

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SALARY.
Eighteen thousand dollars a year is the difference of the amounts which two different parties in Canada propose should be the salary of the Governor-General. To Britain's aristocracy the sum may seem a trifle far too paltry to be talked of, and the same view may be taken by those who wish to court the favor and approval of that aristocracy, and by their supporters. But to those who toil hard for their money and who count their dollars not by thousands but by tens or perhaps only units the case appears in quite a different light. Since it is a scripture truth none but an infidel will deny that the workman is worthy of his hire, but there may be difference of opinion about the value of the labour performed, and those who advocate a lower figure may be equally honest with those who make a show of generosity.

It is not true as stated by some of the Government organs that the Governor-General's salary is "fixed," by the British North American Act. No doubt Sir John & Co., would have "fixed" that as they did the point about the Arbitrator not being obliged to seek re-election, had they not been aware that, in the words of the amendment which Mr. Mackenzie offered in the House on Thursday night, "it is the undoubted privilege of Parliament to fix and determine the amounts of all salaries and expenditures chargeable on the Dominion, and that the salary of the Gov.-Gen. should, therefore, be fixed by an Act of this (the Canadian) Parliament." The right or the power of the Commons as expressed in the foregoing assertion may not in the present instance be very agreeable to some parties, but it is nevertheless indisputable.

The advocates of the \$50,000 a year have exhausted a long array of arguments, and then, like the Scotch minister of whom the story goes that he had one set of sermons and when he had used the top one placed it under the pile, and it was new when it reached the surface, they have given us a repetition—"could he let again." They have gone to the trouble of publishing and re-publishing the different amounts of salary paid to various Governors, and point triumphantly to India as affording pay to which fifty thousand dollars bears something like a proportion as a wife's pin money does to her husband's income. But they do not properly take into consideration the difference in the duties and responsibilities of the two positions; they forget that the one is as it were a Governor de facto with all most the duties of a Parliament to perform, and that in comparison the other is merely an Administrator in name, that the office of Governor of India involves hard labour while that of Governor of Canada is almost a sinecure. But we think that none of the prolix arguments for the \$50,000 is so powerful, as the very comprehensive one of Mr. McKenzie for \$32,000, contained in the clause quoted above. Those who have control of the Consolidated Revenue Fund should certainly have a word to say concerning the sums drawn from it, and even "a first class man," as a Colonial Secretary presumed was wanted, will be "passing rich," and very fairly paid at the reduced rate.

The weakest prop that has yet been brought to the support of the Ministry on this question is an assault on the "loyalty" of the opposition. Does disloyalty then consist in objections to pay more for services than it is believed they are worth, or that is conscientiously considered the country can afford? If opinions about loyalty continue making such rapid progress it will be but a short time until everybody will be accusing everybody else of high treason. *O tempora! O mores!*

A curious physiological experiment has recently been made. A few grains of barley were placed before a hungry pigeon. While pecking the grain of the pigeon was frozen by means of a spray of ether. The bird, being thus deprived of consciousness, ceased pecking, and remained as if dead. The barley was then removed, and the ether spray having ceased, the brain was allowed to thaw. The bird soon returned to life, and its first act was to renew the pecking for a time, although no food was before it.

TRADE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.
The commerce and trade of New Brunswick for the last year, as given in the official returns of the Province, appear to have been in a most flourishing and satisfactory condition. The imports for the last fiscal year amounted to \$6,523,395, on which duty was collected to the amount of \$886,586. The imports were chiefly molasses, tea, sugar, coffee, alcoholic liquors, and dry goods. The exports for the year were \$4,626,727.

It will interest travellers to the United States to know that it has just been decided in the Supreme Court that travellers must withdraw their baggage from the keeping of railroad companies upon arrival; that the companies are under no obligation to store the baggage, and are not liable for its loss if removed within a reasonable time.

Mr. Cardwell, Secretary of War, in reply the other night in the House of Commons to some intimations which had been thrown out, said the Government had no intention of countermanding the order for the reduction of the troops in Canada, under existing circumstances.

Accounts from every part of Canada and the United States represent the wheat crop as promising a splendid yield. Nowhere has the plant been winter-killed or apparently injured in the slightest degree.

Mr. Ferris is to be replaced on the prison Inspection Board, by a gentleman from the Lower Provinces.

The latest idea for fashionable churches is a retiring room, like that of the opera house, where ladies can leave their parasols, cloaks, etc., and thus disencumbered they listen to the Word in all the glory of gorgeous raiment.

BY TELEGRAPH
Dominion Telegraph Comp'y
Condemed at Clinton.

Special to EVENING MERCURY.
CLINTON, May 14th.
The shareholders of the Dominion Telegraph Company in this neighborhood have decided to refuse all further payment upon their stock, having lost all confidence in the enterprise.

BIRTHS.
HALL—At Elora, on the 8th inst., the wife of Mr. E. H. Hall, of a daughter.
STULL—At Rothsay, on the 4th inst., the wife of Mr. H. B. Stull, of a son.
DUNN—At Rothsay, on the 4th inst., the wife of Mr. Isaac Digby, of a son.
CROW—In Minto, on the 1st inst., the wife of Mr. T. Crow, of a son.

MARRIAGES.
MARTIN—HILL—At the residence of H. Webster, Esq., by the Rev. R. Brewster, Mr. Robert Martin, to Miss Rebecca Hill, all of Fergus.
SMITH—MOORE—At Rothsay, on the 9th inst., by the Rev. D. Anderson, Mr. Wm. F. Smith, to Miss Sarah Ann Moore, both of Maryboro.

New Advertisements.

TO CONTRACTORS
TENDERS
Will be received by the undersigned (or can be left at Petrie's Drug Store), until

Wednesday, 19th May, 1869
At 3 o'clock, p. m., for certain alterations and repairs in the
COURTHOUSE
Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of James Hough, Esq., in said building.
GEORGE BRUCE, Esq., Architect.
Guelph, May 15. do 3

HARD TIMES vs. SOFT ONES.

OWING TO THE HARD TIMES A Softening of Prices has taken place
It would be folly to say that we do not WANT MONEY, as "Money makes the Mare to go."

The way to make **TIMES SOFT AND MONEY EASY** is to **buy your Boots & Shoes at**

JOHN McNEIL'S,
Montreal Boot and Shoe Store, Wyndham-St.
Guelph, May 15. daw 11

BOY WANTED.
Wanted, a stout, active boy. Apply to GEO. WILKINSON.
Guelph, 14th May. dtf

PIANO TUNING.
All orders left at Cuthbert's Book and Music Store will be attended to by Mr. RUSCH, Nordheimer's Tuner.
Guelph, 14th May. dtf

WATCH FOUND.
Found between Coulson's Hotel and the Grand Trunk Station, on the 7th April last, a SILVER WATCH. The finder at the time was on his way to the States, and having no time to wait, the train being due, had to take the watch with him. The owner on proving property and paying expense of this advertisement, can be put on the way of getting it by applying at the Mercury office.
Guelph, 13th May. cdw3

W. M. MERRITT,
BARRISTER-AT-LAW, Solicitor in Chancery, &c. Office—No. 3, Day's Block, Guelph.
Guelph, 4th May. dtw-w17

KAUFFMAN & COOPER,
Architects and Civil Engineers.

OFFICE—Over Bank of Commerce,
Golden Lion Block, Wyndham-st.
Guelph, 4th May. do 11

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS
Will be received up to 2 o'clock, p. m., on Monday, the 17th inst., for the masonry, carpenter and iron work required in the erection of a Foot-bridge over the river Speed in the Town of Guelph. Plans and specifications can be seen, and full particulars learned, at the office of the undersigned, Wyndham Street, Guelph.
KAUFFMAN & COOPER, Architects.
Guelph, May 8, 1869. do 7

EDUCATIONAL.
MRS. WM. BUDD,
Organist of the Congregational Church.

Begs to inform her Pupils and friends that her School will re-open MONDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1869. she will also be prepared to give Private Lessons on the Organ, Piano and Melodeon.
Residence: Norfolk Street, Guelph. do 17

CLARK'S
Washing
Composition
FOR SALE BY THE QUART, AT

PETRIE'S DRUG STORE
Parties wishing to give their Celebrated **Washing Compound** a trial can do so now, without buying a FAMILY RIGHT.

The subscriber has purchased the exclusive right to

Manufacture and Sell
the above article in the TOWN and TOWNSHIP OF GUELPH.

Family Rights!
For the above District only to be purchased of

A. B. PETRIE, Chemist.
Guelph, May 15. daw 11

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Fire Crackers, Torpedoes, &c.

JUST RECEIVED at the FRUIT DEPOT, a large importation of Fire Crackers, Torpedoes, &c., which will be sold to the trade 20 per cent. below Toronto or Hamilton prices, at

HUGH WALKER'S
Wholesale dealer in Fruit and Fire Works, opposite the English Church, Wyndham-st.
Guelph, 14th May do.

MAGAZINES

FOR

MAY

AT

CUTHBERT'S.
Guelph, 14th May. do

MAGAZINES FOR MAY

RECEIVED
At DAY'S BOOKSTORE,
Opposite the Market.

Boys' Bells
People's Magazine
Englishwoman's Magazine
The Sunday School Teacher
English Mechanic
Argosy
The World of Fashion
Leisure Hour
Cornhill
Temple Bar
Good Words
The Quiver

Young Englishwoman
Sunday Magazine
Young Englishwoman's Journal
All the Year Round
Sunday at Home
Young Men of Great Britain
Boys of England
Cassell's Magazine
London Society
Popular Educator.

Guelph, 13th May. do

Town of Guelph

CLEANING OUT THE RIVER SPEED.
Tenders will be received at this office up to four o'clock, p.m.,

On Monday, the 17th inst., for the following work, viz:

Removing all Driftwood, between Goldie's Mill and Allan's Bridge, and taking out all stumps between bridge at Inglis' Foundry and a line crossing the river at the northern corner of Wm. Nichol's Court House Hotel property.

N.B.—The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.
JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk.
Clerk's Office, May 12, 1869. dt

TOWN OF GUELPH.
PLANS FOR BRIDGES.

The Corporation of the Town of Guelph offer a prize of \$50 for a plan of a stone and iron girder bridge, and a prize of \$70 for a plan of a stone and timber bridge (the prize in each case to be awarded to the plan approved by the Council), said bridge to be erected over the River Speed, where the Erasmus bridge now stands, in this municipality. Working specifications and a list of prices, and quantities of material, showing total cost, to accompany each plan. Plans will be received at this office up to the 20th inst., at 3 o'clock p. m. For further information apply to

JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk.
Clerk's Office, Guelph, 7th May. do
Daily Globe and Leader to insert four lines, and sign account, &c.

Town of Guelph
TENDERS FOR BRIDGE.

Tenders for the **WOOD WORK** of bridge near Evans' & Inglis' Foundry, will be received at the Town Clerk's Office, up to three o'clock, p.m.,

ON MONDAY, THE 17th INST.
Plans and specifications can be seen and further information obtained at this office.
N.B.—The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.
JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk.
Clerk's Office, May 12, 1869. dt

TOWN OF GUELPH.
COURT OF REVISION

The Court of Revision for the Town of Guelph will commence its first sitting in the Town Hall precisely at seven o'clock,
On Tuesday Evening, 18th of May, and resume its sitting at the same hour on each succeeding evening until the Court shall be closed.
N.B.—No appeals will be received after the 14th May, except in accordance with the Statute.
JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk.
Town Clerk's Office, Guelph, 4th May, 1869. dtw

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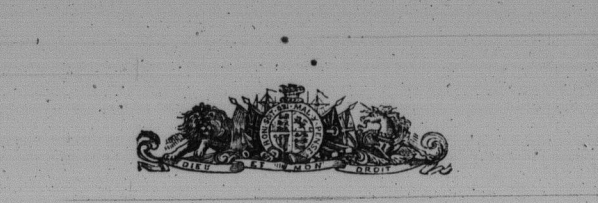
BACON, HAMS AND SHOULDERS!

AT WILKINSON'S.

Smoked Hams, Heavy Bacon, Spiced Bacon, Unsmoked Shoulders, Light Bacon, Sugar-Cured Breakfast Bacon.

It is a well known fact, that the superior quality of meat sold by me is well appreciated from the large quantities that I sell yearly.

Guelph, 14th May. do **GEORGE WILKINSON.**



VICTORIA, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith,

TO HER TRUSTY BAILIFFS, RICHARD CONGOU, THOMAS PEKOE, JOHN HYSOON, and HER WELL BELOVED STEWARDS OF HER HOUSEHOLD, HENRY SOUCH, ONG and CHARLES GUNPOWDER,

GREETING:—

WE command you, and every one of you, to summons every MAN AND WOMAN in your TOWN, TOWNSHIP and COUNTY, to attend a Court to be holden from day to day for the special interests of all Her Majesty's subjects until further notice, at the stores of Her faithful subject, JOHN A. WOOD, Alma Block and Lower Wyndham Street, in the Town of Guelph, County of Wellington, to examine, decide and give judgment according to your several opinions, of the superior QUALITY and CHEAPNESS of the said JOHN A. WOOD'S TEAS, COFFEES, SUGARS, WINES, LIQUORS and GENERAL GROCERIES, which he challenges all competition to excel.

Witness our hands this 12th day of May, 1869.

ISAAC ECONOMY, JAMES JUSTWEIGHT, PETER GENUINE.

For Ten Days!

AN IMMENSE REDUCTION

IN THE PRICE OF

CROCKERY

AND GLASSWARE.

The Whole to be Rushed Off

At Tremendous Low Prices!

Splendid Stoneware Tea Sets, \$2.50
Handsome Stoneware Toilet Sets, \$1.50

Everything in the line equally cheap.

HUGH WALKER,
Guelph, May 12. do Opposite the English Church

GUELPH TEA DEPOT!

A VERY LARGE STOCK JUST IMPORTED!

PRICES DOWN, DOWN.

Extra Fine Moyune Young Hyson Tea, Sold elsewhere in Guelph for \$1.15 per lb., for \$1.00!

22 Half Chests of \$1.00 Tea, for 90 Cents per lb.
First-Class 75c. Tea for 60c per lb. Congou Tea for 45c. Very best Oolong Japan Tea, worth \$1.00, for 75c. per lb. A Splendid Mixed Tea for 50 Cents per lb.
ALL GOODS WARRANTED to give satisfaction. If not the money will be returned CALL AND SEE SAMPLES.

E. O'DONNELL & CO.,
Guelph, May 10 do 11 Wyndham Street, Guelph.

CHILDREN'S CARRIAGES

In great variety, and remarkably cheap at MRS. HUNTER'S.

THE PATENT CLOTHES HORSE,
A most useful and convenient article. Every house should have one.

AT MRS. HUNTER'S.
Something new in TOYS, at Mrs. Hunter's.

Dress Making & Straw Millinery
AT MRS. HUNTER'S
Juvenile Clothing and Patterns
at Mrs. Hunter's.

A large and select stock of Fancy Goods, Wools, &c.
AT MRS. HUNTER'S,
Berlin Wool and Fancy Goods Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph. May 12 do

REMOVAL AND DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

GUELPH
MELODEON AND ORGAN COMPANY

McLEOD, WOOD & Co., 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 Printing Office, and hope by strict attention to business and liberal terms to merit the confidence of the musical 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.

We wish specially to inform the public that, being practical mechanics, and having taken with us nearly all the workmen, whose work has gained such a reputation in Canada, we defy our late partners, or any men whom they can procure from Prince's or any other establishment, to turn out work equal—far less superior—to the instruments made by us. We do not intend to rest our claim for support on puffing, but invite comparison as the best test of the superiority of our work.

We would remind the agents of the late firm and intending purchasers that although the factory is one door East of the old stand, all the work is made by the same workmen, and under the supervision of two of the partners who have always managed the mechanical part of the business of the late firm, and the tuning is exclusively done by Mr. Wood, so that we have now facilities for turning out a more perfect instrument than could be done in the old factory.

Repairing done as usual, and in future PIANO TUNING will be done by Mr. Wood exclusively. Price of tuning in town \$1.50. All instruments warranted for five years.

Orders by letter will receive careful attention. Remember the Stand—Old Advertiser Office, East Market Square.
R. McLEOD. R. B. WOOD. J. JACKSON.
Guelph 17th. A. 111.

Guelph Melodeon Co's.

Dissolution of Co-Partnership.

The Co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name of BELL, WOOD & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

W. BELL, R. B. WOOD, ROBERT BELL, ROBERT McLEOD.

PUBLIC NOTICE.
BELL BROTHERS, of the late firm, assume all liabilities, and all notes and accounts are to be paid to them at the old stand, East Market Square. Guelph 15th April, 1869. W3

BELL BROS'
The senior partners of the above firm still continue to manufacture

MELODEONS & CABINET ORGANS
In the old stand, under the name of W. BELL & Co. Through the late firm received two First Prizes at the last Provincial Exhibition we were determined to make a still better instrument, and with that end in view secured the services of some of PRINCE & CO'S best workmen, including a tuner who is undoubtedly the best in Canada. We therefore confidently affirm that our instruments are much superior to any made elsewhere in Canada, and at least equal to any made in the United States.

All our instruments warranted for 5 years, and perfect satisfaction guaranteed. Send for our catalogue. Address, W. BELL & CO. Guelph, April 30, 1869. daw

MONTREAL OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
CANADIAN LINE.

Liverpool, Londonderry, Glasgow.

The first-class, full-powered, Clyde-built Steamships of this line will be despatched every Saturday as follows (carrying the Canadian and United States mails):

QUEBEC TO LIVERPOOL.
Nestorian 8th May
Prussian 15th "
Austrian 22nd "
Moravian 29th "

QUEBEC TO GLASGOW.
St. David (on or about) ... 13th May
St. Andrew 20th "

Through Passage Tickets, Return Tickets, and European Pre-paid Passage Certificates issued at lowest rates.

CABIN—Guelph to Liverpool \$70.00 and \$80.00
STEERAGE, do do do do 20.00
CABIN—Guelph to Glasgow 60.00
INTERMEDIATE, do do do do 40.00
STEERAGE, do do do do 20.00
For every information apply to
Geo. A. OXNARD,
Agent G. T. R. Guelph
Guelph, May 6, 1869. daw

WHITEWASHING AND WALL COLOURING
Done by WILLIAM DAVIS, Waterloo Street, near the Grand Trunk Station.
Guelph, March 31 do 31