

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE NORTH-WEST.—Sir John A. Macdonald gave notice on Thursday of a bill for a provisional government of the north-west territories.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND AND CONFEDERATION.—The people of this colony are beginning to think that it is no use standing out against Confederation.

The London Times says that the report of the Trust and Loan Company of Canada, to be presented on the 31st inst., shows an available balance, including £3,235 brought forward from September last, of £18,122, and recommends a dividend at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum.

THE VACANT JUDGSHIP.—Rumor, of course, is already rife with the names of the probable successor of the late Judge Wilson.

GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS.—Hon. Philip Vankoughnet and Mr. James Cowan, Waterloo; Mr. Hurteau, Quebec, and Mr. Wm. Compton, Halifax, are appointed a board of arbitrators of public works—salary \$1,000 per annum.

Mr. James Ross, late of the Globe and formerly of Hamilton, has left Toronto for Red River. He is large landholder there, and is supposed to be the coming private Secretary of the first Governor of the Territory.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

Scarlet fever is raging in Rothsay. Two children of Mr. Mitchell's died of it within four days, and a third was at the point of death.

The last fair at Elora was one of the dullest yet seen in the village. The supply of cattle was small, and that were offered were not in good order.

Fergus celebrated the Queen's Birthday to such an extent that there is an account of \$8 still remaining against the Committee which they have no assets to meet.

The village of Rothsay, or rather some ingenious individuals belonging to it, own three patent rights for new inventions. One for a land roller, another a yoke to prevent horses or cattle jumping, and a third an improved charr.

On Thursday morning a little fellow son of Mr. C. Scott, Elora, aged about three years, saw his father pruning some trees in the garden, and in endeavoring to imitate his father seriously cut himself about the right eye, which is now wasting away, and the sight of which it is feared he will entirely lose.

New Books at Cuthbert's.—Mr. Cuthbert has sent us "Comic Dramas," (being Part III of a series of Home Plays) "Massey's Exhibition Reciter," and "Proverbs from Shakespeare." The first two are entertaining, even amusing; while the last, as its name indicates consists of a collection of the best sayings of the greatest of English poets.

DIRECT IMPORTATIONS.—T. J. Day, opposite the market, has received ex-campships Prussian and North American, and ex ship Lake Superior, from Liverpool, several bales and cases paper hangings, all new patterns and good styles, which will be sold very cheap.

ACCIDENT.—This morning Mr. James Hazelton was removing a sign from the house lately occupied by Mr. Alexander, St. George's Square. The ladder slipped and carried him along with it to the ground. The height was not great, but Mr. Hazelton being a heavy man his fall was rather violent.

Last night about 12 o'clock Chief Constable Kelly observed two young men, whose appearance was not remarkably indicative of strict honesty endeavouring to sell a horse.

Another young man, James Brownson of the proprietor of Brown's wharf, Toronto, has lost a leg at Stratford.

aw the horse by daylight he found that it did not answer to the description of the stolen animal and they were let go.

THE EXHIBITION ON THE MARKET SQUARE.—Mr. Carruthers' exhibition on the Market Square was well patronized yesterday and last evening. The exhibition will remain open for this day and evening.

DR. FRENCH'S FAREWELL CONCERT.—This concert came off last night in presence of a good audience, considering the state of the weather. The children looked as well, and sang as well as they did on the preceding evening.

Church of Scotland Synod.—This Synod met in St. Andrew's Church Hamilton, on Tuesday evening. The Moderator, the Rev. Robt. Dobie, preached an earnest sermon from the 2nd chapter of the Prophet Malachi, 7th verse: "For the Priest's lips should keep the law at his mouth; for he is the messenger of the Lord of Hosts."

A Committee, consisting of the Revs. Dr. Barclay, Burnet, Gordon, and Mr. Croil, was appointed to prepare a memorial in reference to the members of Synod deceased since last meeting.

The Synod met at half past 9, and was duly constituted. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Jas. Carmichael, after which committees for various purposes were appointed.

Applications from students to be taken on probationary trial, from a student to be admitted to the Divinity Hall of Queen's College, and from Rev. Wm. Anderson M. A., of Glasgow University, to be admitted as a minister in connection with the body, were read, and the applicants instructed to appear before the Examining Committee.

The Rev. Duncan Anderson, M.A., and the Rev. Joseph Evans, M.A., were re-elected Governors of Morrin College.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of the Managers of the Ministers' Widows and Orphans' Fund, when it was unanimously agreed to elect the Rev. Robt. Campbell, M.A., and to re-elect Alex. Cross, Esq., and James S. Hunter, Esq.

The report of the Temporalties Board was then read and referred to a committee. It showed that important changes have been made in the investments, by which the sum of \$23,000 has been added to the permanent fund.

The Court re-assembled at 3 o'clock, the Moderator in the chair. An informal discussion took place on the question of Article XVII of the Polity of the Church Book I.

The Rev. Dr. Barclay read the report of the Committee of the Church of Scotland. The report was adopted, and a vote of thanks passed to the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland.

After the Court was constituted, the Synod proceeded to elect four managers of the Temporalties Fund, in room of those retiring, pursuant to the Act of Temporalties, when it was unanimously agreed to re-elect the Rev. Dr. Cook, Rev. Dr. Barclay, Judge Dennistoun and Thomas Paton, Esq., Members of the Temporalties Fund.

The Synod resolved to meet next year in St. Paul's Church, Montreal, on the 1st Wednesday of June at 11 a.m. The delegates to the Synod embrace sixty clergymen and twenty-six elders.

Mr. Wm. Elliot, of London, has been appointed County Judge in room of Judge Small lately deceased. No time lost

Dominion Parliament.

OTTAWA, JUNE 4th. Sir John A. Macdonald introduced a Bill for the temporary government of the North-west. A message was brought down from His Excellency enclosing resolutions on the subject of the union of Newfoundland with the Dominion; also one with resolutions on the union of Prince Edward's Island. The terms for the reception of Newfoundland into the union demand that Canada should assume the liability of the debts of Newfoundland at the time of union, and that the interest on the debt should be placed on the same footing as that of the other Provinces in the Dominion; but interest is to be payable by the General Government, half-yearly, at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, on the indebtedness of Newfoundland and that of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick per head of the population—the population of Newfoundland being estimated at 130,000. The power of taxation is to be transferred to the Dominion, in return for which Newfoundland shall receive yearly \$35,000, and an annual grant of 80 cents per head of the population—provision being made for the annual subsidy of \$150,000 in return for the transfer of unoccupied lands, the Colony retaining control over roads and bridges, and the privilege of cutting wood free of charge. This last clause, however, remains subject to reservation. The resolutions also provide for the protection of the fisheries of the Colony, the maintenance by the general government of mail steam service between the Dominion, Newfoundland, and the United Kingdom, a coast mail service, and the defraying of certain services of the Colony. Newfoundland is also to be exempt from exceptional export duties, and shall be represented in the Commons by eight members, and by four members in the Senate. The resolutions will be considered in Committee on Tuesday.

New Advertisements.

Speed Lodge No. 180. The Regular Meeting of Speed Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, on TUESDAY EVENING the 5th of June, at half past seven o'clock.

ON EXHIBITION, THE SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENTS. On exhibition for a short time, at his Studio, No. 15, Day's Block, an Oil Painting by D. C. Bell, called "The Slaughter of the Innocents," every afternoon from 3 till 5 o'clock, commencing on MONDAY, the 7th of June. Admission free.

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VINDICATION!

TO THE EDITOR OF THE GUELPH MERCURY. Sir.—We see from an article headed with the title "Truth does not prevail" in your issue of Friday that our opponents now think we have found a veritable mare's nest. Mistaking the meaning of the word "vindication" they think we admit that Mr. Wood was a real partner at the time of the Exhibition, and then accuse us of untruthfulness when we call him our workman. Mr. Wood, as the agreement shows, got no profits on certain parts of the business; as for instance the sale of pianos, and was never consulted in any transaction with respect to the exhibition, but merely a percentage on certain parts of the work to counterbalance a reduction in wages of \$5 per week, which certainly did not make him a partner. The prize instruments cost him nothing, and he cannot therefore claim a share of the prizes to the exclusion of two real partners who owned about four-fifths of the articles exhibited.

We will say in reference to our challenge, that we have one witness who says he holds no enmity to Mr. McLeod, and can testify on oath that he heard both Mr. McLeod and ourselves say at the last Exhibition that we would never again exhibit Mr. Wood's work. We have also other disinterested evidence to show that out of the present employees said he heard Mr. McLeod use the same words. One of ourselves can testify that Mr. McLeod admitted in presence of Mr. Jackson that he had said he might take Mr. Wood's tuning, but not his actions, to an Exhibition. We have also one witness, who does not wish to testify, but could if called on, take oath that Mr. McLeod used the same words heard by our first witness. We hold out the challenge for three days; and if they wish it can be decided at once. Evidence taken will be on oath, and left to the decision of arbitrators. Let them choose one and we will choose another, and these two a third. Of course we accept their challenge on the quality of instruments, but prefer to have it decided by the judges at the Provincial Exhibition, especially as the time is not far distant, and no personal feelings can be brought to bear on the decision. The public will then be better satisfied with the result. The sum to be forfeited shall be \$100, which must be deposited at least one week before the Exhibition commences.

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DENIS BUNYAN Guelph, 17th October

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Wyndham Street Guelph, 3rd June, 1899. dw

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WINES, LIQUORS, &c. AT THE STORES OF THOMAS GRIFFITH & CO., 37 and 39 Front Street, TORONTO, on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 8th and 9th, 1899, will be offered at Auction:

Boxes T D Pipes, Bibles Jamaica, and Bags African Ginger, Boxes Common Starch, Bibles Day & Martin's Blacking, pints and quarts, Boxes of Gifford and Corn Starch, Bags Arican and Rangoon Rice, Boxes Castle Soap, Boxes Brown Windsor Soap, Boxes Hearle's Toilet Soap, all kinds, Cases Sago and Tapioca, Boxes Round and Square Clothes Pins, Cases Pure Cream Tartar, Cases Telegraph Matches, Boxes Burton's Ball and Thumb Blue, Cases Olive Oil, pts, pints and half pints, Cases Barton & Grier's Oil, do, flags and flags, Cases Lett's Salf Oil, do, Cases Table Salt, in glass jars, Cases Joyce's Mixed and Assorted Pickles, Cases Joyce's Assorted Sauces, pints and pints, comprising Worcester, Catsup, Reading, Harvey, Beefeater and John Bull in each case, Cases Joyce's Jams, assorted, comprising Raspberry, Damson, Plum, Black Currant, Magnium Bonium, Gooseberry and Red Currants in each case, Cases Curry Powder, lbs, 1 lbs, and 4 oz, Cases Capers, pts, 3 pts, and 1 lb, Bibles Crosse & Blackwell's mixed and assorted Pickles, Bibles Crosse & Blackwell's Pickled Cauliflower, Onions, Gherkins, Chew Chow, Piccalilli, Walnut, pts and qts, Bibles Crosse & Blackwell's Horse Radish, French and Spanish Olives, Cadars, Sals Cream, &c, Bibles Crosse & Blackwell's Mushroom, Catsup, pints and pts, Imperial, Essence, Anchovies, and India Chutney, Bibles Crosse & Blackwell's London Mustard, in 1 lb, and 1/2 lb bottles, Cases Crosse & Blackwell's Gorgona and Dutch Anchovies, Cases Crosse & Blackwell's India Chutney, Cayenne Pepper, and Curry Powder, Cases Cox's Gelatine, 2 1/2 and 1 quart packages, Cases pints and pints Lea & Perrin's Worcester Sauce, Quintale Prime Table Codfish, Bibles New Salmon, Bibles Digby Herrings,

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