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THURSDAY EV'NG, DEC. 10, 1868.

The President's Message.

The President's Message was read on Tuesday. That before published as an abstract of it is a complete fabrication. The President opens by referring to the non-representation of Virginia, Mississippi and Texas in Congress. After a fair trial, he says the Reconstruction Acts have substantially failed, and proved pernicious in their results, and there seems no good reason why they should remain on the statute-books. The States to which the Government guarantees a Republican form of government have been reduced to military dependencies. He elaborates this fact and its consequences, and goes on to say briefly that experience has demanded the repeal of the civil tenure bill. He recommends that the Act of March 2nd, 1867, depriving the President of power to issue military orders, except through army headquarters, be repealed and all other obnoxious laws restricting executive powers. The message reviews Secretary McCulloch's report, and speaks at length on finances, and substantially in the same terms of the report. He pictures the evils of a depreciated currency, the necessity for a return to specie payments, and endorses the main provisions of the finance report.

The President then gives a resume of the annual reports, and calls attention to the recommendations therein. In speaking of foreign affairs, the President makes but slight reference to the negotiations for the settlement of the *Alabama* claims. In speaking of the Paraguayan difficulty the President details the late outrage on Americans there and Mr. Washburne's course, and says that the official correspondence between Lopez and Washburne has not been closed, and then adds that Mr. McMahon, the new Minister, having reached La Plata, has been instructed to proceed without delay to Assuncion, there to investigate the whole subject. The Rear Admiral commanding the United States squadron in the South Atlantic has been directed to attend the new Minister with proper naval force, to sustain such just demands as the occasion may require, and to vindicate the rights of the United States citizens referred to, and any others who may be exposed to danger in the theatre of war. The President goes on to say: Our relations during the past year with Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru, Chili, &c., have become especially friendly and cordial. Spain and the Republics of Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador have expressed their willingness to accept the mediation of the United States for terminating the war upon the South Pacific coast although Chili has not declared on the subject.

A RATIONAL MOTION.

A member of the House has given notice that he will introduce the following resolution: "That with a view to attract immigration into this Province, it is expedient to provide, that on and after the first day of April, immediately subsequent to settlement on any lot, the regulations of the Government having been complied with, the locatee of a free grant lot shall have the right to cut and dispose of the timber on it, free of governmental charges." This is moving in the right direction. The settler will certainly find difficulties enough to contend with, without being prohibited from turning to account whatever timber of value he may find on his lot. The Act does not allow him to dispose of any except what he requires for building purposes, or what may stand in the way of his clearing, until after the issue of the patent, when it is well known he will have surmounted the worst part of his difficulties. If he can make a little money out of the timber to assist him in his progress towards comfort, in all conscience let him have it. Those who intend merely to rob and not to become actual settlers can easily be detected.

The South Huron Election.

After a protracted investigation in the alleged bribery and corrupt practices at this election, it has been decided by a majority of one of the committee that Mr. Carling had a majority of the votes, that he should take his seat for the South Riding of Huron, and that Mr. Gibbons should give place to him. The decision is a most unfair one, for all the irregular votes given for Mr. Gibbons were struck off, while those given for Mr. Carling were retained. This unjust decision was carried by the casting vote of the chairman, Mr. Clarke, who is an obsequious tool of the Ministry. Mr. Gow moved that the names of all the voters who had been proved before the committee to have received money for their votes, under the pretence of hire for teams and other services, be struck off the list of voters. This was voted down by Messrs. Craig, Grahame and Clarke, Mr. Gow and Mr. McDougall only voting for a motion which gave equal justice to both Gibbons and Carling. On the same division Carling was declared the properly elected member and Mr. Gibbons was sacrificed through the wrong doing of the coalition.

Lady Young has received an unpleasant impression of our Canadian climate in the shape of a bad cold.

County Court and Quarter Sessions.

WEDNESDAY, 9th.
In the case of Frederick Betz, charged with embezzlement the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. Mr. Peterson, county attorney, prosecuted; Mr. McCurry was for the defence.

DANIELS, vs. PIKE.—An action for damages for assault brought by Hannah Daniels against George Pike. Some time in the summer she had been interfering with his children, and had taken the youngest one, against his will, to see a circus or something of that sort, when he followed her, and took the child from her, and was returning homewards with it. She in turn followed him, when he struck her. He was brought before the Police Magistrate for an aggravated assault and fined, but the present case was a claim for damages for loss sustained in consequence of the injuries, and by paying a doctor. Verdict for plaintiff, \$8.

LEWIS, vs. STULL.—Undeveloped action on a promissory note and for a balance of account. Verdict for plaintiff, \$234.00. Mr. Guthrie and Mr. Hall for plaintiff.

DAMMAN, vs. THOMPSON.—An appeal from magistrate's conviction. The conviction was for an assault and for malicious injury to property. Conviction quashed with costs. Mr. Cross for appellant.

LOWES, vs. CHAMBERS.—Action for rent which plaintiff said was paid by a tenant to defendant previous to transfer of property held by the latter to the plaintiff. Verdict for plaintiff, \$100. Mr. McCurry and Mr. Cross for plaintiff. Mr. Drew for defendant.

FERGUSON, vs. STEVENSON, et al.—Action on a promissory note. Verdict for plaintiff \$227. Mr. Guthrie for plaintiff. Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Kennedy for defendants.

DAVIDSON, et al, vs. ARMSTRONG.—Action for \$200, commission on \$10,000 at 2 per cent. on the sale of a farm in the township of Guelph. This action was tried at the March sittings of this court, when the jury found a verdict for the defendant. A new trial was granted and the case entered for the present sittings. The record was subsequently withdrawn by the plaintiffs. Mr. Palmer for plaintiffs. Mr. Guthrie for defendants.

THE QUEEN vs. GEO. FLADD.—The prisoner, an innkeeper in Salem, was put on trial charged with stealing a silver from Joel Boyle, of Peel, in August last. The case has occupied the attention of the Court thus far and is still in progress.

SOME MORE PORK.—This (Thursday) morning Mr. John S. Armstrong, Erna, brought to market 64 hogs of his own feeding, weighing over 18,000 lbs. He sold them to Mr. Brill, of the Wellington Packing House for \$8 per cwt, realizing for the lot about \$1,500. Pigs are not a bad institution when a man has a mill. We may here mention that Mr. Alex. Gow also sold two hogs, to day, to Mr. Creighton at \$8.25 per cwt. Pork is looking up.

FAT CATTLE SHOW.—The fat cattle show was held to-day. A large number of first class cattle were brought in, which sold at good prices. The prize list &c. will appear to-morrow.

STILL ON THE MOVE.

H. METCALF, SADDLER,
Begs to notify his customers and the public that he has returned to the OLD STAND,

IN THE NEW BUILDING,
Which has been built and fitted up expressly for his business, and that he has a large stock of the following Goods—

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H. METCALF.
Guelph, December 4.

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The Largest Stock of Wools to be had in any store in town, including English, Fingering, Clouded, Berlin, double and single, Fleecy, Merino, and Fancy Wools of every description. All kinds of Canadian Yarns. Stamping and branding done to order.
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Guelph, Oct. 15 1868.

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Guelph, Dec. 8, 1868. daw tf

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In Guelph, on Friday, Dec. 11.

See Programmes. ADMISSION 25c.

Front Seats reserved for Ladies and Gentlemen accompanying them.

Mr. Lawrence's Silver Cornet Band will play in front of the Hall.

Doors open at 7:30; commencing at 8 o'clock, precisely.
Guelph, Dec. 8, 1868. do at

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JAMES CARTER.
Guelph, Nov. 24. do tf

SHOOTING MATCH.

THE GUELPH PIGEON CLUB

Will hold a Shooting Match at Mr. George Black's Hotel, York Road,

ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11th

When the following prizes will be awarded:— 1st prize \$10, 2nd prize \$8, 3rd prize \$5, 4th prize \$4, 5th prize \$2, 6th prize \$1. Six birds will be allowed to each competitor. Entrance fee to members of the Club 50c., to non-members \$1.— The Match is open to all residents in the County of Wellington. Match to commence at 10 a.m.

Pigeons Wanted.—Any person having Pigeons to dispose of, will please take them to Mr. John Hewer's Hotel before the day of the Match.

THOS. HOLLIDAY, President.
Guelph, 7th December.

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In a family of eight or ten persons.

I will wash in hard or soft water. Clothes require no rubbing. The dirt is boiled out in ten minutes, and the washing may be on the line before breakfast. It is warranted not to injure or discolor the clothes, and will also remove paint, grease, or stains of all kinds. Give it a fair trial and you will never be without it. "Family Rigids" containing full directions for making and using the Composition, \$1 each. Sold at the Patentee's Music Store, and at P. PETRIE'S Drug Store, Guelph, July 16th.

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His Steam Planing Mill is in constant operation. All kinds of lumber, sashes, doors, blinds, mouldings &c. He solicits a share of public patronage.
NATHAN TOVELL,
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James Massie & Co.,

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CONSISTING OF

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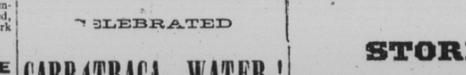
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SPEED CURLING CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Guelph Speed Curling Club will be held in the Town Hall, on Monday evening at half-past seven o'clock p. m., for the election of office bearers. All members are requested to attend.
Guelph, 9th December. 48