to spread it, we think that we should order one of that kind.

Guelph Evening Mercury

WEDNESDAY EVEN'G, JAN. 29, 1873

The Trouble Between Britain and Russia.

The press despatches from London have lately given us some information respecting a diplomatic passage at arms which has taken place between Great Britain and Russia, on the old question of the latter's encroachments in Central Asia. The facts as gathered from these despatches are, that ever since the triumph of Russia in the Black Sea business, and since Britain allowed her to slip out of the obligations of the Treaty of Paris, the Czar and his Government have been gradually but steadily making inroads in Central Asia. The progress of the Muscovite armies was supposed to fill British statesmen with extreme apprehension, and the Russians imagined they had only to threaten Affghanistan in order to compel them to acquiesce in any further encroachments they may meditate against Turkey. Lord Loftus, the British Minister at St. Petersburg, addressed very strong representations to his Government, urging them to take some steps which might convince Russia it was not safe to presume upon their neutrality. Lord Granville, who always deprecated the policy pursued during the embroglio concerning the Treaty of Paris, in 1870, took alarm, and addressed a very decided note to the Russian Government.—What that note contained we can only guess. Our impression is that it contained a distinct intimation that any interference on the part of Russia with the internal affairs of the states adjacent to the north-western portion of the Indian empire would be considered an act of hostility.

This note created some alarm in the minds of the Russian statesmen, and a special envoy was at once despatched from that Government, with instructions to assure the British Government that the feeling of Russia was one of friendship and good will, that no aggressive measures were contemplated, and that under no circumstances would Russia provoke a quarrel with Britain.

So the matter stands at present. We are glad to find that Britain has taken such a firm stand. A great part of British strength in India depends on prestige. England not only must not give way there before Russia or any other Power; she must not seem to give way. She is not merely normainly an insular Power; she is an Empire, stretching over a great part of the globe, and her Imperial power rests on India in this sense, that if she cannot keep India, she cannot keep anything. Her people have no mind to surrender India, or to recede from the Imperial position India gives them. They will fight Russia, if need be, in Asia. They would greatly prefer not to fight, but show them that Russia is menacing India, and that the moment is come when her advance threatons English supremacy in India, and they will start an army for Afghanistan and a fleet to Kronstadt, and set half the world in a blaze sooner than yield an inch on the banks of the Oxus.

Great Fire at Washington.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The National Theatre has been entirely destroyed with all its fixtures, etc., also the Billiard Room, and Miller & Jones' sample room on the first floor. Fortunately when the lower part of the Theatre was burned the entire roof fell in, checking the fire thereby and adding greatly to the security of the surrounding buildings. The Imperial Hotel was at one time on fire, and the guests commenced to vacate the premises, and the employes to take out the furniture; but just then the roof of the Theatre fell in: It is now thought that all danger to other buildings is passed. It is impossible at this hour to estimate the total loss. The Theatre was a wooden building and generally considered as unsafe. During the height of the excitement, when the Theatre was in full blaze, the flames rolling up in great volumes, and above the surrounding buildings, an impression seemed prevalent that the fire epidemic had reached Washington, and in a short time an immense crowd of men, women, and children had gathered from all parts of the city. The employees of the Treasury, War, Navy, Post-Office, and Interior departments rushed out, thinking that the city was in danger. Loss $100,000.

The loss on the Imperial Hotel, adjoining the theatre, is $30,000.

Ontario Legislature.

January 28.

Hon. Mr. Pardee presented returns giving copies of all correspondence between the Government and Municipalities indebted to the Municipal Loan Fund.

Hon. Mr. Crooks moved the third reading of the Toronto University Bill, which after some discussion and the adoption of two amendments was carried.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Crooks, the House went into Committee of Supply—Mr. Hodgins in the chair—and adopted the resolution granting preliminary supply of $73,000. The report of the Committee was then concurred in.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. McKellar, the house went into Committee on Resolution respecting monies to be expended in drainage works.

Attorney-General Mowat announced the approval of His Excellency to the grant of a sum not exceeding $200,000 for this purpose. The Committee agreed to the resolution, and the Report of the Committee was concurred in.

Hon. Mr. McKellar then moved that the House go into Committee on a Resolution authorizing the investment of not more than $200,000 at any time in the purchase of Debentures issued under Municipal By-laws. He had two Bills before the House on the subject—one providing that municipalities might do the work, borrowing the money from the Government, and the other providing that the Government may do the work if the municipalities desired it, the municipalities paying for it.

The Committee rose and reported and the report was adopted.

On motion of Hon. Mr. McKellar the Bill to authorize the investment of certain monies in debentures to be issued for the construction of drainage works by municipalities was read a second time.

Hon. Mr. Crooks moved the second reading of the bill to establish liens in favor of mechanics, machinists and others. He explained how the liens under the Bill might be realized. When the amount [illegible] the sum of [illegible] hundred [illegible]

taken in the county court of the county in which the land charged is situate for the sale of the estate and interest therein affected by said lien; and the judge of the said court may proceed in a summary manner by summons and order, and may take accounts and make requisite enquiries, and in default of payment may direct the sale of the estate and the interest charged; and such further proceedings may be taken for the purpose aforesaid as the said judge may think proper in his discretion; and the fees and costs in all proceedings taken, shall be such as are payable in respect of the like or similar matters, according to the ordinary procedure of the county court. In other cases the lien may be realized in the Court of Chancery, according to the ordinary procedure of that court.

Hon. Mr. Crooks moved the second reading of a Bill to facilitate the adjustment of disputes between Masters and Workmen. He observed that this was merely a transcript of an Imperial Act passed in 1857, except that a cheaper way of constituting the board of arbitration was proposed.

A number of other bills were advanced a stage, when the House adjourned.

FROM OTTAWA.—At a meeting of the Privy Council, held on Monday afternoon, it was decided to call Parliament together for dispatch of business on or about the first Thursday in March. Hon. Mr. Chaplais has retired from the Government. This is the first card played after the shuffle, which has already taken place in the Ministry, but which in all its details, has not yet been made public. The Adjutant-General has received a letter, dated 9th January, from Sir George E. Cartier, announcing his steady progress towards recovery. The names of the Pacific Railway Directors will not be officially announced until next Thursday.

A bill has been introduced into the Legislature to make betting on elections illegal, and *ipso facto* disqualifying from voting any persons who shall make a bet or wager on the result of any election, and also imposing a fine for the offence. Such an Act is greatly needed, for betting leads to bribery, and to the exercise of other undue and improper influences at the elections. We have no doubt this bill will pass and become the law of the land.

SENIOR GIRLS SCHOOL.—We understand that the Chairman of the Board of School Trustees has received a telegram from Miss Mary Walker, stating that she will be in Guelph on the 10th of February, to commence her duties as Teacher in the Senior Girls School.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION.—The election of a school trustee for the East Ward, in room of Mr. Innes, resigned, will be held in the Town Hall, on Wednesday, 5th February.

MONTHLY CATTLE FAIRS.

HARRISTON—Friday before the Guelph Fair.
BOSWORTH—Saturday before Guelph.
BRAMPTON—The Saturday before Guelph.
ELORA—Tuesday before Guelph.
DORCHESTER—Monday before Elora fair.
GUELPH—First Wednesday in each month.
CLIFFORD—Thursday before the Guelph fair.
THORNDALE—Friday before the Guelph fair.
NEW HAMBURG—First Tuesday in each month.
BERLIN—First Thursday in each month.
ELMIRA—Second Monday in each month.
WATERLOO—Second Tuesday in each month.
MOUNT FOREST—Third Wednesday in each month.
HANOVER—Monday before Durham.
DURHAM—Tuesday before Mount Forest.
FERGUS—Thursday following Mount Forest.
ORANGEVILLE—Second Thursday in January, March, May, July, September and November.
MONO MILLS—Third Wednesday in January, April, July and October.
ERIN—First Monday in January, April, July and October.
MASONVILLE—First Tuesday in February, May, August and November.
BRAMPTON—First Thursday in each month.
LISTOWEL—First Friday in each month.
HILLSBURG—Second Tuesday in January, March, May, July, Sept. and November.
MOOREFIELD—Monday before Guelph.
HAMILTON—Crystal Palace Grounds, the day after Guelph.

AUCTION SALE

—OF—

Kinnettles Farm,

MANSION AND GROUNDS.

On THURSDAY, 20th February next, at 2 o'clock, at the Market House, in the Town of Guelph, will be offered for sale by Auction the above properties:

The Farm comprises 156 acres, being part of Lot 8, on the North West side of the Grand River, in the Township of Nichol, in the County of Wellington, nearly all cleared and well cultivated.

The Mansion is adjacent to the Farm, well built upon a plot of three acres, which are a part of said township lot.

The above properties are beautifully situated between the flourishing villages of Elora and Fergus on the Grand River.

They will be sold together or in parcels, under powers of sale contained in three mortgages thereon, default having been made in payment.

Terms Cash—Title good and immediate possession given.

For further particulars, and conditions of sale, reference is made to

LEMON & PETERSON,
Seller's Solicitors.
and
W. S. G. KNOWLES,
Auctioneer.

Guelph, Jan. 28, 1873 dlaw-wtd

INFORMATION WANTED—Of James Williams, who left Guelph on the 9th of October last, and has not been heard of since. He is 18 years of age, and had on when he left a suit of dark clothes and black felt hat. Any information of his whereabouts will be thankfully received by his parents, or may be left at THE MERCURY office.

JOHN ARMSTRONG,
Alexander's Survey, Guelph.

Guelph, Jan. 29, 1873. w1

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JONES & CO.,

London, Jan. 29, 1873 wallins

TO CONTRACTORS. — Tenders will be received up to SATURDAY, the 15th FEBRUARY, for the Mason and Carpenter Work, Plastering, &c., of a new Stone School House, in the Village of Rockwood. Plans and specifications can be seen at the Woollen Factory, Rockwood, on and after the 3th February. The Trustees reserve the right to let the work in one or separate contracts. The lowest tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders to be left with Thos. Harris.

THOS. HARRIS,
THOS. WATERS,
HUGH McDOUGALL,
Trustees.

Rockwood, Jan. 27, 1873. w2d6t

SHEEP STRAYED. — Came on the premises of the undersigned since the 1st of November last, Two Sheep. The owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses, and take them away.

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Acton, Jan. 27, 1873 wH

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A Farm of 100 acres, being lot 12, 1st con. Div. G. Township of Guelph, adjoining the Town, 85 acres cleared, first-class land, remainder in valuable timber; well watered. The buildings consist of a frame barn, frame stable, granary, and cow stable.

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Guelph, Dec. 11, 1871. 3mw.

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Rockwood, Dec. 4th, 1872. 3mw

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Guelph, Feb. 21, 1873. dw

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