For particulars see Time Tables, to be had at any of the Company's Offices on application.

THOS. SWINYARD, General Manager. Chief Office, Hamilton, 21st April, 1869. do 4t

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN, Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, &c., GUELPH, Ontario.

D. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN, Guelph, April 1, 1869. daw tf

MONEY, MONEY IS WANTED. AT THE GOLDEN LION GUELPH. HOGG & CHANCE. DRY GOODS CLOTHING MILLINERY. Just imported direct from Britain at a trifle over cost prices. Great Bargains may be looked for. Call at once with your Money and get extraordinary value. Now is the time. No Credit is given. Small profits and money down is the order of the day. Guelph, April 24. dw HOGG & CHANCE.

REMOVAL AND DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. GUELPH. MELODEON AND ORGAN COMPANY. PRICES DOWN AT HORSMAN'S. Coal Oil 35c. per gallon. Single Gallon, - - 40 cents. Guelph, 7th April. dw

THE subscribers in returning their sincere thanks to the public for the liberal patronage bestowed on the late firm of BELL, WOOD & CO., would beg to state that having dissolved partnership with the other members of the firm, they intend carrying on and manufacturing Melodeons and Cabinet Organs, one door East of the old stand.

EAST MARKET SQUARE. In that large three-story stone building known as the old Advertiser's Printing Office, and hope by strict attention to business, and liberal terms to merit the confidence of the general public. The partners are all practical mechanics, and as they intend using the best of stock, and their men being all tried Melodeon makers, the public may depend on getting as good an instrument as can be obtained in the United States or the Dominion of Canada.

TWO FIRST PRIZES. We were awarded two first prizes on both Melodeons and Cabinet Organs at the Provincial Exhibition of 1868, and one of our partners is the same Mr. Wood whose tuning has taken nearly all of the first prizes at Provincial Fairs, for the last eight years.

MELODEONS & CABINET ORGANS. The senior partners of the late firm of Bell, Wood & Co. have much pleasure in informing the public that having dissolved partnership with the other members of the said firm, they still continue the manufacture and sale of

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MRS. HUNTER. HAS pleasure in informing the ladies of Guelph and vicinity that she has made arrangements to carry on the

JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE. Opposite the Market House.

CHEAP FARES. To Travellers Going South South or West in the United States. The undersigned is authorized to sell TICKETS to any point South or West by the popular and safe line

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD. FARES CHEAP, and Tickets good for any reasonable time. JOHN JACKSON, Guelph, 14th April. dw

STRAW AND SILK MILLINERY. MISS LAWRENCE. (Successor to Mrs. Wm. Pringle). Will for the present season carry on the business in all its branches at the rooms lately occupied by Mrs. Pringle, a few doors north of the Post Office, Douglas Street, Guelph, Guelph, 31st March, daw tf

BRADFORD HOUSE. THE LARGEST ARRIVAL OF NEW DRY GOODS. Ever brought into Guelph is at the Bradford House.

PHILIP BISH. Takes this opportunity of informing his old friends and the public generally that his Stock is now Complete in every Department, embracing everything. New and Fashionable! Only kept at such establishments as the BRADFORD HOUSE. As my Stock is too extensive to enter into details, I may merely state that I have now to hand one of the BEST ASSORTED ever shown in Guelph, which as usual will be

SOLD AT LOWER PRICES. Than at houses with BLOWING pretensions. DRESS DEPARTMENT. This department is unsurpassed in the Dominion, having the largest stock to choose from, and no old Goods to palm off on the public by mean representation. I would particularly call your attention to our magnificent stock of JAPANESE SILKS, being the latest production of the Foreign Markets, at very low prices.

FURNISHING DEPARTMENT. The Furnishing Department being a leading feature in this establishment, I recommend all intending purchasers to give me a call and see the immense stock of Tickings, Sheetings, Table Linens, Towellings, Cottons, Damasks, &c. 200 dozen Towels at half the price usually sold in other stores. FANCY DEPARTMENT. This Department is still unrivalled in the West. Nothing you can ask for but you can get. We beg to show the stock at any time. As I keep nothing but obliging assistants, you may depend on getting treated with every civility, whether you buy or not.

MILLINERY AND MANTLE SHOW ROOMS. The Millinery and Mantle Show Rooms will be opened in a FEW DAYS. Something extra may be expected. Wait for the Novelties. PHILIP BISH, Wyndham Street, Guelph, April 19 dw BRADFORD HOUSE

ALMA BLOCK. RETAIL GROCERY! John A. Wood. The Largest Stock, the Best Goods THE LOWEST PRICES.

NEW TEAS! The New TEAS expressly ordered for the Alma Block Retail Trade have arrived, and JOHN A. WOOD confidently invites those who wish to get good value to make an early purchase, as they are such Teas as are not often seen even at the Alma Block, and never elsewhere.

Sugars, Syrups, Liquors, Tobaccos. The best value in Sugars, Syrups, Liquors and Tobaccos in Guelph, JOHN A. WOOD'S aim being to supply the public with First-class Groceries at equal, if not lower, prices than common Goods are sold at. No deception practiced at JOHN A. WOOD'S. A Spade is called a Spade by him, and no inferior Goods are palmed upon the Public from either of his Establishments.

CLOVER & TIMOTHY SEED. JOHN A. WOOD'S stock of Clover and Timothy has been acknowledged by all Farmers to be the best they have seen for many years. TURNIP & CARROT SEEDS. From some of the most favorably known Seedsmen in Ontario, &c. None but the BEST QUALITIES are kept at the ALMA BLOCK. The largest stock of Pure Caledonia Plaster, Coarse and Fine Liverpool and Goderich Salt, And the best assortment of General Groceries, Liquors, Provisions and Crockery is to be had at JOHN A. WOOD'S. Guelph, April 21, 1869. daw tf ALMA BLOCK.