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GUELPH, ONT., CANADA, SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 17, 1872.

PRICE ONE PENNY

Business Cards.

F. STURDY,
House, Sign, and Ornamental Painter
CHINAER AND PAPER-HANGER.
Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph.
ROYAL HOTEL LIVERY STABLE.
The subscriber begs to notify the public that he has purchased the above livery from Mr. Geo. W. Jessop, and will continue the business as heretofore. Having made considerable improvements, he will be able at all times to meet the wants of the travelling public. First-class Turnouts ready at the shortest notice.
Guelph, 6th Dec. dtf W. J. WILSON.

O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL,
IN THE
QUEEN'S HOTEL, GUELPH, OPPOSITE THE MARKET.
Refracted in the latest fashion. Five latest styles Phelan Tables. do

DOMINION SALOON.
The table supplied with all the delicacies of the season in a first-class manner.
At the Bar will be found the choicest Brands of Liquors and Cigars.
Guelph, Nov. 21, 1871. do

FRESH OYSTERS IN EVERY STYLE
The table supplied with all the delicacies of the season in a first-class manner.
At the Bar will be found the choicest Brands of Liquors and Cigars.
Guelph, Nov. 21, 1871. do

SODEN'S PUBLIC CAB.
The subscriber having purchased Mr. D. Coffey's splendid Cab, begs to inform the public that it will be at their service at all times, either by the hour, the day, or any other way, at the most moderate charges.
It will attend all the regular trains, also Concerts and Balls, and can be engaged for Marriages or Funerals on the shortest notice. Order plates kindly permitted at Mr. Harvey's Drug Store, Parker's Hotel, and Hever's Western Hotel.
A careful and steady driver always with the Cab. A share of public patronage respectfully solicited.
Orders may also be left at the Owner's Grocery Store, Upper Wyndham Street.
Oct. 29, 1871. dtf R. SODEN.

DUGAN'S PUBLIC CAB.
The subscriber begs to inform the people of Guelph that he has purchased a handsome and commodious Cab, which will always be at their service.
He will be at the Railway Stations on the arrival of all trains.
Parties wishing to hire by the hour or otherwise will be charged the most reasonable rates.
As he will make it his study to see to the comfort of all passengers he hopes to receive a share of public patronage.
Orders left at the Express Office, Mr. Hugh Walker's, and at the Post Office will be promptly attended to.
Sept. 4, 1871. dtf JOHN DUGAN.

DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL,
Licentiate of Dental Surgery.
Established 1861.
Office next door to the "Advertiser" Office, Wyndham-st., Guelph.
Residence opposite Mr. Boulton's Factory, Quebec Street. Teeth extracted without pain. References: Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGroin, Harod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph. Drs. Buchanan and Phillips, Toronto; Drs. Elliott & Meyers, Dentists, Toronto. dtf

W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S.,
SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH.
Office over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham and Macdonnell-sts., Guelph.
Nitrates Oxide (laughing gas) administered for the extraction of teeth without pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable.
References kindly permitted to Drs. Harod, Clarke, Tuck, McGroin, Keating, Cowan and McGregor, Guelph; W. R. Graydon, Dentist, Brampton. dtf

RAYMOND'S SEWING MACHINES
Family Sewing Machine (single thread).
Hand Lock Stitch (double thread).
No. 1. Foot Power.
No. 2. for heavy work.
Furnished with plain tables, half, or Cabinet Cases, as required.

CHARLES RAYMOND,
GUELPH, ONT.
July 12, 1871. dtf

PARKER'S HOTEL,
OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH.
First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.
The best of Liquors and Cigars at the bar. JAMES PARKER, Proprietor.
Guelph, Feb. 6, 1872. dtf

NEW MILLINERY SHOW ROOMS.
MISS ELLIS
Bega to inform the public that she has just received a fresh lot of

MILLINERY GOODS
In all the latest styles, and respectfully solicits an early call.
One door east of the Royal Hotel.
Guelph, Oct. 5, 1871. do

ELECTRO AND CARTRIDGE-PLATING SHOP.
The undersigned begs to inform the public that he has purchased the business of the late E. J. Robinson, and that he intends to carry it on in all its branches. Prices, &c., as usual. Small articles plated from 15 cents and upward. Country orders promptly attended to. He has also repaired his

New Machine & Repairing Shop
To the same premises, where all orders in that line will be promptly attended to.
JOHN KIRKHAM, dtf
Guelph, Jan. 10, 1872

THORP'S LIVERY STABLE
STILL IN OPERATION.
AT THE OLD STAND
First-class horses and rigs can be had at all hours by applying at the Stable, opposite the Grand Trunk Railway Station.
JAMES A. THORP
Guelph, April 26, 1872.

New Advertisements.

SITUATION WANTED.—As Resident Governor in a respectable family, to take charge of children. Is also a good housekeeper. Apply at this office. 13-45

PEOPLE'S MILLS.—Orders for flour, &c., from the above Mills can be left at Anderson's Bookstore, and will be promptly attended to. 13-64 JAMES GOLDIE.

MAN WANTED to look after horses, and make himself generally useful. Apply to Dr. Herod, Quebec-street. 14-46

HOUSE WANTED.—On or near the Waterloo Road. Address, stating particulars, to A. B. Drawer 30, Guelph P.O. 6-12

BULL FOR SALE.—For sale, a 2 year old thoroughbred Durham Bull. First-class pedigree. Apply to Alex. McPherson, Lot 18, 1th con. Nassagaweya. 7-9-45.

BLACKSMITH WANTED IMMEDIATELY.—Good wages and steady employment to competent man. Apply to James Laing, Blacksmith, Morrison-st. dtf

BOY WANTED.—To work in the paint shop, who has had some practice; and helper for the smith shop. Apply at once to J. B. Armstrong & Co., Excelsior Carriage Works, Guelph. W-3-11

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!
To lend, at reasonable rates, on security of real property, in sums to suit borrowers. Apply to GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN, Guelph, Dec. 27, 1871. 3-11

TANNERY FOR SALE OR TO RENT.
The subscriber will either sell or rent his Tannery, on Surrey Street, Guelph. Possession given on the 1st of March. Apply, on the premises, to JOHN CLARKE, Proprietor, Guelph, Jan. 9, 1872. dtf

LOOK HERE.
Owners having horses suffering on Ring Bone, Bone Spavin, Elbow Spavin, Splints, &c., can have these enlargements effectually removed in a very short space of time and at a small expense by applying to JOSEPH HIRSCH Union, Hotel, Guelph, Jan. 31st, 1872. dtf

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.
A. H. R. KENNEDY'S
Flour and Feed Store.
Call and leave your orders with A. H. R. KENNEDY if you want the best.

Flour, Potatoes and Feed
of all kinds, as cheap as any in the town, and always delivered to any part of the town when required.
Also, a fine lot of wheat, oats and peas, for seed.
Remember the sign—Anderson's new building, next door to Wm. Snider's tin shop, West Market Square. (Feb 15—dw)

FIRST CONGREGATION CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ANNUAL SOIREE
The Annual Soiree of the First Congregation Canada Presbyterian Church, Guelph, will be held in the Town Hall,
On Tuesday, 20th February
Ten will be served from 6:30 until 8 p.m.
The Rev. Messrs. Grant, of Ingersoll; Bentley, of Galt; Mullan, of Ferris; Dickie, of Berlin, and others, will address the audience. Lawrence's Silver Cornet Band will be in attendance.
Tickets 25 cents, to be had at the stores of Messrs. Hopson, Savage, Day, Anderson, and A. Armstrong.
The Annual Meeting of the Sabbath School Children belonging to the Congregation will be held in the same place on the following evening (21st Feb.) at 6 o'clock. A collection in aid of the Funds will be taken up. Guelph, Feb. 14th, 1872. dtf

R. CRAWFORD,
MANUFACTURER
WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER,
Next the Post Office.
Having resolved to go into the manufacture of
WATCHES AND JEWELLERY
Exclusively, I will sell you cash the present stock of Watches, Clocks, Jewellery, &c.

BARGAINS WILL BE GIVEN
Should the whole stock be sold off.

The Jobbing Business will be carried on to a fuller extent than ever.

Observe the address—
NEXT THE POST OFFICE,
GUELPH, ONT.
Guelph, Feb. 12, 1872. dtf

AUCTION SALE OF FARM STOCK
and Implements.—W. S. G. Knowles is instructed to sell by Public Auction, on the farm occupied by Mr. John Hassan, lot 17, 5th concession, Eramosa, on Tuesday, 5th of March, 1872, at 12 o'clock, the following property:—1 horse, 1 mare, 1 yearling, 1 cow, 1 pig, 1 animal, in foal to Mr. Buckland's (Briton) calf rising two years, 3 cows in calf to a thoroughbred bull, 1 farrow cow giving milk (a splendid milk), also a splendid grade cow (one of the Windfield descendants) with heifer calf at her feet, 2 fat steers rising two years old, 5 spring calves, 6 well-bred ewes in lamb to one of Mr. Stone's rams, 2 ewe lambs, got by one of Mr. Stone's rams, 1 Cotswold ram, bred by Mr. Stone, 2 brooding sows in pig, one a pure Berkshire. Implements: Patent iron-toothed mow, pair of both wheels, new plough, set of seed harrows, new fanning mill, turnip drill, horse rake, hay rake, grain cradle, grain rack, forks, shovels, cattle chains, wheelbarrow, stoneboat, grindstone, neck-yoke, doubletrees and whipples, set of team harness, nearly new set of harness, &c. Terms—Sums of \$5 and under cash, over that amount 10 per cent. credit will be given on approved joint notes. For the fat cattle, cash. Feb 15—w3

POSITIVELY A FACT!
Mustard's Catarrh Specific
Cures Catarrh, Cold in the Head, Neuralgia, Toothache, Nervous and Sick Headache, Weak and Sore Eyes. The Specific is a new remedy, prepared from Medicinal Barks, Roots, Gums, and Flowers. Free from poisonous drugs, it is harmless, novel, and efficacious in its operation. Try it if you are afflicted with the above diseases. It is also one of the best Cough and Croup Remedies extant.
Mustard's Vegetable Pills should also be used in connection with the Specific for Sick Headache and Catarrh; and those who are afflicted with Rheumatism should try Mustard's King of Oils.
Sold in Guelph by McCullough & Moore, Drugists.
Manufactured at Ingersoll by N. H. Mustard, Proprietor. dtf

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SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 17, 1872

Railway Time Table

Grand Trunk Railway
Trains leave Guelph as follows:
WEST
4:22 a.m.; 9:50 a.m.; 6 p.m.; 8:30 p.m.
To London, Goderich, and Detroit. To Berlin.
3:15 a.m.; 7:30 a.m.; 11:04 a.m.; 3:45 p.m.
The 1:55 p.m. and 6:50 p.m. trains are cancelled.
Great Western—Guelph Branch
Going South depart at 4:55 a.m., 1:05 p.m., and 4:55 p.m.; also by mixed train every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 1:40 p.m., and 9:05 p.m.; also by mixed train every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1:05 p.m. Trains leave Harrison every morning at 10 a.m., reaching Guelph at 1:45 p.m., and in addition a mixed train every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9 a.m., reaching Guelph at 1:40 p.m. The train which passes Guelph going north at 11:45 p.m., runs every day to Clifford, arriving there at 3:15 p.m., and a mixed train which passes Guelph every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1:10 p.m., reaches Clifford at 5:00 p.m.

Town and County News

A GALLERY capable of seating 150 persons is being constructed in Knox's church, Harrison.

There is one case of small-pox in Milton, and the people are afraid of it spreading.

The Harrison Tribune says that several smart business men intend to locate there in the spring.

A BOARD of Trade has been organized in Walkerton. Stephen Noxon, President, and Jabez Stephens, Secretary.

There was about 150 head of cattle at the last Waterloo Fair, and prices ranged from 37 to 4 cents per lb. live weight.

FIFTY-THREE tons of goods were received at Drayton station during the month of January, and four hundred and nine tons shipped from it.

OFF THE TRACK.—The trains on the Grand Trunk were delayed several hours last night by some cars running off the track about three miles below Guelph.

The Waterloo House of Industry and Refuge will soon prove too small for its pauper population, if more stringent measures are not adopted regarding the admission of paupers.

A PRIVATE LETTER from Onawotomic, Kansas, to Mr. D. D. Campbell, states that Mr. Alexander Gardner, blacksmith, formerly of 4th line of Maryboro, Canada, was drowned there in the river.

CURLE'S MEDAL.—Chas. Clarke, Esq., M.P.P., has presented the Elora Curling Club with a silver medal. It is to be competed for by the members of the Club, the best shot holding it for one year.

On Thursday the 8th inst., Louis Jacobs, an aged inmate of the Waterloo County Poor House, cut his throat with a razor, which he had concealed about his person, and died on Saturday night following.

RESIGNED.—Mr. D. McCaig, Principal of the Berlin Central School and late of the Rockwood Academy, having received the appointment to a similar position in Galt Central School, has tendered the resignation of his charge there.

The indications of salt at the Waterloo test well have disappeared, and there is now a show of coal oil. The shareholders are very glad to get a show of anything, but the best show to them would be the return of their money.

THE Georgetown Herald says:—Mr Chase and family took their departure from Georgetown, for Guelph yesterday morning. Although we regret their removal from amongst us we think the change will be the better for them.

On Wednesday morning last, Mr. Alex. Smart, of Elora, met with a painful accident. He was harrowing potato, at his factory, when a small piece broke off and flew into his eye. He is perfectly blind at present, and it will be some time ere he can possibly be abroad again.

A CALL TO HAMILTON.—At a meeting of the congregation of the Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, (formerly Dr. Ormiston's), held on Tuesday evening, it was decided to extend a call to the Rev. Mr. McColl, of Dundas, at a salary of \$2,400, with free manse.

SOUTHERN EXTENSION W. G. & B. R.—The Directors of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway Company met on Friday afternoon to open the tenders for the construction of the line from Listowel to Lucknow. The contract was let to Messrs W. Hendrie & Co., the contractors on the main line from Elora to Paisley.

FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association was held on the 8th inst. in Hamilton. Papers were read on subjects connected with the culture of fruit, and referred to a committee for publication. Mr. Spencer, from Manitoba, stated that wild strawberries, raspberries, grapes, plums and high-bush cranberries grow in that Province in great abundance. The summer meeting of the Association is to be held at Guelph, and the autumn meeting in Toronto.

BRUTAL OUTRAGE.—One of the most brutal outrages on record was perpetrated between Wingham and Clifford, on Tuesday evening, 6th inst. While the driver of Mr. Johnstone's stage was warning himself in a tavern at Belgrave, a fiend in human form completely severed with an axe the two hind legs of one of the horses a little above the fetlocks. The horse being dark, the occurrence was not noticed till Wingham was reached, the dumb brute being driven from Belgrave on the stumps of its legs! The community sympathize with Mr. Johnstone in his loss. The animal was worth \$100. The scoundrel who committed the deed is unknown.

SODEN'S DEATH.—It is with regret that we record the sudden death this (Saturday) morning of Mr. Wm Verney. Deceased was about 21 years of age, and had been for seven years in the employment of Messrs C & A Shurpe. Some

years ago he received an injury by falling off a bridge, and ever since was subject to fits. It is thought that he died from the effects of one of these fits. He was in Messrs Sharp's store the night previous about half past ten o'clock in his usual state of health, and retired to bed quite well. Deceased was a great favourite with his employers, and with all who knew him for his genial qualities, good temper, and kindly disposition.

THE MINSTRELS.—The New Orleans Minstrels appeared in the Town Hall last night before a very crowded house. The entertainment was in all respects first-class, and free from the vulgarities that often disgrace minstrel performances. Miss Maud Stanley is a splendid singer, and every piece she sang was vociferously admired. The instrumental music was admirable, and it was something new to see ladies playing on brass instruments. The negro comicities were very good, and kept the audience in roars of laughter. Mr. Wentworth, in his contortion act, was extraordinary. He put his body into every conceivable shape. The troupe appear to-night for the second and last time.

ANOTHER PLEA FOR THE NARROW GAUGE. To the Editor of the Mercury.
Sir,—Noticing in your issue of Feb. 8 an item concerning the T. G. & B. Railway, I thought it my duty to let you know the truth, as it is false in the extreme.

Firstly, you say that there has not been a train into Mount Forest since Friday last. That is false, as the trains came up regular every day but Monday. There was only one train came in that day, and sir I do not wonder at it, as the snow banks were in many places from five to ten feet deep.

Secondly, you say that the real feeling of the people is that the Narrow Gauge is not what it is cracked up to be. I must say in answer to this that your informant must have been (in plain words) a notorious liar. On the contrary we feel satisfied with the way it is doing, and I might safely say that every person in or near Mount Forest feel assured of its success.

Sir, I simply wish you to correct that statement and if you don't consider it your duty to correct it at once I shall consider it my duty to have my name scratched off your list, as this is not the first false statement I have noticed in the columns of your paper about the Narrow Gauge, and Sir I shall let you know that if you are not a little more careful about what you insert in your paper about our R. R., that is doing so well, you shall find (I might safely say without exception) that every one of your subscribers in or near Mount Forest, will follow you.

Yours respectfully,
Mt. Forest, Feb. 12, 72. J. MARTIN.

NEWS ITEMS.
THE steam fire engines of which Toronto has been boasting so loudly of late were tested to their utmost capacity at the "iron block" fire and found unequal to the task they were required to perform. The buildings destroyed were only four stores high, yet it was found that the fire in the upper story and roof was beyond the reach of the streams thrown by the most powerful engines; in fact no service could be done with them above the third story.

DR. CLARK is collecting a great deal of information from the Superintendents of hospitals and asylums in the Province, respecting the condition and wants of these institutions, which he will lay before the special committee appointed to enquire into the matter. His object is to have this information laid before the Government and the public, with a view of obtaining legislation on the subject next session.

BODY SNATCHING.—The Brantford Courier says that some nights ago the grave of the late Mrs. Walker, of South Norwich, was opened and the body abstracted. Upon some of the friends of the deceased lady, going to the grave a day or two after, to adjust the railing, they found the earth thrown about in a most unaccountable manner, and suspecting all was not right, took immediate steps to relieve their minds of all doubt. On reaching the coffin the diggers found that the body had been removed, the cap and shroud being left, while much of her hair, which had been rudely torn off in the efforts to remove the body, and which was probably done in a hurry, was left sticking to the coffin, which plainly demonstrated the want of common decency and ruthlessness of the fiends in human form whose work it was.

CHARLEY AT HIS OLD TRICKS.—The Toronto correspondent of the London Advertiser says:—It is stated that during the late visit of Sir John A. Macdonald to Hamilton, Charles Magill, M. P., sought an interview with him and told him that the prospects of his being the candidate of the Reform party in the coming election were hopeless, and that were the Conservatives induced to give a silent support, he would add to unsuspecting Reformers, gain the representation of the city, and being thus free from his pledges, to adopt an "independent course" at Ottawa, which of course means, as Sir John well knows, steadily supporting the Government. Sir John, it is understood, promised to do what he could for him, but the matter having leaked out he is not likely to get any support from the Reformers.

THE McNEAR SURVEYING PARTY.—The Pacific Railway authorities in Ottawa are of opinion that the rumored loss of McNear's surveying party on Lake Superior should be received with caution. He was last heard from on the 22nd January, and was then leaving Grand Marais with the view of coasting along the edges of the ice to make Fort William, Silver Lake, or perhaps the Copper Cape. In either case the west end of the Isle Royale, where the last newspaper accounts place him, was a long way out of his intended course; and as the reported storm was on the night of the 24th January, in all probability he has made one or other of these places before the storm overtook him. If McNear has reached any of the points indicated, it will be some time before he can be heard from. His party was composed of about twenty persons, mainly from Collingwood and that neighborhood. One or two are from Toronto.

Eramosa Insurance Company.

The annual meeting of the Eramosa Mutual Fire Insurance Company was held at the Central Inn on Monday the 5th of Feb., where the following report was presented:

ANNUAL REPORT.
The Directors in presenting their annual report congratulate the members upon the prosperous condition of the Company. There are at present 103 policies in force, covering property to the amount of \$181,075 and premium notes held to the amount of \$3770.89.

The Directors would particularly call the attention of members to the following statements:
This Company was established in April 1861, now nearly eleven years, and during that period there has been three assessments of three, four and fifteen per cent upon the premium notes in addition to 5 per cent deposited upon each renewal of a policy, but to show in a more particular way the cost to members who have been insured in this Company for the period of its duration, take the instance a policy covering \$1,000 and our highest rate of insurance being 3 per cent would make the premium note \$30, the whole expenses on such policy, including the charges for policy and survey, would be about \$16, or \$1.45 each year for every \$1000 insured.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
Balance on hand from last account, \$906.77; deposits on premium notes, \$865.13; total, \$237.90.
EXPENDITURE.
Advertising annual meetings, &c. \$4.50; stationery and postage, \$1.70; leaving a balance to the credit of company of \$231.70; total \$237.90. All of which is respectfully submitted.

LAZARUS PARKINSON, President.
It was moved by Mr. John McAree, seconded by Mr. John A. Armstrong, that the report be adopted. Carried.
The following members were elected a Board of Directors for the present year: Messrs. John Duffield, Lazarus Parkinson, Robert Royce, Henry Scott, Archibald Smith, James Loghrin and John A. Armstrong. At a meeting of the Directors, held after the election, Lazarus Parkinson, Esq., was elected President.

THE ATLANTIC CABLES.
London (Jan. 29) Correspondence of the Boston Journal.
We are disturbed here in London by a statement that the Atlantic cables are in such a defective condition that the communication is endangered. As numerous interests are involved, it is difficult to obtain the truth. I am assured, however, that the Government lately appointed a commission of distinguished electricians to examine the cables and report upon them, previously to a negotiation for their purchase, and this report is stated to be alarmingly unfavorable. The companies reply that the defects are near the land and can easily be stopped. But do not be surprised if you are suddenly cut off from Europe. One feels inclined to say that the inconvenience will be richly due to America, if it is not stipulated to remain in the hands of a board of monopolists. The secret history of the "Atlantic Cable Ring" is scandalous; and why Americans should leave us on this side to discover a remedy, I am unable to understand. Are there no cables constructed in the States? no vessels in the navy that could be entrusted with the message? There should be fifty cables instead of three, and messages ought to pass to and fro at the rate of a shilling a word.

THE PROTON CASE COMMITTEE.
The Proton Case Committee met again on Friday. Mr. Dwight of the Montreal Telegraph Company, was recalled with reference to the telegram sent by J. K. Kerr to Adam Oliver. Both these gentlemen consenting, the telegram was read, and was to the effect that Mr. Oliver was to find Lewis and get him to go to South Grey.

No other telegrams were sent to any body about Lewis. Mr. Kerr was called and testified that he had heard from Mr. Wells previously; that Oliver had told him that Lewis wanted to go to South Grey; that he got a letter from Mr. Dickey stating that Mr. Lauder and his friends were making misrepresentations about the position of settlers with regard to their lands; that he then, remembering that Wells had told him, sent the telegram to Oliver; he had never directly or indirectly received any communication, written or verbal, from Blake, McKellar, or any other member of the Government, about Lewis, or suggesting in any way that Lewis should be sent to South Grey.

Wells was also called, and said that he had told Kerr of a conversation he had had with Oliver in the smoking-room of the House, and of Oliver telling him that Lewis had said he contemplated going to South Grey. Wells also stated that he had no communication, directly or indirectly, with any member of the Government about Lewis.

Lauder cross-examined these gentlemen in the most insulting manner, but their evidence did not in the slightest degree sustain a single point of his charge. The Committee adjourned, to meet again at the call of the Chairman.

THE TWO NAVIES.
Since the re-opening of the Alabama claims grievances the preparedness of the two countries for war is being discussed. The United States Army and Navy Journal says:—There are some fifty odd iron-clads of the monitor class laid up, for the most part at League Island, many of which are not worth the cost of their repair. The Secretary of the Navy frankly admits that their usefulness has passed away or passing away, and he correctly adds:—"They make a part of the necessary expenditure of the great war, and the nation must accept the loss, and from its abundant resources must supply the deficiency occasioned." For any naval purpose nearly the entire lot are mere rubbish, and should be so estimated in all efforts toward the maintenance of the naval force required by the exigencies of our commercial position and the national interests that require watch and protection.

The Broad Arrow, speaking of the present condition of the British navy, says:—"In fact we still hold to our opinion that the navy as on the whole, in a better state than it has been for years; that we have a finer fleet of iron-clads than any power in the world; that our sailors are well treated; that to remedy the grievances and disabilities under which our officers have so long labored almost superhuman efforts have been made."

BY TELEGRAPH

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES
ALEXIS AT NEW ORLEANS.

Fearful Gale and Shipwreck on the Mexican Coast.
Telegraph Meeting in London.

New Orleans, Feb. 16.—The Grand Ducal party leave on Sunday by rail for Pensacola, via Mobile, where the Russian fleet awaits them.

Havana, Feb. 16.—The accounts of a fearful northern gale on the Mexican coast are received. The English bark Panama, from Liverpool, which arrived at Vera Cruz on the 6th, dragged her anchors during the gale, and the vessel was lost. Twelve of the crew were also drowned.

London, Feb. 17.—At a general meeting of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company last evening a reduction of the present rate of tolls on cable despatches was favorably considered. The advisability of laying a fourth cable across the Atlantic was urged, and the proposal was well received.

London, Feb. 17.—Her Majesty the Queen on her return from thanksgiving services at St. Paul's, on the 27th inst., will pass through Holborn and Oxford streets to Buckingham Palace.

Ontario Legislature.
Feb. 16th.
A number of bills were read a third time and passed. Several bills were also read a second time.

Mr Mackenzie moved the reception of the report of the committee of supply.
On the item for \$80,000 for immigration, Mr Blake made a full explanation of the policy of the Government on this subject, as far as they had been able to decide.

On the item of \$42,100 for hospitals and charities, Mr. Ferguson moved an amendment. "That this House, while cheerfully concurring in any reasonable expenditure for grants in aid of hospitals and charities, regrets that the number of institutions said to be sectarian to which grants are to be made should be increased in the present estimates to the amount of \$1,800 annually, or the proceeds of \$30,000 of the public revenue, at the rate of 6 per cent per annum. Lost, only him self voting for it."

Mr. Ferguson moved to strike the grant of \$640 to the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum, Toronto, off the estimates. He could get no seconder.

On the item of \$5,000 reward for the apprehension of the murderers of Thos. Scott, Red River Settlement, Mr. Blake assured the House that this matter had received the most careful consideration of the Government. But the Government could not give the full details without giving the proclamation that they intended to issue. The draft of the proclamation was before them, and would soon be settled.

The rest of the estimates were concurred in.

Returning Sense.
The New York Nation, acknowledged the ablest weekly journal in the United States, devotes its leader this week to considerations of "The Difficulties of Arbitration," and, lamenting that the Treaty of Washington is in danger, declares that the difficulties will illustrate "which attend, and must attend, attempts to decide great international questions by arbitration." It says that the question of consequential damages "was never considered by any lawyer as one which could be gravely submitted to any human tribunal," and regrets that the apology of England was not frankly considered as settling that matter. It says that the Treaty is in danger of miscarriage in England, because never popular there, and because the Ministry which made it is now weaker than then, and largely because of its foreign policy. It blames severely the American correspondents and others who are fostering a difficulty, and concludes:

"Both parties owe it to the great interests of civilization not to let the Treaty of Washington miscarry for any but substantial reasons. If nothing real is gained or guarded against by the claim for consequential damages, there ought surely to be some means found of disposing of it so as to save everybody's self-love."

Married vs. Single.
Marriage has been made the subject of as a matter of course, almost invariably by bachelors. Would it surprise the bachelors in question to know, that in spite of the hair-pullings, the indescribable horrors of washing and house-cleaning days, and the aggravations of certain lectures that are supposed to be the necessary attendants of married life—in spite of all these the married man has a longer lease of life than the bachelor. Recently published statistics place this fact beyond doubt.

From returns published in the Scientific Review, by authority of the Brussels Academy of Medicine, we gather the following:—From 25 to 30 years of age the mortality per thousand in France amounts to 6.2 in married men, 10.2 in bachelors, 21.8 in widowers. In Brussels the mortality of married women is 9 per 1,000, girls the same, and widows as high as 16.0. In Belgium, from 7 per 1,000 among married men, the number rises to 8.5 in bachelors, and 24.6 in widowers. The proportion is the same in Holland. From 33 in married men, it rises to 11.7 in bachelors, and 16.9 in widowers or 12.8 among married women, 8.5 in spinsters, and 13.8 in widows. The aggregate from various calculations shows that from 20 to 30 years of age the mortality per 1000 is four in married men, ten in bachelors, and twenty-two in widowers. It will be noticed that widows and widowers fare even worse than the bachelors; possibly they are in a hurry to leave the world in order to rejoin their departed mates. The figures we present should prove an effective warning to all bachelors and spinsters, as quickly as possible, unless indeed they consider an early grave preferable to the matrimonial yoke.

FUNERAL OF EARL MAYO.—The funeral of the late Governor-General Mayo took place on Friday. Baron Napier, Governor of the Madras Presidency, who succeeded the Governor-General, being present, is expected to arrive Calcutta on the 23th.