

TO THOSE IN ARREARS.

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THE ALABAMA QUESTION.

From our latest despatches we gather that the position of affairs respecting the United States claims at the Geneva Conference is unchanged. Both sides, if we may judge from the reports, continue firmly to hold the ground first taken. The English papers say Britain will not recede, and the American papers say that President Grant will not withdraw the U. S. demands. At home both Reformers and Conservatives are united in supporting the position taken by the Imperial Government. One thing has come out, that the despatch said to have been sent out by Secretary Fish to Minister Schenck, which we published, turns out to be a forgery. When the official communications between the two Governments become public, we will know exactly the position assumed by each, and not till then. Meantime the subject is the cause of much uneasiness both in the old country and on this side of the Atlantic.

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

The Hon. Bourvieu British has been elected Speaker of the British House of Commons.

A grand dinner was given to Judge Dunkin by the people of Bromo on Thursday night.

Mr. Foster has introduced the Government bill in the Imperial Parliament. A motion was also made asking Sir Chas. Dilke if he still entertained the sentiments expressed in his speeches against the Crown, but it was ruled out of order.

The Bill for the Registration of Voters passed by the Manitoba Legislature practically excludes all new comers from the franchise for two years after their arrival in the country. Canadian residents in the Province are highly indignant.

The St. Mary's Argus, referring to the persistent attacks on Mr. McKellar by the London Free Press, says:—Mr. McKellar is a plain, upright, honest man, whose word has never been called in question; and it is not long since we heard farmers congratulating themselves that for the first time in the history of the country a practical farmer had the management of the Agricultural Department of Ontario. But the Free Press would rather some "big bug" had charge of that Department. Our farmers will hereafter know upon whom to depend in the advocacy of their rights. Assuredly not on those axe-grinding organs that sneer at Mr. McKellar because he is a farmer.

THE PROTON CASE.—The committee on the Proton case met on Friday morning, but owing to the absence of Mr. Lauder nothing could be done. Mr. Blake's formal denial that he made any statement or gave any pledges of any kind to J. W. Lewis was recorded. Mr. Johnston, of the Crown Lands Department, Mr. Dwight, Superintendent of the Montreal Telegraph Co., and Messrs. Lewis and Oliver, who presented evidence to the notices served upon them, but as Mr. Lauder held that the affidavit formed the basis of the investigation, it was decided that these affidavits should be produced before any witnesses were examined. The Committee therefore adjourned till next Wednesday, after having instructed the clerk to summon Mr. Lauder to appear on that day and produce his affidavits.

Ontario Legislature.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

To further secure the independence of the Legislative Assembly.

To make debts and claims in action assignable at law.

To consolidate the debenture debt of the city of Toronto.

The House received the report of the committee on the resolutions regarding Common School Lands.

Mr. Scott (Ottawa) introduced a Bill founded on the resolutions, and it was read a first time. Second reading on Tuesday next.

Mr. McKellar moved the reception of the report of the committee respecting Mechanics' Institutes.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Blake moved the reception of the report of the committee on the resolution respecting drainage.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Blake moved that the resolutions be referred to the committee to which Bill 16 (Mr. Ryker's Bill to amend the Agricultural and Arts Act) was referred. Carried.

The House went into committee on the Bill to amend the rights of property of married women. The committee reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Mr. Blake moved the House into committee on the Bill to make further provision touching the election of members to the Legislature. Carried.

The committee reported the Bill without amendment. The report was received, and on motion by Mr. Blake, the Bill was ordered to be read a third time on Monday next.

Mr. Blake moved the second reading of the Bill to provide for the institution of suits against the Crown by petition of right, and respecting procedure in Crown suits. Carried.

Mr. Blake moved the second reading of the Bill respecting the establishment of registry offices in farms, and to amend the Registration of Titles (Ontario) Act. The Lieutenant Governor in Council had formerly possessed the power of establishing registry offices in ridings, but the hon. member for Cornwall contended that the power had been abused and it was taken away. Subsequently it was restored, but it had not been well or wisely exercised in most, if any cases. Carried.

Mr. Cameron moved the second reading of the Bill to amalgamate the Toronto, Simcoe and Muskoka Junction Railway Company, and the North Grey Railway Company, under the name of the Northern Extension Railway Company. Carried.

The House then went into Committee of Supply on the Estimates. A long and desultory discussion took place on several items, which were passed and the House adjourned at twelve o'clock.

To an Indian's Skull.

BY ALEX. M'LAUCHLAN.

And art thou come to this at last, Great Sachem of the forest vast! Even thou who wert so tall in stature, And modelled in the pride of Nature! Towered like the stars thy haughty head, Fleet as the roebuck's was thy tread; Thine eyes as bright as burning day, In battle a consuming ray.

Tradition links thy name with fear, And warriors hold thy legend dear, What mighty deeds by thee were done, What battles by thy prowess won, The glory of thy tribe wert thou, But where is all thy glory now?

Where now the heart that did imbibe The wild traditions of thy tribe, Till by thy race's wrongs thy blood Was kindled to a mighty fire, And on the war-path rushed again, Down rushing on the people plain, Thou stoodest among heaps of slain?

Like us, thou hadst thy hopes and fears, Like us, thou hadst thy smiles and tears, Wast warmed by kindness, chilled by hate, Hadst enemies, for thou wast great; And shouldst thyself the man in steel, Of those who boast a gentle creed, Repaying wrong with good and gall, And dying in thy rival's fall, Like any Christian of us all.

What though a brutish life was thine, Thou still hadst glimmers of the Divine, A sense of something more than flesh, A presence, an Almighty mind, The dark woods all around thee spread, The azure canopy thy overhead, The soaring, thunder-stricken pine, And the cathedral elms divine, The dismal swamp, the hemlock loar, The cataraet's everlasting roar, The viewless winds which rushed to wake The spirit of Ontario's loar, Did they not wake a sense sublime, Did they not wake an eternal clime, And tell of an eternal life, Which stretcheth through thy death and mine?

Didst thou not seek, like me, to know Whence come we, whither do we go?— A riddle, savage soul, to thee, A riddle, yet unsolved by me! From the unknown we issued out, With mystery compassed round about, Each with his burden on his back, To follow in the destined track, With weary feet to toil and plod, Through Nature's lock to Nature's God, From the Canadian Monthly.

BY TELEGRAPH

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

THE PACIFIC RAILWAY.

The Revolution in Mexico.

The Geneva Conference and the Washington Cabinet.

Omaha, Feb. 9.—Six passenger trains from the East arrived at Rawlins this afternoon, the first having been 22 days from Omaha. Some of the passengers report that frequently between stations those who had no provisions of their own were compelled to live on crackers and cheese.

Matamoros, Feb. 9.—The Revolutionists under Garza captured Zacaatlacas on the 20th ult. with a large quantity of stores and artillery. Gen. Trevino with three thousand revolutionists advanced on San Luis Potosi; Gen. Rocha entered that city on the 29th with six hundred reinforcements before Trevino could reach there. Trevino is receiving reinforcements daily and will doubtless capture that place. Part of Gen. Corina's troops are expected here to-night while that General will remain outside to harass the enemy.

New York, Feb. 10.—The Times Washington special says there was only a brief and informal allusion in the Cabinet Session to-day on the Treaty question. Nothing has been reported in London since Tuesday, and it is not true that an official copy of Earl Granville's note has been received by cable. Gen. Schenck's telegram of Tuesday covers the note nearly in full, but as it was an unofficial cipher despatch sent for the information of this Government, the receipt of the official copy through the London Telegram is therefore an answer is given. It is therefore untrue that any reply has been prepared. A reply is ready in spirit because a feeling that there can be no concession is so unanimous in the Cabinet that it does not admit of the customary discussion of such subjects. This is one reason why allusions to the subject in the Cabinet have thus far been so brief and informal. The advantage of the position of this Government in the matter is clearly seen and fully appreciated, and there is therefore no occasion for anything but a quiet and firm attitude. There is one feature of the case known to some people here which renders the situation remarkable. The contents of Earl Granville's note are known to be just as foreign to the threatnings of Gladstone's speech and British press as the correspondence of this Government has been to the wild ravings of the Fenian leaders in Congress. There is not the slightest intimation that a disruption of the Conference must follow, nor even an intimation that it would end the chances of settlement or relieve the embarrassment of this Government would withdraw its claims for consequential damages. The subject of the note is the difference of opinion which has arisen as to whether the submission of indirect claims is fully covered by the Treaty. What may follow if this Government says, as it undoubtedly will, that it regards these claims fully submitted, is purely conjectural. The position assumed in the despatches of Sunday night, that the withdrawal of Great Britain would still leave the Conference a complete tribunal to try the case and render a verdict, is affirmed here by a gentleman of high official position.

TEMPORARY INSANITY.—This disease appears to have assumed an epidemic form in New York. Since the 1st of January, thirty-nine cases have occurred in that city—an average of one a day. One of the peculiar symptoms of this malady is an anxious desire on the part of the sufferer to procure a revolver or a bludgeon and take somebody's life. When this is successfully accomplished, the disease disappears. The dead man's money, watches and jewellery often accompany the disease and disappear also. This strange coincidence has never been satisfactorily accounted for in New York judging by the verdicts of the juries. The disease rarely visits Canada, and when it does appear, our vigorous system of treatment effectively prevents its spreading. New York could copy from us, in this respect, to advantage.

DIED.

McLEAN.—In Bentinck Township, on the 2nd January, Mr. Hugh McLean, aged 80 years. Deceased was native of Kinross, Argyleshire, Scotland.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of JAMES B. THORNTON, an Insolvent.

I, the undersigned, John Kerr, of Toronto, have been appointed Assignee in this matter. Creditors are requested to file their claims before me within one month. JOHN KERR, Toronto, 5th Feb. 1872.

MONEY, MONEY.

\$12,000 to Loan on Farm Security or Good Real Estate, in sums ranging from \$200 to \$2,000, at low rates, and on liberal terms. Also, wanted to purchase, about \$3000 worth of Debentures.

THOMPSON & JACKSON, Land, Loan, and General Agents, Guelph, Jan. 20th, 1872.

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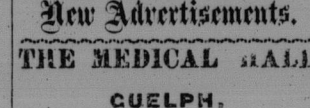
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The Farmer's Friend.

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That have used it say it's the best thing they have ever used for their Cattle.

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Guelph, Feb. 9, 1872.

BOW BELLS

—AND—

Young Ladies Journal

FOR FEBRUARY

At Anderson's Bookstore,

Opposite the Market.

GUELPH

LOTS FOR SALE IN THE TOWN OF GUELPH.—Lots from 9 to 22, being the front, on the Elora Road of the Catholic Church Glebe, in lots to suit purchasers. For terms and particulars of sale, apply to Messrs. McMillan & O'Connor, Barristers, Nos. 8 and 9, Day's Block, Guelph.

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West side Wyndham Street.

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BLACKSMITH SHOP AND LAND TO

To Rent, in the Township of Pashin, a piece of land, and Blacksmith Shop, where a good business can be done, and near the Pashin Post Office. The premises will be rented for from one to five years, as may be agreed upon. For further particulars enquire of the letter post-paid, to Robert Watson, Pashin P.O.

New Advertisements.

REMNANTS, REMNANTS

CLEARING SALE OF REMNANTS

COMMENCING TO-MORROW.

Remnants of Dress Goods of all kinds

Remnants of Silks, black and colored

Remnants of French Merinoes

Remnants of Lustrs, black and colored

Remnants of Wool Flannels

Remnants of Flannels

Remnants of Hollands

Remnants of Towellings

Remnants of Shirtings

Remnants of Prints

Remnants of Tweeds and Filled Cloths

Remnants of Overcoatings, &c.

NOW IS THE TIME, LADIES! Every Remnant in the Store must be cleared out previous to stock-taking at the end of the month.

Come direct to the Alma Block. Come early.

Guelph, 9th February.

A. O. BUCHANAN.

Fashionable West End Dry Goods Store.

BY SPECIAL REQUEST.

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY!

SATURDAY, 10th INSTANT.

WALKER

Will give away Oysters!

FOR 25 CENTS PER CAN,

On Saturday Next, 10th of February.

HUGH WALKER, Wyndham-st.

GREAT CLEARING SALE

—OF—

BOOTS AND SHOES

THE Subscriber having decided to remove from Guelph, begs to intimate to the public that before closing his business here, he will sell off the balance of his Stock of

Boots and Shoes at Cost Price!

The Great Sale will commence on THURSDAY, the 8th of FEBRUARY, and

CONTINUE FOR 30 DAYS

During which time the whole of his stock, which comprises a good assortment of New and Fresh Goods, will be offered at actual cost price for cash, and cash only. This is a Genuine Clearing Sale, and the public may depend upon getting

FIRST-CLASS BARGAINS!

N.B.—All parties indebted to the Subscriber, either by Note or Book Account, are respectfully requested to settle them at once, as after the 8th inst., all accounts unsettled will be placed in the hands of A. A. Baker, Esq., for collection.

Guelph, Feb. 7, 1872.

F. PREST,

West side Wyndham Street.

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An Insolvents Stock

OF FRESH DRY GOODS

From the Village of Kirkwall,

Now being disposed of at such prices as will affect a clearance for others to arrive shortly.

J. C. MACKLIN & CO.

Guelph, Feb. 7th, 1872.

Wyndham-st., Guelph.

FOR GOOD TEAS

GO TO

PERRY'S GROCERY STORE.

A New Stock of

VERY CHOICE TEAS

Received, Selling at the Lowest Possible Prices.

China Tea Setts from \$1.50;

—ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS—

GREAT INDUCEMENTS IN CHINA

For Good Goods and Low Prices

Go to PERRY'S GROCERY STORE

Jan. 25, 1872.

IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE

WITHOUT RESERVE

Of Farm Stock, Implements, Carriages, &c.

Mr. R. S. Brodie having leased his Farm has instructed the undersigned to sell by Public Auction, at his farm, Marlen, near Hylth's Hotel, on FRIDAY, the 10th day of FEBRUARY, next, the following valuable Stock, Implements, Carriages, &c.

Horses—1 cream colored horse, aged 1 grey mare, 8 years old, in foal, by French Canadian Stallion "Grey Oak"; 1 iron grey horse, 8 years old; 1 bay horse, 7 years old; 1 bay mare, 6 years old; a first-class buggy animal, fast; 1 mare, 5 years old, in foal to Royal Oak; 1 aged mare; 1 yearling colt, not by Porter's trotting stallion, a powerful colt, and likely to be fast; 1 yearling filly by Nichol Champion, very promising.

Cattle—Thoroughbred Durham, with registered pedigrees; 1 cow, with heifer calf at foot, 7 years old; 1 cow, 3 years old, in calf; 1 heifer 1 year old; 1 bull calf 9 months old.

Grades—2 cows in calf to thoroughbred bull; 1 heifer 3 years old, do; 3 cows, farrow 5 three year old well-bred steers, in prime order for fattening purposes; 2 two year old heifers; 2 yearling heifers and 5 calves.

Cotswold Sheep—25 superior breeding ewes, 1 cotswold ram lamb, 8 lambs.

Carriages, &c.—A family carriage, covered top, patent English axles, recently painted and done up, and comparatively little used since first purchased—can be confidently recommended to any purchaser; 1 covered top buggy, with reversible seat, has been in use only two years; 1 common buggy; 1 family cutter, reversible seat. The whole of the above are from the celebrated makers, Messrs. J. B. Armstrong & Co.

Implements, &c.—1 combined mower and reaper, adapted either for self-rake or reel. Messrs. Sawyer's make, but little used and carefully kept; 3 wagons, 1 light do; 1 roller (new), 1 horse rake (new), turnip sower (new), double mould, plough (Plains), ploughs (Morley & Mills No. 4, 3 pair harrows, cultivator, whiffles trees, double trees, neck yokes, shovels (barn and field), fanning mills (Cossitt's), grain drill, forks (steel and bar), hand rakes, pick, iron lever, calf and pig troughs, scaling trough with lid, trap chains, hand sleigh, cattle chains, grindstone boxes, barrels, hay and wood racks, turnip cutter, sleighs, &c.

Harness—1 sett silver plated carriage harness, 2 setts single buggy harness, 4 setts team harness, colls, buffalo robes, horse blankets, &c. &c.

Household and Dairy Furniture—4 bedsteads, superior kitchen stove and furniture, churn, 3 doz. excellent tin milk plates, dairy table, large kitchen tables, fire dogs, superior iron mangle, &c. &c.

Also, a quantity of Lumber, and a quantity of Hay, the terms for which will be cash.

Sale to commence at 12 o'clock sharp.

Terms—\$10 and under, cash; over that amount credit to 1st January, 1873, on approved notes; or a liberal discount for cash.

W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer.

Jan. 24th, 1872.

AUCTION SALE OF Farm Stock, Implements, &c.

The undersigned has been instructed by Mr. Thos. Lash, to sell by auction on his premises, Lot 26, Con. 5, Eramosa, on Friday, 23rd February, at 12 o'clock, the following property: horses 11 years old, 1 aged mare, span of well matched mares (1 in foal) 7 and 8 years old, mare 4 years old (in foal); 3 year old colt (large), 2 year old colt and yearling filly, 8 milch cows in calf, farrow cow, well-bred bull 3 years old, 3 steers 2 years old, 2 heifers 2 years old, 3 yearlings, 7 sheep, 2 wagons, pair trucks, 3 sleighs, double pleasure sleigh, single buggy, combined reaper and mower, 2 cultivators, 2 pair harrows, turnip drill (horse) fanning mill, sugar kettle, chains, forks, rakes, spades, new grain cradle, 3 sets of double harness, 2 pair of single harness, 20 new sap rails, 2 iron ploughs, horse hay rake, &c. The whole will be disposed of without reserve, and the proprietor is about leaving the premises. Terms of sale: \$10 and under cash, over that amount 10 months credit on approved notes. (7-3) E. J. TEEVIN, Auctioneer

AUCTION SALE OF FARM STOCK, Implements, &c.

W. S. G. Knowles will offer for sale by Public Auction, on Wednesday, the 25th of February inst., on the farm presently occupied by Mr. Mark Sutton, Lot 9, 7th Con., Eramosa, the following valuable property, viz: 1 mare, in foal, 3 good horses for general purposes; 2 Grade cows, in calf; 4 heifers, rising 2 years; 2 calves; 15 head of well-bred Leicester ewes, rearing and mowing machine, light wagon, light pair of bolags, grain drill, turnip drill, 2 turnip rollers, straw cutter, cut, for 2 iron ploughs (Stevenson's), 3 sets of Harrows, scutcher, 2 wooden ploughs, fanningmill, furnace, gang plough, and other articles. Terms—sums of \$5 and under cash, over that amount 10 months credit on approved joint notes. Sale at 11 o'clock.

Eramosa, Feb. 8.

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