

### To Business Men.

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### Guelph Evening Mercury

MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 2, 1874

### The Agitation about Protection

Public attention has lately been directed to a combined movement on the part of the manufacturers in the Dominion, for an advance in the tariff on their productions. During the election in January, the questions of free trade and protection were freely discussed in constituencies where manufactures had risen into importance, and candidates were required to state their views clearly and plainly upon the subject, and also indicate the course they would pursue were such questions to come up for discussion in Parliament. Following up this agitation, the manufacturers gave to it a practical application at their meeting in Toronto, last week, when resolutions in favour of protection were adopted, and specifying what duty should be levied on certain articles. The Dominion Board of Trade, which was in session in Ottawa at the same time, had also the question under their consideration, and a resolution was passed by that body, affirming the expediency of protection so far as consistent with the commerce and revenue requirements of the country.

As now presented the question is one which cannot be thrust aside. Hitherto, in this country at least, it has been discussed pretty much in the abstract, but it has now been adopted as a policy by a large and influential portion of the community, and must in future engage more or less attention from our legislators. Very few now-a-days will be found to deny that free trade, as an abstract principle, is right and just, but in the past it has been found impossible to carry out that principle in Canada, and, judging from our constantly increasing expenditure, it will be equally impossible to enforce it for many years to come. Incidental protection has been forced on us, not alone for the purpose of protection, but as a means of raising revenue, and the tariff has often been raised or lowered to meet revenue requirements, without regard being had to the enforcement of protection as a principle. And it may be that the present Government will follow the same course, and increase the tariff just in proportion as they require increased revenue, or to make up in that way what may be lost in removing some present objectionable feature in our taxation. In this way the question would still remain as one of adjustment—the three fold objects being to afford the manufacturers reasonable encouragement and protection, to raise what money is required to meet our expenditure, and at the same time to arrange the tariff so that it will not bear hard on any one class of the community.

This we think is the only fair and reasonable mode of dealing with the question. It is admitted by all that Canada occupies a peculiar position with regard to her manufactures. The Americans have raised their duties so high as to render it utterly out of the power of the Canadian manufacturer to compete with them on anything like fair terms in their own market, while our tariff, though it enforces a small duty for revenue purposes, is such that it gives the American manufacturers, with their large capital and establishments, as good a chance in our market as their Canadian competitors. This is especially the case with regard to a certain class of manufactures, which are becoming more and more daily necessities, and the production of which to make them remunerative requires a large expenditure of capital and the employment of expensive and elaborate machinery. The policy of self interest is the policy of every state, and we cannot see any good reason why Canada should hold out advantages to the United States which they do not concede to the Dominion. It is some- what inclined to say, if you give the Canadian manufacturer more protection, it will exclude the American competitor, our home products will at once be raised in price, and the manufacturer, not the public, will reap the benefit. We do not think there is much to fear on that score. The spirit of competition will always have the tendency of keeping prices down. The result, we think, would rather be that the Canadian manufacturer would sell more of his wares in the home market, at present prices, which yield him a larger profit than that which he realizes on the goods he exports to foreign markets.

It is a safe and wise principle to allow the importation of all raw materials free of duty, especially if such material cannot be produced in the country. Encouragement is there- fore given to manufactures of every kind, the various industries of the country are thereby fostered, skilled labour is in demand, and all classes

of the community share in the benefit. It is impossible for our Government to deal with protection in the abstract, but we think the country will support them in making any proposition which, for the purpose of raising the required increased revenue, will afford our manufacturers such reasonable protection as will tend to foster and encourage manufacturing enterprise, without doing injustice to or bearing hard on the consumer.

### That Little Row.

British Columbia papers containing details of the late popular demonstration in that Province are now to hand, and enable us to judge of the true character of the disturbance. It dwindles down into very small proportions. It was simply a rowdy-like ebullition on the part of the Victoria friends of the Local Legislative Opposition, when they saw that the Government scheme for capitalizing the Graving Dock Subsidy was likely to pass.

The local interests of the town of Victoria seem to have had a great deal to do with the disturbance, and the mob were encouraged in their lawlessness by Opposition M. P.'s, who ought to have known better. A public meeting was held during the Parliamentary sitting, or immediately before it. The following resolutions were passed:—

1st. "That this meeting deems it inadvisable to enter into any negotiations for capitalizing the Dry Dock guarantee, or borrow any money from the Dominion Government, until the scheme of the Macdonald Ministry for the relaxation of the Terms of Union should be made known. And further, that it is distinctly opposed to the Provincial Government interfering in any new Terms offered by the Macdonald Government until the same shall have been submitted to the people for adoption."

2nd. "That the electors of Victoria City do demand of their representatives in the Local Legislature, viz: Mr. McCraith, Dr. J. Trimble, Mr. Duck, Mr. Beaven, that they shall vote against any proposal made by the Government, either to capitalize any guarantee or to borrow any money whatever from the Dominion; or resign their seats in the said Local House."

Mr. David Higgins, of the Colonist, said to be an American citizen, proposed that the meeting, headed by Dr. Helmcken, should proceed to the Legislative Assembly to ask Mr. Speaker to accept the resolutions passed. The proposal was caught up by the crowd, and some 500 made a rush for the Legislative House, and thronged the galleries and approaches. They made a hideous din and hubbub, and after vainly attempting to restore order, the Speaker left the chair amid cheers and groans. "The bar of the House was attempted to be forced by a portion of the mob, at the head of which was Higgins, and it was with difficulty that the Sergeant-at-Arms, with the aid of the police, could keep the crowd out of the Assembly Chamber while awaiting the action of the House, the members of which had retired to safe quarters. A conference was held with the leader of the crowd, who returned and told them that the Speaker would not receive the resolutions of the meeting, but that on Monday at 2 p.m., if a respectful petition were presented, he would receive the same. After more yelling and groaning, the crowd, finding that they could do nothing more, left for the town." The effect of the demonstration was absolutely nil, for the same Ministry is still in power, and the retirement of the Premier, Mr. DeCosmos, was not in any way the result of the tumult, as he had originally intended to resign his seat and run for the Dominion Parliament.

Whilst on British Columbian topics, we reproduce a significant little document which is given to the public in Monday morning's Hamilton Times. It is a despatch from the Local Government of British Columbia:

OTTAWA, Nov. 11th, 1873.

HON. A. MACKENZIE,  
SIR:—We fully concur with the proposal of the late Government to ask Parliament to grant to British Columbia £50,000 sterling, in lieu of the guarantee in the Terms of Union, for the construction of a first-class Graving Dock at Esquimaux; and have the honor to say that, if the same be submitted by the present Government to Parliament for its sanction, it will receive our unqualified support.

(Signed)  
A. DE COSMOS, R. W. W. CARRALL,  
E. DEWDNEY, H. NATHAN,  
J. S. THOMPSON, H. NELSON.

If our readers want any comment on this despatch, we refer them to sundry articles in the Tory organs, wherein this very grant in lieu of guarantee is referred to as an iniquitous attempt on the part of the Macdonald Government to bribe our Pacific Province. But then they did not know John A. approved it, which made all the difference. As a John A. measure, it was perfect statesmanship; as a Mackenzie measure, it was black iniquity.

### Terrible Railway Accident.

We give elsewhere the details of a railway accident peculiarly horrible and distressing in its character, which happened last Saturday night on the Sarnia branch of the Great Western Railway. The passenger car caught fire from a falling lamp, and before the train could be stopped ten persons were suffocated or burned, and many fearfully injured. There was no bell rope attached to the car, the engine and had it not been for this carelessness on the part of the officials, the greater part, if not all, of this sad suffering and loss of life might have been avoided.

The Huron and Quebec Railway, on which Mr. Fowler recently spoke in Guelph, is now before the Ontario Legislature, and we have received a copy of the Act of Incorporation. Amongst the names of the incorporated shareholders, we see those of Messrs. R. McKim and P. Gow.

ALEX. F. PIRIE, Issuer of Marriage Licenses, Herald Office, Guelph, Guelph, Dec. 15, 1873.

### BIRTHS.

WILSON—In Guelph, on the 29th ult., the wife of Mr. James T. Wilson, of a son.

### MARRIED.

GARRETT—JACKSON—At Orangeville, on the 25th ult., by the Rev. B. J. Brown, Mr. Thomas Garrett to Miss Annie Jackson, both of Albion.

McLAUGHLIN—WATSON—On the 25th ult., at the residence of the bride's mother, by the Rev. Thomas Macdonald, Guelph, Mr. Wm. McLaughlin, to Isabella, daughter of the late Alex. Watson, Esq., all of Peel.

FRASER—BRANDON—By the Rev. B. J. Foreman, on the 18th ult., in Maryboro, Mr. Alex. Fraser, of King township, to Miss Mary Ann Brandon, of Maryboro.

DAY—DAY—At Drayton, on the 20th ult., by the Rev. R. J. Foreman, Mr. Wm. Day, of Leith township, to Miss Eliza Jane Day, of Peel.

BYRNE—O'LOANE—In Ferris, on the 16th ult., by the Rev. Mr. Owens, Mr. L. V. Byrne, mail clerk on W. G. & B. R., to Miss O'Loane, both of Ferris.

HOOPER—GILLES—In Mount Forest, on the 19th ult., by the Rev. M. M. McNeil, Mr. Joseph Hooper, of Guelph, to Margaret Gilles, of Egrement.

### DIED.

MILLER—On the 20th ult., Elizabeth, wife of Mr. John Miller, of Harrison.

REA—At Salem, on the 11th ult., Mrs. John Rea, late of Egrement, aged 62 years.

COWAN—On the 29th ult., Samuel Robert, second son of Dr. Cowan, of Harrison, in the 6th year of his age.

SEXSMITH—In Orangeville, on the 22nd ult., Rev. G. Sexsmith, Wesleyan Minister, aged 39 years.

DANE—On the 23rd ult., George Dane, Esq., Clerk of the Township of Howick, aged 74 years.

### NEW GOODS.

Electro-plated Cruet Stands, elegant patterns.  
Ivory-handled Table and Dessert Knives.  
Nickel Silver and Electro-plated Forks to suit.  
Table, Dessert and Tea Spoons.  
Electro-plated Butter Coolers.  
Tea and Coffee Pots.  
Table Napkin Rings.  
Bread Platters and Bread Knives.  
Tea Trays and Waiters.  
Coal Scuttles.  
Vases and Parlorstands.  
Fire Irons and Stands.  
Skates, Boys' and Girls' Sleighs.  
Snow Shovels, Sleigh Bells.  
Also, a large assortment of Lamps, new patterns very cheap; Lamp Glasses, Globes, Shades, Wicks, Burners, etc. etc., at

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East Side Wyndham-st.,

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C. E. PEIRCE & CO.

Just Received a splendid new stock of

## HATS AND CAPS!

C. E. PEIRCE & CO.,

Hepburn's Old Stand, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

Guelph, Mar. 2, 1874. dw

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A. O. BUCHAM,

Fashionable West End Dress, Mantle, and Millinery Establishment.

## Co-Operative Store.

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OUR NEW TWEEDS

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NEW COTTONS

Horrocks Bleached Cottons, soft finish; also, Linen finished Cottons, all prices. Dundas and Lybster Cottons in stock.

NEW PRINTS

Hoyle & Ashton's Fancy Prints will be offered at 12 1/2 cents per yard.

## NEW BOOTS AND SHOES

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GUELPH, March 2, 1874 dw

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## NEW

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JACKSON & HALLETT,

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Wholesale and Retail Grocers, etc.

## New Fruits, Teas, Coffees

Etc., Crop 1873, comprising

New Table Raisins,  
New Valencia Raisins,  
New Currants,  
New Figs, Almonds, Nuts, etc.  
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Choice Gunpowder Tea ..... at 50 cents per lb.  
Choice Young Hyson Tea ..... at 50 cents per lb.  
Superior Young Hyson Tea ..... at 75 cents per lb.  
Finest Young Hyson Tea ..... at \$1 per lb.  
Choice Fresh Black Teas ..... at 50 cents per lb.  
Finest Fresh Black Teas ..... at 75 cents per lb.  
Selected Japan Teas ..... at 75 cents per lb.  
Reduction to parties taking a box.

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Guelph, 1873 dw

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WM. STEWART.

Guelph, Oct. 15, 1873.

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ROBERTSON BROS., Guelph, Feb. 19, 1874. dtf.

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Guelph, Oct. 31, 1873. dtf

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