

Operation of the Ballot in the Australian Colonies.

In view of the measure now before the Ontario Assembly, introduced by Mr. Clarke, of Wellington, in favor of the ballot, we propose to give some particulars relating to the operation of the system in the Australian colonies. Hon. Mr. McKellar has kindly sent us a blue book of the Imperial Parliament, to which we are indebted for our information. Previous to the introduction of the Ballot in England, the Secretary for the Colonies sought information in reference to its advantages or disadvantages, from the Governors of the several colonies in which the system had been adopted. From Sydney the reply was received that the Act had been in force for twelve years, and had not been amended. With regard to the secret voting there could be no doubt whatever that it had effectually prevented bribery, and that it had also superseded the canvassing for votes. In some instances, when intense anxiety regarding a vote was felt, or when there was very keen rivalry, the candidates, unwilling to neglect any means of obtaining support, did canvass, but the utility of the procedure was generally admitted. It had been found that promises, or what were understood to be such, had no binding effect, and were gradually being discontinued. No serious difficulty had been felt in obtaining the services of competent and trustworthy deputies by the returning officer. The expense of elections is defrayed out of a fund appropriated by Parliament for the object. Personation was not, however, put down, but this arises in some degree from the bad way in which returning and presiding officers deal with those who are detected in attempting to commit the fraud. The Governor of Victoria, on the contrary, favoured a scrutiny, when called for, as provided for by law under the ballot system in force in that colony, believing that security to the voter had not been practically diminished by the power of identification, and that the absence of this safeguard was likely to be a powerful incentive to the use of illegal means for obtaining a colorable majority. He valued the ballot on account of the order and tranquillity it secured at elections, thinking the people too independent to need it for the prevention of bribery. Voters do not make any open display of their predilection or dislike for any particular candidate or candidature or dislike for any particular candidate or candidature, but give their votes in secrecy, and that secrecy is a reality to the bystanders and to all others, so long as they desire to maintain it. The excitement attendant on an election contest, if there should have been any meetings held during the canvass, generally subsiding before the polling commences. In South Australia the ballot has been in force for fifteen years, and the Government of that colony have no doubt it had fully answered the purpose for which it was designed. Since it came into use six general elections had taken place under it, and bribery, personation and intimidation were extremely rare occurrences, causing the system to be very popular, giving to the people at large entire satisfaction, and affording a valuable protection to minorities. Treating was not prevented by it, though the result was not greatly affected by such expenditure, as it was done only in order to secure the personal influence of the publican. In Queensland there is no power of identification, and absolute secrecy is obtainable. The general result is considered to be very satisfactory in securing orderly conduct and quiet during elections. No answer is given to the question relative to bribery.

Ontario Legislature.

Feb. 5.
Mr. Clarke (Wellington) presented the report of the Printing Committee.
Mr. Macdonald introduced a Bill to incorporate the Canada Central Railway of Western Ontario. Read a first time.
Mr. Wood (Grant) moved for copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any members thereof, and the Canada Central Railway Company, or any officer or agent thereof, relating to the claims of the said company against the Province of Ontario for 12,000 acres per mile of the railway of that Company, constructed from Carlton Place to Ottawa, a distance of 283 miles, making in all 342,000 acres, with copies of the pleadings and judgments of the court in the suit of the Canada Central Railway against the Queen, to compel the Crown to set apart and grant the said land to the Company.
After a long discussion the motion was carried.
The Bill introduced by Mr. Wood (Victoria) to amend the Assessment Act was withdrawn.
Mr. Rykert moved the second reading of the Bill for the further encouragement of manufactures in Ontario.
After some discussion the Bill was read a second time and referred to the Municipal Committee.
Mr. Clarke (Wellington) moved the second reading of a Bill further to amend the Agricultural and Arts Act. He explained that his object was to allow aid to be given to Horticultural Societies in villages.
Mr. Rykert thought the Bill would weaken township societies, and urged an addition to the grants to horticultural societies.
Hon. Mr. McKellar thought money could not be better employed than in aiding these societies. He did not think the Bill would have the effect suggested by the hon. member. Before next session the whole Agricultural and Arts Bill must be remodelled, and perhaps additional grants made.
The Bill was then read a second time, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. McKellar, Rykert, Barber, Smith, Sinclair, Harrington and Clarke.

GREAT CLEARING SALE!

TWO WEEKS LONGER!

The Great Clearing Sale of Dry Goods and Millinery still continues at

GEORGE JEFFREY'S.

The Great Sale will be continued for Two Weeks Longer, owing to

The unprecedented demand for all kinds of Goods!

And to give those parties who have not had an opportunity to visit the Cheap Sale, one more chance to participate in the Great Bargains!

ANOTHER LOT OF DRESS GOODS

Another lot of those Dress Goods which have created so much noise in Town, at 12 and 25 cents the usual price of which elsewhere is 30 and 50 cents.

REMNANTS, REMNANTS, REMNANTS.

One whole counter will be entirely devoted to Remnants of all kinds of Goods made during the Sale, to be disposed of at an immense sacrifice.

Remember This Fact--This Extra Clearing Sale will Positively only last Two Weeks.

Intending purchasers should call and secure Bargains at once.

GEORGE JEFFREY.

Editorial Items.

Sir John A. Macdonald has been confined to his room for the past few days with an attack of bronchitis.

Great confusion and delay to public work is caused by M. Langevin's prolonged absence in Quebec, while he is required at the head of his Department in Ottawa.

The Ottawa *Free Press* believes that Mr. Gibbs will become Minister of Customs shortly. It is, however, not probable that there will be any further changes before the meeting of the House. Shortly after the opening of the session it is anticipated Sir Francis Hincks will retire. Mr. Tilley takes his place and brings down the budget. Mr. Tilley's present bureau will be supplied by Mr. O'Connor, and Mr. Gibbs will enter the Cabinet as President of the Council. Such, at any rate, is the ministerial programme relating to the Cabinet changes given by those who undoubtedly know all that can be known on the subject.

FIRE IN NASSAGAWAYA.—We regret to learn that the dwelling house on the farm owned by Mr. Wm. Armstrong, wagon maker, Guelph, situated on the Nassagawaya and Puslinch town line, near Eden Mills, was burned this (Thursday) morning.

BIRTHS.

MURPHY.—In Minto, on the 22nd ult., the wife of Mr. James Murphy, of a son.

COLTAS.—At St. Helens, on the 31st ult., the wife of Mr. Robert Coltass, of a daughter.

TAKE NOTICE.—That an application will be made to the Legislature of Ontario at the present session, and also to the Legislature of the Dominion of Canada at its next session for an Act to incorporate a Company for the construction of a railroad from some point on the Ontario and Quebec Railroad in or near the Township of Manvers, through or near to Port Perry, Newmarket, Orangeville, Arthur, and through to Goderich on Lake Huron.

JOHN FOWLER, del-wit
Jan. 31, 1873.

ANDERSON'S BOOKSTORE, REMOVED TO

The Large Store lately occupied by P. C. Allan,
East Side Wyndham Street.

BIG STOCK! FINE GOODS! LOW PRICES!

FARM FOR SALE.—Lot No. 3, 8th Con., Div. C, Guelph Township, 31 miles from Guelph, containing 100 acres, being the farm of the late Michael Allen; 90 acres cleared, buildings good; well fenced and watered, the river Speed running thro' the farm—good orchard and well. For further particulars apply on the premises, or by letter post paid to Mrs. Michael Allen, Guelph P.O.

FARM TO SELL OR RENT.—In Erin Township, 300 acres, being Lots No. 21, on the 3rd line, about one hundred acres, cleared, and nearly free from stumps, with a good frame barn, shed and stable, 2 leg houses, and one lot barn. The farm is well fenced with cedar rails. There is a good orchard on the place. The land is well watered. It lies about four miles from Hillsboro, and about the same distance from Orangeville. Apply personally, or by letter, post paid, to A. Thompson, Erin Village.

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WE HAVE RECEIVED A LARGE QUANTITY OF

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At 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, and 40c.

Which are Cheaper than the new ALPACAS just being imported.

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All wool Tweed at 65c. yd.

Which is better value than any we ever offered to the Public before.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co.

GUELPH, Feb. 5.

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FASHIONABLE WEST END!

A. O. BUCHAM

Invites attention to his Grand Semi-annual Clearing Sale of Remnants. Previous to stock taking every Remnant in the store must be sold. Particular attention is requested to the following list:

Remnants of Fancy Dress Goods,
Remnants of French Merinos,
Remnants of Colours and Lustres,
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Remnants of Flannels,
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Remnants of Cloakings,
Remnants of Table Linens,
Remnants of Towellings,
Remnants of Tickings,
Remnants of Hollands,
Remnants of Prints,
Remnants of Sheetings,
&c. &c. &c.

Come without delay, and have the first choice. Every Remnant will be sold cheap.

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Guelph, Jan. 29, 1873.

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A CHOICE JAVA TEA, very strong and sweet 40c per lb
EXTRA FINE YOUNG HYSOON, new crop 50c per lb
FINE BLACK TEA 50c per lb
EXTRA FINE BLACK TEA, English Breakfast 75c per lb
CHOICE YOUNG HYSOON, best value in town 80c per lb
A fresh lot to hand of our Famous Mixed Tea at 50c per lb

11 lbs. Good Bright Sugar for \$1

20lbs. Good Currants for \$1.

Good Family Washing Soap, - - 12c per bar.

The above Goods are no old stock, but fresh goods, which are daily arriving at

J. E. McELDERRY,

No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

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DRUG STORE

Nearly opposite the Old Stand,

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Mr. PETRIE takes this opportunity to thank the Public for their large and liberal support during the seven years he has been in business in Guelph.

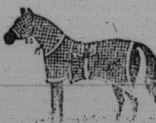
The New Store is the one formerly occupied by Mr. H. Berry, and lately by Mr. J. R. Forte, as a Confectionery Store. The store has been enlarged and refitted, making it a much more desirable place of business than the old stand.

Having secured the new store for a term of Ten Years, I hope, with the assistance of the Public, to prevent in the future as I have done during the past seven years, any monopoly in the Drug Trade in Guelph.

The old store will remain open for business until the first of May.
By conducting my business in the future in the same upright principle as in the past, I trust to receive a continuance of your generous support.

I am, yours very truly,

A. B. PETRIE.



NOTICE TO DEBTORS

The undersigned having disposed of his Veterinary Practice to

Mr. A. McLeod, V.S.

Bees to notify that all parties indebted to him must pay up before the 10th of February, as he leaves Guelph at that date.
JOHN SPIERS, V.S., dw
Guelph, Jan. 30, 1873.

RAGS AND WASTE PAPER.

Wanted, and must be had by the 1st of January, Fifty Tons of Waste Paper, old Newspapers, old Pamphlets, or Waste Paper of any kind - for which the highest price in cash in the Dominion will be paid, at the Rag and Waste Paper Depot, corner of King and Queen streets, Address "RAGS or WASTE PAPER," 216 and 218 King Street West. Will receive from 1lb. to 10,000lbs.

D. MURPHY, dw

FARM FOR SALE, CHEAP FOR CASH. The undersigned offer for sale cheap, Lot 27, in the 17th Concession of Pre-Don, County of Grey, consisting of 90 acres; over 40 acres cleared. The lot is within three miles of the proposed route of the Northern Extension of the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway, now being constructed from Orangeville. The farm is one of the best in the Township, and has a fine dwelling house and barn situated on it. Title indisputable. For particulars address, - W. BELL & CO., Organ Manufacturers, Guelph, Guelph, October 9th, 1872. wtf.

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The above offer ends on the 10th Feb., 1873.

AUCTION SALE

OF—

Homestead, in Guelph,

ON

Thursday, 27th of Feb'y, 1873,

AT TWO P.M., AT THE PREMISES.

Mrs. R. CORRETT will offer for sale her residence, corner of Norfolk and Oxford sts., Town of Guelph, comprising one quarter acre of land, Stone Dwelling of two stories, having Drawing Room, Dining Room, Parlor, Library, and seven upstairs Bed Rooms (in 10 rooms); also kitchen, wood shed, &c. A stable for two horses, also a never failing well of pure water, and large cistern with pump.

The Garden is stocked with choice Fruit Trees.
These premises are in excellent condition, sufficient for a large family, and situated in the most pleasant part of the Town, within two minutes walk of all the Churches and Markets.
Guelph being widely known for its healthy situation, enterprise, and excellent market, an opportunity—rarely equalled—is now presented to persons desirous of procuring a property not only of increasing value but one which will prove a most agreeable homestead.

Terms—One-third cash, and the balance in five years at 7 per cent interest half yearly, secured by mortgage and fire policy. Possession given by the 1st May next, or sooner. Title good.

Intending purchasers are referred to

LEMON & PETERSON, Solicitors,

or W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer.

N.B.—The premises may be inspected every Wednesday afternoon.

Guelph, Jan. 17, 1873. dw

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 property.

The Farm comprises 160 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, Solicitors, and W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer.

Guelph, Jan. 25, 1873. dw-wt

HOTEL TO RENT.—The Half-way House, Freedom, Ont. Possession on the 1st of March. For further particulars apply on the premises, to A. Foley.

Jan. 22, 1873. wt