

The Provincial Parliament.

The third session of the second Legislative Assembly of Ontario closed its sittings on Tuesday. Of the Acts passed six may be termed leading Government measures, and have involved an immense amount of hard work on the part of their framers. These measures are:—The two acts consolidating and amending the whole school law of the Province; the Ballot Bill; the Administration of Justice Bill, providing for the appointment of additional Judges, changing the constitution of the Court of Appeal, and generally simplifying the proceedings of our courts; the extension of the franchise on the basis of income; the license law; and the two Bills enabling benevolent and charitable societies and joint stock companies to incorporate under Orders in Council, obviating the need of obtaining special Acts of Parliament for this purpose. Other prominent measures are the Marriage Act, the Assessment Act, and those affecting county finance. Much other useful legislation will be found amongst the Bills named on the list published in our last issue.

The session will be remembered, amongst other things, for the petty and impotent malice displayed by the few members opposed to the Government, who have been aptly characterised by the clever artist of Gripe by a name which will stick to them—that of the "Opposition Quartette;" of itinerant musicians. Whilst their numerical strength and personal influence were weak, their tactics as an Opposition were singularly faulty; and the result is that they have excited general ridicule amongst both friends and foes. On the other hand the Government may point with pride to a session of hard conscientious work and of solid useful legislation.

Dominion Parliament.

The first session of the new Parliament opens to-day at Ottawa. In some respects it will, perhaps, be the most important which has been held since Confederation. The new Reform Government, which was formed last November, meets the House under the most encouraging circumstances. It succeeds an Administration which, with several changes, may be said to have held the reins of power since Confederation, which increased enormously the public debt, which committed many acts of the most flagrant character, which retained power by a organized system of bribery, and which at last were forced to resign, when their guilt in connection with the Pacific Scandal was clearly proved from their own evidence. No stronger proof of the feeling of the country in regard to the old and new Governments is needed than the result of the elections in January. The issues were placed clearly and plainly before the country, and the people most emphatically recorded their condemnation of the John A. Macdonald's Government, and their approval of the one formed by the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie. It secured an overwhelming majority, which will enable it to carry every measure which may be deemed advisable for the well-being and prosperity of the Dominion.

The Opposition will be able to do little, for though led by the late Premier they are weak and disorganized. At the same time the Government will have difficulties to encounter of no ordinary character. The question with regard to the construction of the Pacific Railway will require the most careful consideration. The tariff will most likely require revision, and in connection with that the Government will have to consider the petitions of manufacturers for an increase of duty on many articles manufactured in the Dominion. In opposition to them there will be a strong array of free traders, and between both it will be difficult for the Government to so adjust the duties as to meet the wishes of the majority. It may be, also, that before the session closes steps may be taken for effecting a new Reciprocity Treaty with the United States. Then the Government will have to consider the petition of Manitoba for better terms; and possibly the question concerning the Kiel amnesty may become the subject of discussion. The Government have no easy task before them. But we have full faith in their ability and discretion, and that they will be able to grapple successfully with all the questions which may come up for consideration. We believe that the policy already announced will be vigorously and wisely followed up, and in addition that every department will be conducted with care, efficiency and economy.

A man in a mill in Plumes, California felt a tug at his coat tail. He looked around and saw that it was being drawn in by cog wheels. He grabbed a post and held on with all his might while the coat was slowly torn from him. The struggle was a hard one, but the man won.

A great Newfoundland dog got rabid in Boston and ran into a house, where he was shot by himself. Before he was shot he broke mirrors and furniture worth \$600.

Rumor in Ottawa is to the effect that the Government will introduce a franchise bill which will virtually accord manhood suffrage.

The Government the other day dismissed a batch of the clerks who have been sleeping over the census returns for the last three years.

The Newfoundland Government has come out strongly in favour of fostering home industries. They have even gone so far as to offer a cash bounty of ten dollars a ton upon every vessel built in the Province.

Mr. MERRITT's Garnishee Bill has passed, to come into force on the first of October next, and relieves wages and salary from being attached for any debt of twenty-five dollars and under, that may be incurred after the date mentioned.

The National gives editorial currency to a rumor that the Government is on the point of appointing a Royal Commission to decide whether an amnesty was promised to Riel by the late Administration.

"THE NATION."—The prospectus of the new weekly paper—The Nation—which will be the organ of the Canada First party, has been issued. It will be devoted to national politics, national culture, and national progress. It will be the advocate of essentially Canadian views, the building up of a nation imbued with the thoroughly British views of progress, and the endeavour, by moral and intellectual culture, to assist in raising the masses to a sense of the dignity which they inherit in the past and may enjoy in the future. It will aim to place above the reach of personal ends and mere party consideration the discussion of those great questions which involve our political future." The Nation will be published in Toronto.

BIRTHS. CAMPBELL.—At Midway, on the 14th inst., the wife of Mr. M. Campbell, merchant, of a daughter.

MARRIED. MINER—RAYMOND.—In Guelph, on the 23rd inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. Dr. Davidson, Baptist Minister, John Billings Miner, Esq., of the City of Brooklyn, New York, U.S., to Miss Ada Fennell Raymond, youngest daughter of Charles Raymond, Esq., of the Town of Guelph, Ont. McFARLANE—McCAIG.—At Guelph, on the 20th inst., by the Rev. Thomas Wardrop, Mr. George W. McFarlane to Mary, daughter of Mr. Malcolm McCaig, both of Puslinch.

Floor Oil Cloth, Floor Oil Cloth, Very Rich and Chaste Designs, Splendid assortment, Patterns Quite New. FRESH LOT OF Door Mats, Door Mats, NOW OPENING OUT AT JOHN HORSMAN'S, HARDWARE MERCHANT, GUELPH.

TOWN HALL, SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 23TH

The Alleghanians A GREAT MUSICAL TREAT COMING!

Grand Augmentation of the Alleghanians Vocalists and Swiss Bell Ringers

With Ladies and Gents' Silver Band. The Alleghanians Quartette, Quintette, and Sextette, will appear as above. The New York Tribune says of this old established Company: "They are the best, every one should hear them." Admission 25 cents. Reserved seats 50c.

For sale at Day's Bookstore Concert to commence at 8 p.m. Guelph, May 21, 1874.

MANDERS' New Drug Store, ACTON.

A new and freshly selected stock of Winter Requisites, Glycerine, Glycerine Cream, Glycerine Jelly

POROUS PLASTERS, HORSE AND CATTLE MEDICINES,

Tick Destroyer.

Manders' Drug Store, Sign of the Big Mortar, near the post office, Acton, Nov. 19, 1873

PUSLINCH FARMER'S CLUB.

A meeting of all those favorable to the formation of a Farmer's Club in Puslinch will be held in the Town Hall, Aberfoyle, on Saturday, 4th April, next, at 2 p.m. Prof. McCandless, of the Provincial Farm, has consented to address the meeting. All interested are requested to attend. By order of the Provisional Committee. Puslinch, March 23, 1874.

DURHAM BULLS AND HEIFERS FOR SALE.—The undersigned offers for sale several thoroughbred Durham Bulls and Heifers with pedigree, consisting of 2 bulls one year old, 4 bulls under one year, 2 heifers under two years. The above stock can be seen at Lot No. 14, Concession 4, Eramosa. JAMES SOULTER, Guelph Feb. 18, 1874. Proprietor.

IMPORTANT SALE OF PIANOS

The Committee appointed to dispose of the Pianos at the Manufactory of JOSEPH F. RAINER, WEST MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH, Will offer them at a considerable reduction on cost on reasonable

TERMS OF CREDIT. The stock consists of about 40 First-class Instruments!

Similar to those shown at the last Central Exhibition, and for which he was awarded the first prize. They are equal in compass of tone, finish, and durability to the best instruments of any of the celebrated manufacturers, and as such an opportunity seldom occurs, parties in want of pianos would do well to avail themselves of it.

An inspection invited. A competent person will be on the premises, near Mr. John Harris, who will show the instruments. Guelph, March 18, 1874. dwf

PAY UP. All parties indebted to W. D. HEPBURN & CO. are requested to call at the old stand, and pay their accounts before the 15th of March, or they will be placed in the hands of A. A. Baker, Esq., for collection. W. D. HEPBURN & CO. GUELPH, Feb. 17, 1874. dw

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Good Stewing Prunes JOHN A. WOOD'S

REAL Dundee Marmalade 30c per lb. at JOHN A. WOOD'S

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR, White and Yellow Corn Meal, Coarse and Fine Hominy at JOHN A. WOOD'S Guelph, March 9, 1874

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JAMES CORMACK, Tailor and Clothier, No. 1, WYNDHAM STREET.

Is now receiving a large and beautiful assortment of Goods Suitable for the Season

CONSISTING OF Plain and Fancy Woollens in the Best and Newest Patterns.

Hats, Caps, Shirts, Collars, Ties, etc. etc. In great variety. Guelph, March 21, 1874. JAMES CORMACK, dwimcs

The Spring Trade Opening Up Lively at THE FASHIONABLE WEST END

A. O. BUCHAM

Begs to inform the Ladies of Guelph that he will show all next week a superb stock of

NEW DRESS GOODS, BLACK AND COLORED SILKS, COSTUMES, COSTUMES, Shawls, Mantles and Mantle Materials.

INSPECTION INVITED. A. O. BUCHAM, Fashionable West End Dress Mantle, and Millinery Establishment.

FRESH FISH RECEIVED DAILY PER EXPRESS.

Fresh Cod, Fresh Haddock, Fresh Flounders, Lobsters, Herrings, Salmon Trout, Speckled Trout, Fresh Oysters, cans full.

HUGH WALKER, Wyndham-st., Guelph. Guelph Feb. 10, 1874.

GUELPH CLOTH HALL. SHAW & MURTON

OUR SPRING STOCK Is now fully assorted in every department.

CLOTHS, HATS AND CAPS, GENTS' FURNISHINGS, READY-MADE CLOTHING.

We would inform our customers and the public in general that we never before offered such a complete and handsome assortment of Goods for Gent's Wear. GUELPH, March 21, 1874

Shaw & Murton, MERCHANT TAILORS.

Elephant Clothing Store. C. E. PEIRCE & CO.

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READY-MADE CLOTHING Well Made and Fashionably Cut

Which they are selling at very low prices. Also, a new stock of

HATS AND CAPS! and FURNISHING GOODS, which they are prepared to sell cheap.

C. E. PEIRCE & CO., Hephurn's Old Stand, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

William Stewart

HAS NOW OPENED THE

First Lot of New Goods for Spring!

Piles of Plain Lustres, Lots of Striped Dress Goods, Fancy Goods

The Newest Colors and Patterns. THE

Print Department IS CROWDED

With the Latest Productions in Colours and Styles, and at LOWER PRICES THAN LAST YEAR.

WM. STEWART. Guelph, March 23, 1874 dw

POWELL'S Boot and Shoe Store

NEW SPRING GOODS Men's English and American style of

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GOAT, KID AND PRUNELLA, Which for style, finish and durability, will be found superior to any in Guelph.

Particular attention paid to Custom Work and Repairing.

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Each package warranted to color one or more pounds of goods. See sample card in window. Price 15 cents per package.

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