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GUELPH, ONT., CANADA, SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 10, 1872.

PRICE ONE PENNY

## Business Cards.

**F. STURDY,**  
House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter  
GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.  
Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. 27-4797  
**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.

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

**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. dtf DENIS BUNYAN.

**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.  
Order plates kindly permitted at Mr. Harvey's Drug Store, Parker's Hotel, and Hewer'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. 19, 1871. dtf R. SODEN.

**DUGNAN'S PUBLIC CAB.**  
The Subscriber begs to inform the people of Guelph that he has purchased a land-some and commodious Cab, which will all ways 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 DUGNAN.

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

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

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

**NEW MILLINERY SHOW ROOMS.**  
MISS ELLIS.  
Bears 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. dtf

**PRIZE DENTISTRY.**  
**DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL,**  
Licentiate of Dental Surgery.  
Established 1841.  
Office next door to the "Advertiser" Office, 27-4797, Guelph.  
Residence opposite Mr. Bond's Factory, Guelph.  
Quebec Street. Teeth extracted without pain.  
References, Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herold, 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 McDonnell Streets, Guelph.  
—Nitrone Oxide (Lancet) gas administered for the extraction of teeth without pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable.  
References kindly permitted to Drs. Herold, Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Graham, Cowan and McGregor, Guelph; W. K. Keating, Dentist, Brantford. dtf

**ELECTRO AND CARRIAGE-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 upwards. Country orders promptly attended to. He has also moved his  
**New Machine & Repairing Shop**  
To the same premises, where all orders in that line will be promptly attended to.  
JOHN KIRKHAM.  
Guelph, Jan. 10, 1872. dtf

**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 5th, 1871.

## New Advertisements.

**LOST.** On Thursday night last, on Norfolk Street, a Praline Wolf skin Robe. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at this office. 10-46

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

**DOG FOUND.**—Came on the premises of the undersigned, Ontario Hotel, about 5 weeks ago, a Coon Dog, with collar and name thereon. The owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses, and take him away. 7-43w3 THOS. MELLILIAN.

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

**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 JEHU CLARKE, Proprietor. Guelph, Jan. 5, 1872. dtf

**FARM FOR SALE.**—Being the north-west half of Lot 98, Con. C, Township of Minto, containing 20 acres, fronting 40 acres cleared. There are two never failing spring crocks crossing the farm. Situated on the gravel road, three miles from the flourishing village of Harriston. For terms, apply to Alex. Melkjojn, Harriston, or the subscriber, on the premises. Feb. 5, 1872. dtf wit M. M. MILLOY.

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

**BERKSHIRE DOAR "JOHN A."**  
The Subscriber begs to notify the breeders of Swine that he has purchased the above Boar, imported from England by Geo. Kowch, Esq., of Hamilton, which will serve as this season. Terms \$1 cash.  
—John A. was sired by Sampson out of Swinton I, by 2nd Duke of Gloster, dam Sniper I, out of Holtail I, by Tim Whittier.  
W. A. BOWLES, Royal Hotel, Guelph, Dec. 8, 1871. Proprietor. dtf

**CASH FOR WOOL, HIDES, SHEEP-SKINS, CALF SKINS, AND WOOL-PICKINGS.**  
The highest market price paid for the above at No. 4, Gordon Street, Day's old block, Guelph.  
Proprietor's Hair constantly on hand for sale at  
D. MOLLTON'S,  
Guelph, Feb. 3, 1872. dtf

**BAZAAR PRIZES ON EXHIBITION**  
—AT—  
**PETRIE'S DRUG STORE.**  
MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!  
To lend, at reasonable rates, on security of real property, in sums to suit borrowers. Apply to GUTHRIE, WALKER & CO., Guelph, Dec. 27, 1871.

**WANTED.**—A strong boy to learn Blacksmithing, in all its branches. Apply to WRAY & HIRSH, Respector. dtf

**BULL FOR SALE.**—For sale, a 2 year old thoroughbred Durham Bull, first class pedigree. Apply to Alex. McArthur, Lot 16, 7th Con. Nassauwaya. dtf

**CEDAR FOR SALE.**—A quantity of Cedar, suitable for rails and fence posts, can be purchased from George Lush, one-half of Lot 31, 5th concession, Eramosa. Price from \$10 to \$15 per acre. dtf

**THOROUGH-BRED BULL FOR SALE.**  
For sale a thoroughbred Durham Bull, 3 years old, registered pedigree. Was bred by Arthur Hesse, Esq., Guelph Township, Apply to John G. Wright, Lot 7, 9th Concession, Guelph. dtf

**DURHAM STOCK FOR SALE.**  
The subscriber offers for sale three thoroughbred Bull Calves, and one yearling Bull. All the above stock are registered, with any other class pedigree, without star or any other flaw.  
W. M. BATHGATE,  
31-4741 Con. 5, Div. C, Guelph.

**FARM TO LET.**—Lots 17 and 30, in Division D, Township of Guelph, on the Town Line, 75 acres, house and outbuildings. For particulars, apply to  
EDWARD CARTHEW,  
Waterloo Road, dtf

**BULL CALVES FOR SALE.**—Three pure bred Short-horned Bull Calves, eight and ten months old, with good registered pedigree, one of which is from Guelph, and the Guelph and Erin Gravel Road.  
JOSEPH PARKINSON,  
Embree's Farm, Eramosa P. O. dtf

**PURE BRED BULLS FOR SALE.**  
By the subscriber, two thoroughbred Bulls, one the well known Bull Freedom, 1 year old; the other rising two years old. 31-4741 Con. 5, Div. C, Nassauwaya. dtf

**IMPORTANT TO MARKET GARDENERS.**  
For sale, a Home, Lot of 2 acres, and suitable buildings thereon; with young thriving orchard and nursery. A never failing spring of water on the premises. Situated on the York Road, 5 miles from town, and at present occupied by Mr. William Sulley. Apply to John Stanley, Lot 9, 3rd Con. Eramosa. dtf

**FARM AND SAWMILL FOR SALE.**  
Being West half of Lot 2, in the 15th Con. Township of Peel consisting of 100 acres, 59 cleared, frame house, barn, and sheds. The sawmill on the Concession River, and in working order. This is a rare chance, as the present owner is about to retire from business. Terms may be agreed on. Apply to the undersigned, address to Beaworth P. O., postpaid. Jan. 24, 1872. dtf JAMES SCROGGIE.

**EDWARD OSLER, Law, Chancery and Conveyancing Office, Notary Public, Land, Loan and Insurance Agent.** Office, next door to E. H. Perry's Drug Store, Fergus, Ontario.  
Agent for "The Standard Life Insurance Company," of Scotland; "The Isolated Risk Fire Insurance Co.," of Toronto; "The Ontario Savings and Loan Society," and "The Ontario Savings and Investment Society." Loans advanced on Private and Village Property. \$1,000 in private funds to invest on good farm security. No commission charged. dtf

**FARM FOR SALE.**—Lot 41, concession 13, Minto, containing 10 acres, about 5 cleared, well fenced, and in a good state of cultivation. There is excellent timber for rail and firewood purposes on the farm, which is situated within 2 1/2 miles of Clifford Station on the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway, and 7 miles from Harriston on the same line. Good log house and barn, and well watered by a spring. Terms easy. Apply to Wm. McEwan, on the premises, or to James McEwan, Builder, Stratford, 31-4741 Con. 5, Div. C, Nassauwaya. dtf

**INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.**  
In the matter of ALBERT S. HALBY, an Insolvent.  
The Insolvent has made an assignment of his Estate to me, and the Creditors are notified to meet at my office, in the Town of Guelph, in the County of Wellington, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of February, just, at twelve o'clock noon, to receive statements of his affairs, and to appoint an Assignee. Residence of Interim Assignee, Guelph. Met at Guelph aforesaid, February 7th, 1872. dtf EDWIN NEWTON, Interim Assignee.

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SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 10, 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, Godrich, and Detroit. To Berlin.  
EAST  
3:15 a.m.; 7:30 a.m.; 11:04 a.m.; 3:45 p.m.  
The 1:50 p.m. and 6:50 p.m. trains are cancelled.  
**Great Western—Guelph Branch**  
Going South depart at 6:50 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.  
Going North, depart at 11:45 a.m., 4:55 p.m., and 9:05 p.m.; also by mixed train every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1:05 p.m.  
Trains leave Harriston 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 passenger train leaves Guelph at 11:45 a.m., runs every day to Clifford, arriving there at 5:15 p.m., and a mixed train leaves Guelph every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1:10 p.m., reaches Clifford at 5:00 p.m.

### Town and County News

The Rev. Mr. Milligan's congregation in Garafraxa are making arrangements for building a new church.

Mr. J. B. ARMSTRONG'S patent double seated sleigh is causing quite a sensation in Hamilton.

SCARLET FEVER is very prevalent in East Garafraxa. The school in Donaldson's section has been closed in consequence.

MR. JAMES MCNEIL has sold his Logie-abuchan saw mill and farm in Luther to Messrs. Robert Phillips & Sons, of Creek-bank, for a handsome sum.

A boy about 12 years of age, son of Mr. Wm. Wood, 10th con., Garafraxa, was kicked in the face on the 3rd inst. by a horse while leading him to water, breaking his nose and otherwise bruising his head.

ARE YOU VACCINATED?—That's the popular and all-important question of the day. At present there is no alarm of danger, but a general anxiety lest the dreaded, malignant small-pox should be introduced into the town.

CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS.—The number of this Journal for February contains among other excellent illustrations, very good likenesses of the Hon. P. Gow and Hon. Mr. Scott. Copies of this number are for sale at Mr. John Anderson's Bookstore.

MUNICIPAL NOMINATION IN PELSINCH.—Mr. Andrew Stewart having resigned his seat in the Township Council of Pelsinch, on account of ill health, the ratepayers were called on to fill his place on Friday. Mr. Martin Sprehn was proposed and elected by acclamation.

Two individuals—strangers—made the rounds of some of the Elora and Salamis farms Sunday, and then summoned the proprietors for selling liquor on that day. There was great excitement over the cases, but when called the informers could not be found, and the cases were dismissed.

COUNTY LODGE.—The annual meeting of the L. O. L. County Lodge, North Wellington, met at Fergus on Tuesday last, when the following officers were elected:—John Witters, Co. Master; James Johnstone, Deputy Co. Master; J. W. Armstrong, Co. Secretary; W. G. Culloden, Co. Treasurer.

One day last week Mrs. Thos. Hannah, of the 4th line of Garafraxa, went over to visit a neighbor, and carried her child, about 3 months old, in her arms, wrapped in a shawl so as to be kept warm. On unwrapping the shawl she was horrified to find that the infant was smothered to death.

OYSTERS FOR THE MILLIONS.—Mr. Hugh Walker gives a grand benefit to-night in the shape of oysters, which he will sell at 25 cents a can. As he is determined to divide the profits with customers they will no doubt respond to his invitation, and clean him out of all he has on hand. First come first served.

JUVENILE ADVENTURERS.—On Monday last four young lads, whose ages range from 10 to 13—sons of respectable parents in Georgetown, left that village by train to seek their fortunes in Chicago. They lay over at Lockwood and got on a candy spree. Their mysterious disappearance soon led to enquiries as to their whereabouts, and a telegraphic message arrested their further progress.

ELORA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—At the annual meeting of this Society the following officers were appointed: Rev. J. Middlemiss, President; W. P. Newman, Vice-President; Committee—David Foot, John Vardell, John Brown, Alexander Haig, Robert Topham, George Barron, Robert Mitchell, Peter Simpson and John Bain, jr. The committee intend holding a spring exhibition on the Queen's birthday.

SERIOUS FALL.—A couple of weeks ago a laboring man named John Winter, who lives in Mr. James Longhead's house on lot 16, con. 5, Garafraxa, fell head-first out of a load of straw on Mr. Richard Stacey's farm, from the horse stepping on. His breast bone was broken, and such injuries sustained that the poor man has been lying between life and death since the accident, and still requires constant watching night and day.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC.—The traffic for the month of January at the Elora station of the W. G. & B. Railway is as follows:—Exports—barley 3,500 bushels; malt 3,000 bushels; flour 2,300 barrels; sundries 11,800 pounds; horses 1; cattle 55; pigs 157; number of passengers 906. The imports of freight exceed those of corresponding month in previous year by 825,000 lbs., but exports show a decrease of 1,000,000 lbs., owing to a scarcity of water for milling.

DERAISEMENT OF TRAINS.—About 3 o'clock this (Saturday) morning the running gear of a car attached to a freight train on the Grand Trunk Railway got out of order just as the train got on the bridge over Allan's dam, and ran off the track. The train was going slow at the

time, else a serious accident might have occurred. As it was the road was blocked for some hours, delaying the midnight express from the east, and several freight trains.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.—The following officers of Victoria Lodge No. 138, B. A. O. of G. T. were installed for the present term on Friday evening:—Bro. Brown, W. C. T.; Sister Hoskins, W. V. T.; Bro. Solo, W. C.; Bro. Matheson, W. S.; Bro. W. Kenning, W. T. B.; Russell, W. F. S.; Bro. J. Kenning, W. M.; Bro. Chipchase, W. I. G.; Bro. E. Hobbs, W. O. G.; Sister Morrison, W. A. S.; Sister Fisher, W. A. M.; Sister Harvey, W. R. H. S.; Sister Kenning, W. L. H. S.; Bro. Howie, P. W. C. T. There were also 8 members admitted, and 7 proposed for membership.

MANITOBA "TRADE REVIEW."—We today received the second number of the Manitoba Trade Review, published fortnightly at Winnipeg, by Alex. Begg, proprietor. Manitoba journalism is becoming a fact of congratulation not to be sneered at with impunity, and the Review is by no means inferior to its rivals. It contains several "leaders" on the trade of the Province, communication with the Rocky Mountains, etc., etc., all bearing on the interests of the country. Its advertising patronage is extensive.

THOROUGH-BRED STOCK.—Mr. John Grieve, Eramosa, has sold his thoroughbred bull calf, recently advertised in the Mercury, for \$112 to Messrs. Brien & Connell, near Sarnia, Ont.; and we also learn that Mr. Joseph Parkinson, Eramosa, has sold one of his recently advertised bull calves, to the same gentleman, for \$110; and another to a gentleman in Peel Township for \$100. We heartily congratulate the respective gentlemen on their respective sales and purchases, as evidencing the undiminished value of Durham stock of Wellington as a County to select from, and last, but not least, of the GUELPH MERCURY as a medium of advertising.

THE EFFECTS OF A SPEECH.—On Monday the 5th, Thos. Wilson was charged by Robt. Sloan before a Bench of Magistrates in Fergus, with robbing him, and the representation of Mr. Osler the case was dismissed on account of some informality in the information. It seems that the two who live in Eramosa, started off on the preceding Friday for Douglas where they got on a spree. They then left for Fergus, and got to the Queen's Arms, where the drinking was continued. Sloan says he gave Wilson his watch to hold while there, but this Wilson denies. At all events next morning the watch was gone, and along with it \$80 which Sloan had taken from home, and he will likely never recover either. To him it was an expensive spree.

ANNUAL SOIREE.—The annual Soiree in connection with the First Congregation (Rev. Mr. Torrance's) Canada Presbyterian Church will be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening the 20th inst. The Rev. Messrs. Grant, Ingalls, Bentley, Galt, Mullan, Fergus, Dickie, Berlin, and other ministers are expected to be present and deliver addresses. Tea from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tickets 25 cents, to be had at the stores of Messrs. Hepburn, Savage, Day, Anderson, and Anderson. Lawrence's Silver Cornet Band will be present and furnish some of their best music. On the following (Wednesday) evening the annual meeting of the Sabbath School children will be held in the same place. Proceedings to commence at 6 p.m. A collection in aid of the funds will be taken up.

North York Reform Convention.  
The following is the letter the Hon. Geo. Brown sent to the North York Convention, declining the unanimous nomination to be the Reform candidate at the next election:  
TORONTO, Feb. 7, 1872.

I missed the train this morning, and must ask you to state to the Convention what I intended saying personally. I feel highly gratified by the honor for the second time spontaneously tendered me by the Reformers of North York, and that, had I any intention of returning to Parliamentary life at present, it would have afforded me great pleasure to do so as their representative. I have, however, another engagement, and am anxious to sustain, outside, the hands of my friends who now lead the Reform party in Parliament with great ability and discretion, and whose worthy of the cordial confidence and support of the country.

Did I venture to offer a suggestion to the convention, it could be an earnest one, and one which would have been of great value to the Liberal ranks of the coming general election for the Dominion Parliament. Through the deceptive machinery of the election of 1867 many who should have known better were led astray—and we have now the fruits of their folly, in an intercolonial railway in the construction of which ten millions at least have been uselessly thrown away; in repeated breaches of the fundamental bases of our Federal constitution that seriously threaten its permanence; in a formal engagement for the early construction of a railway across the continent, which will result, even if the parties to it admit its impracticability, in the surrender to the United States of sovereignty of the St. Lawrence—our invaluable sea fisheries; and all present hope of a reciprocity treaty; in the scenes of scandalous bungling mismanagement, and worse witnessed in Manitoba; in the waste of five years of valuable time fruitlessly groping after plans for opening up to settlement our North-Western Territories, and directing into them a stream of European immigration; in the absurd and injurious system on which the late census was taken; and in many other equally reprehensible proceedings.

In view of the great work that must be done by the new Parliament towards rectifying these blunders of the past, and instituting a wiser policy for the future, great importance attaches to the selection of thoroughly reliable candidates in every constituency. I urge the Reformers of North York to cast aside internal differences, to choose their best and strongest man as their candidate, to rally round him cordially and earnestly, and set that good example to other constituencies, in the cause of pure and efficient government, that North York was wont to do so nobly in the olden time.

Geo. Brown.

It was then moved, seconded, and resolved: "That while this Convention regrets the determination of the Hon. Geo. Brown not to enter Parliament at present, it entirely concurs in the political sentiments expressed in his telegram."

## UNITED STATES SENATE.

### Resolution of Enquiry Respecting Intentions of England.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.  
In the Senate Mr. Edmunds called up the resolution asking the President for information respecting the alleged intention of Great Britain to revoke the Treaty of Washington. She is still ready and resolved to stand by it, but cannot and will not embark in an alteration specially designed to close the door on all hopes of settlement.  
The Post regrets the vehemence of the English Press in its attack on America, because it may stand in the way of an amicable settlement.  
The Standard sees in the difficulty which has so suddenly arisen a source of grave anxiety and great possible danger, as an unfortunate accident might at any moment precipitate a quarrel. The Standard feels sure the United States will not withdraw their claims, and it advises all parties to support the Government in maintaining the position which Great Britain has assumed.

### The Feeling in England on the Alabama Claims.

The Times to-day declares that England has not revoked and never will revoke the Treaty of Washington. She is still ready and resolved to stand by it, but cannot and will not embark in an alteration specially designed to close the door on all hopes of settlement.  
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### The Alabama Claims—An American Opinion.

The following sensible remarks from the Scottish American Journal on the Alabama claims puts the matter as far as the American demands are concerned—in a clearer light than anything we have yet seen on the subject:—  
The fact is, the British public never will understand that the American way of treating public questions is not their way. In this country, there is a great deal said and done in State papers, in Legislatures and in newspapers which is intended for political effect, and which the majority of the people is able to rate at its proper value. Words mean rather differently from what they do in Great Britain, where demagogues have not yet penetrated into the very highest departments of government. In making claims for a mass of undefined damages relating to the share of Great Britain in prolonging the war of secession, the United States Cabinet are simply making a bid for the approval of a certain class of the population which is intensely hostile to Great Britain, and showed its anxiety to remove, on the eve of a Presidential election, a possible ground of attack from a sleepless and unscrupulous class of opponents. In drawing up the case in harmony with such considerations, the United States lawyers were simply serving their clients in a manner which, in England, is supposed to be confined to Old Bailey attorneys. Neither the Government, nor its lawyers, nor the people, for that matter, would have been in the slightest degree astonished to find that claims for compensation for damages would be thrown out by the Geneva Tribunal. The London press has made one of its periodical blunders on the subject of popular sentiment in this country, by making the mere presentation of these claims a ground for intemperate comment. If it were desirable to have the American case remodelled, this was the surest way to render it difficult, if not impossible. It was calculated, in the first place, to re-awaken all the bitter feelings which the British attitude during the war had engendered, and, in the next, it was certain to place the Administration in the position of being completely unable to remain firm to its case, or to appear to yield to the angry clamor of British newspapers. Right or wrong, no American Administration could afford to run the risk of doing the latter. The whole subject had been transferred to the region of diplomacy, and it is to be regretted that it should have been so popularly discussed before diplomacy had a chance of smoothing over the introductory difficulties of arbitration.

### The Alabama Claims—How they are Regarded in Germany.

The Frankfort correspondent of the London Standard says:—The last issue of Prince Bismarck's organ contains an article on our relations with the United States which places our position in a very fair, though unfavorable light. Some people say the writer may think that the Americans neither wish nor expect the enormous sums they ask for; the majority, however, are of opinion that the Americans would not have worried out all their grievances unless they really wished England to suffer severely, and relied on a victory in their favor. If, however, Great Britain is acquitted of all blame, then, adds the article, in any conflict in which she is engaged, whether with Ireland or a foreign Power, she will understand that the ports and dockyards of the United States are open to her enemy. The writer then goes on to laugh at Mr. Gladstone for having recommended the system of arbitration to foreign Powers before he had any experience of its working. Should the arbitrators adjudge England to pay four millions only, America will be dissatisfied. Should they, on the contrary, take an American view of the case, England will be obliged to declare the Washington Treaty as null and void, as no Ministry could demand from Parliament a greater sum than an unsuccessful war would have cost the country. In every case, concludes the writer, the Convention of Geneva will sow seeds of a deeper and more lasting animosity between the two nations than has hitherto at any time existed.

### Dr. Cummings, who in years past has

terrified so many of his fellow-beings with the solid proof that the world would end in few months has gone to the other end of the controversy now, and announces that the world will never come to an end at all. We breathe again.

## NEWS ITEMS.

The Nova Scotia gold mines produce \$25,000 worth of the metal per month.  
Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday next week. Lent commences on the 14th.

The Telegraph says that the Berlin weekly market, just inaugurated, is quite a success.  
The salt well at Waterloo Village, now down 1730 feet, does not yet give any satisfaction of "a show."

Gen. McArthur, Colonel of the 100th Prince of Wales Canadian Regiment, died at London on the 4th of January.

It is reported that the Dukes of Nemours and Anville claim reinstatement in their former rank in the army, and Prince de Joinville demands his commission in the navy.

Returns from all the more important pork packing points in the United States indicate that the total packing for the present season will exceed that of last season 25 per cent.

By the aid of photography "blanket sheet" newspapers can be reduced to the convenient size of a penny-piece; and with the assistance of a microscope more news can be obtained on less paper than formerly.

When Rufus Choate was alive, people accustomed at which hotel the great barrister stopped, by looking down the register until they found two blots and a smatter, that no one could read, which stood for his name.

Several thousand kangaroo skins have been shipped to San Francisco to be tanned. The skin is thin, but it is said to make very pliable, tough, and durable leather, which turns water better than alligator leather.

An enterprising firm on Chambers street, New York, has on exhibition, "the bell that was on the neck of the cow that kicked over the lamp that set fire to the barn that started the conflagration that destroyed Chicago."

A new way of collecting bad debts has been invented in Brooklyn. A lad was observed, the other day, standing in front of a dwelling and supporting a ballistics board inscribed, "Waiting for \$3.37—the amount of the family grocery bill."

It appears that the "fifth wheel to a coach" is no longer superfluous. An inventive genius at Mount City, Ill., has devised a fifth wheel attachment to a buggy which helps to turn both horse and carriage on a space not exceeding their length.

Three of the Pacific Railway exploring parties have returned to Ottawa. They explored 70 miles east of Lake Nipigon, 150 miles west of Montreal River, and from French River to the Sault, and report that they found no insuperable difficulties in the way.

Canadian lumber is wanted as far west as Kansas. The Senate of that State has resolved to memorialize Congress to admit Canadian lumber free of duty. They will the Free Trade Act become powerful enough to break up the monopolies that are upholding the present protective system that is so disastrous to Western interests.

At Mineral Point, Wis., last week, a stranger called at the bank and requested to see a note held against him. Receiving the slip, he remarked that he could not read without his spectacles, and walked toward the door, when it was discovered that he was energetically chewing up the note. The fragments were fished from his mouth by a vigorous choking.

It now seems certain that no inconsiderable portion of the inhabitants of Alsace and Lorraine will emigrate from those Provinces rather than submit to German rule, and that of the intending emigrants not a few will come to the Province of Quebec. The Emigration Agent for the Dominion has received notice that several hundred families will leave in the Spring for Quebec.

If Charles Reade will come over to New York and listen to a speech in the State Legislature this week, he can write another story on lunatic asylums. It seems that in New York, as in England, it takes only the certificate of two physicians to incarcerate any man in a private asylum, and the representative who is moving a reform has gathered together several cases of manufactured lunacy as regards as any of Mr. Reade's.

On the east shore of Lake Michigan a fruit grower has undertaken the cultivation of figs, having three hundred trees of that fruit in fine growing condition. He heels them up each winter for protection from the frosts, and owing to his care and judgment has had two crops from them each season for the past two years. Thus far he has made the fig crop a source of considerable profit.

The South Carolinian is responsible for the following: Tucker, a dark member of one of the houses, arose the other day and said on the State debt: "Gentlemen, how is we going to pay this thing? Don't the members say we are bankrupt? How can a bankrupt pay a debt? Say? I say this, I say that every man in this chamber, and outside of it; is a counterfeit."

A banquet extraordinary was lately given at the English town of Bedford. It consisted of a supper, eligibility for admission to which depended upon the candidates being convicted felons. Tickets were only issued on proof being furnished of the guest having attained this distinction, and fifty applicants were refused on the ground of the evidence in their favor being incomplete. What adds to the singularity, and the appropriateness of this selecting the company, is the fact that the host was one Mr. Ned Wright, "the well-known converted burglar."

One hundred and fifty congenial souls sat down at table together, and the occasion was marked with hilarity. Mr. Wright allowed the assemblage "in his own peculiar manner," and the guests separated at a late hour, "well pleased with the entertainment."

THE NEW SILVER COIN.—The Montreal News writes:—The first instalment of this much-needed commodity has just arrived from the mint, being \$50,000 in the larger coins, that is, half and quarter dollars. The smaller denominations have been delayed by