Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE .....MACDONNELL STREET

THURSDAY EV'NG, MAY 13, 1869.

Dominion Parliament.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, May 12.

Mr. Benoit enquired whether the Government intended to abolish, during this session, the duties on cattle imported specially for the improvement of the breed.

Hon. Mr. Rose replied it was not the present intention of the Government to alter the tariff in that respect.

Mr. Oliver moved for a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of reducing the salary of the Governor General from £10,000 sterling to $32,000 per annum. The people of the country, he said, had no desire to be taxed for an extravagant salary to His Excellency. When the fact of the increase became first known throughout Ontario, it was condemned in both Houses by considerable majorities. They had passed a Bill for reducing the salary; but the Bill had not been assented to, and in England the royal assent was refused to it. Now he believed that public opinion had not changed on this point.

After a lengthened debate the question was laid over.

Hon. Mr. Rose moved the third reading of the Bill to confirm the agreement with the Great Western Railway Company.

Mr. Bowell moved in amendment that the financial position of the Dominion does not justify this house in ratifying the amount entered into between the Government and the Great Western Company, by which a large sum of money is lost to the Dominion. The motion was carried, 112 voting for, and 24 against it.

A Canadian in Kansas.

The following letter has been received from Mr. William Stirton, who removed from the County of Bruce during last autumn to the State of Kansas. Mr. Stirton is a brother of our member, and a native of this town. His description of the country to which he has removed will therefore be perused with interest by many of our readers.

KANSAS, April 25th, 1869.

DEAR BROTHER,—Yours of a late date is received. I regret to learn that times are somewhat dull in my native country, and also to learn that the winter is being felt so severely in many sections in regard to the wintering of stock. We are very differently situated in this region. All small grains are already sown, and animals can make a good living on the prairie; in fact a good many have so lived all winter without other sustenance. You wish me to give my views about this great country, and how I liked it. Of course my stay in it has yet been of but short duration, but I will state briefly my experience so far. The winter was considered to be one of the most severe ever experienced. We had very little snow, but one or two severe spells of frost, but they were of only two or three days duration. The wind is very cutting during such spells. A great deal of rain fell which makes it very difficult to move about, the soil being of a tough, sticky character. The coldest day reached 16 below zero—but the Spring commences much earlier than in Canada. The crops are all now looking remarkably well, the fall wheat covering the ground. I don't think that spring wheat and barley will do well in this region, but winter wheat, rye, oats and Indian corn are sure crops. Stock raising and feeding pay very well, and there is a good demand for all kinds of stock at remunerative prices. As for instance a neighbor of mine has just sold $5000 worth of cattle and swine at seven cents per pound live weight. In my opinion this will be an immense producing region in the course of time. The appearance of the vast prairies is really grand. The belts of timber along the borders of the streams are almost lost to view from their low position, so you can see as far as the eye can reach undulating prairie studded with wild roses and prairie flowers, making the air fragrant with their perfume. But this grand natural panorama will soon have to give way to the cultivated fields and busy haunts of men; thousands of acres are everywhere to be seen enclosed with new fences, and new houses going up in all directions. The quality of the land in Northern Kansas is generally high lying; from two to five feet of rich black loam on clay subsoil—good spring water. Nebraska is pretty much the same. Southern Kansas is somewhat different, large bottoms—not so good water—and the high lands poor and light. It is true that there are many drawbacks when we look at the other side of the picture—want of timber, dry seasons, distance from the seaboard, and last but not least—a lazy, worthless population, as far as the western Yankee is concerned. But the latter difficulty will soon be removed; the immense stream of emigration from Europe, Canada and the Eastern States which is daily crowding into this region will soon drive the worthless race now occupying the country further into the interior, and we will then have a much more moral and industrious population. To give you an idea how rapidly this country is filling up, I may mention that Leavenworth city is but thirteen years old, and yet it contains as many inhabitants as Toronto; and all the river ports, such as Atchison, Omaha and Kansas City are growing equally rapid. And to give you an idea of the spirit of enterprise which prevails in regard to public works, I may mention new lines of railway are being constructed throughout the length and breadth of this State, and the rapidity with which they are completed is really astonishing. My change of residence has completely cured me of my long-seated disease (asthma). I can do as much work as two western Yankees. They eat too many hot cakes with any amount of hog's-fat and burnt coffee. There is one grand feature, however, which I ought not to omit—that is, the temperate habits of the people. In fact I have not seen a tavern within twenty miles of my residence. Wages for farm servants are high, from $25 to $35 per month being generally paid.

Mr. Stirton concludes his letter with a hope that his brother will do all in his power to advance the interests of our new Dominion, stating that he still retains a warm interest in its prosperity, and regrets that his delicate health compelled him to leave the land of his nativity.

SELLING LIQUOR WITHOUT LICENSE. The township Council of Arthur at its last sitting on the 4th May, offered $20 reward for the conviction of any person selling liquor in the municipality without license. Three days afterwards Isaac Hunter was brought before Messrs. Thomas Stevenson and Robert Gordon, J.P's., found guilty of the offence and fined in the sum named above. On the 8th Wm. Randall was obliged to submit to a similar fate.

Potatoes are dearer than oranges in New York.

Simcoe Spring Assizes.

HOGG *vs.* JEFFREY.

A case was tried at the Simcoe Assizes, before Chief Justice Richards, on Wednesday, which has excited considerable interest in Guelph. The action was brought by Mr. John Hogg, our well-known dry goods merchant, against Mr. Geo. Jeffrey, of the Bradford House, Guelph, to recover $5,000 damages for breach, by Mr. Jeffrey, of an agreement for the purchase, by Jeffrey & Chance, of the stock of goods belonging to Mr. Hogg. The agreement was made on the 23rd Oct., 1867. It bound Jeffrey & Chance to purchase all the goods which should be in Mr. Hogg's store on the 5th March, 1868, at cost prices—each to pay $7,000 in cash to Mr. Hogg, and give notes for the balance with seven per cent. interest. Jeffrey and Chance were also to take a lease of the premises at $1,200 per annum. The agreement contained a clause that if either Jeffrey or Chance failed in keeping the agreement, the defaulter should pay $5,000 to Mr. Hogg, as settled and ascertained damages, and if Mr. Hogg failed on his part, he was to forfeit $5,000, or $2,500 to each.

It appeared in evidence that Mr. Hogg and Mr. Chance were ready on 5th March to perform their part of the bargain, but Mr. Jeffrey declined because Mr. Hogg refused to give a written guarantee that he would not start another dry goods business in Guelph in opposition to that which he was selling, for at least five years.

Mr. Jeffrey contended that such was the understanding at the time the bargain was made, though owing to the hurried way in which the writings were prepared it was omitted.

Mr. Hogg called Mr. Chance and a number of witnesses to show that he had sustained an actual loss of over $5000 by Mr. Jeffrey's refusing to carry out the bargain. But this evidence was considerably shaken upon cross examination. Able addresses were made by counsel, and after a careful charge from the judge the jury returned a verdict for plaintiff for $800 damages. The parties consented that leave should be reserved to the plaintiff to apply to the full court at Toronto to increase the verdict to $5,000, being the amount of damages fixed by the agreement, if the court should think that part of the agreement was binding. M. C. Cameron, Q.C., and Mr. Lemon for plaintiff; Becher, Q.C., Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Guthrie for defendant.

Lecture on Loyalty.

To the Editor of the Mercury.

SIR,—We have no doubt that the forthcoming lecture of the Rev. W. Griffin will abound with loyal sentiment.—But as many of those who will be his auditors are aware that by the new assessment law, clergymen are exempted from taxation on their income and residence; and by the militia law from military service; those of his audience who have to pay taxes and perform military service will be glad to be informed by him, in his lecture, *why* (in equity) ministers, with $1,000 a year income, and residence rent-free, should be exempt from taxation and military service, and his equally hardworking fellow citizens, with *half* that income, have to pay taxes on *their* incomes and dwellings, and perform military service; and not only so, but pay more taxes than their proper share in consequence of non-payment by ministers. Perhaps the Rev. gentleman will tell us whether he and his brethren intend to encourage our loyalty, by helping us to bear the burdens, as well as share the blessings of the citizenship of Canada, or whether he and they intend to claim exemption from taxation and military service, and *merely talk* about Loyalty—which is a very *inexpensive* thing to do. A CITIZEN.

Guelph, May 12, 1869.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

COULSON HOUSE,

GUELPH, May 13, 1869

The following are the arrivals at the Coulson House up to 10:30 this morning: L. E. Alling, Rochester; R. C. Stinson, Hamilton; T. Ridout, Dundas; H. Wilson, Mount Forest; W. McGregor, Elora; Miss Mollance, Ottawa; J. Parkinson, Montreal; W. Lackey, Mount Forest; J. Lockhart, London; J. McKenzie, Dundas; J. F. Cross, Fergus; E. M. Ayres, Buffalo; E. Eaves, Montreal; J. Menzies, Kincardine; J. E. Matthews, Montreal; W. A. Ross, Trenton; J. McWilliams, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

MARRIAGES.

MAYBERRY—DOLAN—At Guelph on the 12th inst, by the Rev. John Hogg, Mr. Frederick Mayberry, to Catherine Dolan, both of Guelph.

New Advertisements.

WATCH FOUND.

Found between Coulson's Hotel and the Grand Trunk Station, on the 7th April last, a SILVER WATCH. The finder at the time was on his way to the States, and having no time to wait, the train being due, had to take the watch with him. The owner on proving property and paying expense of this advertisement, can be put on the way of getting it by applying at the MERCURY office.

Guelph, 13th May. 6dw3

WAGGON FOR SALE.

A fine Democrat Waggon (nearly new), for sale. Apply at CUTHBERT'S

Guelph, 11th May. dw

W. M. MERRITT,

BARRISTER-AT-LAW, Solicitor in Chancery, &c. Office—No. 4, Day's Block, Guelph.

Guelph, 4th May. daw—w1y

CORDWOOD WANTED.

Wanted from **50 to 100 Cords of Dry Wood,** including soft and hardwood, as well as Cedar. Apply at the MERCURY Office, Macdonnell Street, Guelph. Cash on delivery.

May 12 d1w3

COW STRAYED.

Strayed from the premises of the subscriber on Monday last, a red Canadian cow, with white star in forehead, likely to have calved ere this. Any information left with the undersigned respecting her whereabouts will be suitably rewarded.

JOHN WEST.

Guelph, 7th May. dwtf

TAVERN STAND FOR SALE OR TO LET.

For Sale or to Rent that well-known stand, the "Bullfrog Tavern," one mile from the Market House, Guelph, on the Eramosa Gravel Road.—The house, which is of stone, is in first-rate order, and has every convenience for carrying on a good business. Attached to it is a commodious stone stable and driving shed.

For terms and other particulars apply (if by letter post-paid) to

May 8 3tw dG JAMES HOOD, Guelph.

Toronto Globe and Hamilton Times copy 3 times and send account to this Office.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The subscriber, in returning thanks to his friends and the public generally for the liberal patronage bestowed on him during the past eight years, begs to announce that he has rented **Stall No. 3, Guelph Market,** where he will always keep on hand a choice assortment of

FRESH AND SALT MEAT

of all kinds, which he will sell at the lowest possible prices. **JOHN TYSON, Butcher.**

Guelph, May 8, 1869. daw tf

FOR MAY.

AT THORNTON'S

NEWS AGENCY,

WYNDHAM-ST. - - GUELPH.

Bow Bells
Sunday Magazine
Good Words
Young Men of Great Britain
Boys of England
Young Englishwoman
Cornhill
London Society
Once a Week
Infants' Magazine
British Workman

Magazines Bound Promptly.

Guelph, May 13. daw

TOWN OF GUELPH.

PLANS FOR BRIDGES.

The Corporation of the Town of Guelph offer a prize of $80 for a plan of a stone and iron girder bridge, and a prize of $70 for a plan of a stone and timber bridge (the prize in each case to be awarded to the plan approved by the Council), said bridge to be erected over the River Speed, where the Eramosa bridge now stands, in this municipality. Working specifications and a list of prices, and quantities of material, shewing total cost, to accompany each plan. Plans will be received at this office up to the 20th instant, at 3 o'clock p. m. ☞ For further information apply to

JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk.

Clerk's Office, Guelph, 7th May. dw

Daily Globe and Leader to insert four times, and sent account, &c.

Town of Guelph

TENDERS FOR BRIDGE.

Tenders for the **WOOD WORK** of bridge near Evatt & Inglis' Foundry, will be received at the Town Clerk's Office, up to three o'clock, p.m.,

ON MONDAY, THE 17th INST.

Plans and specifications can be seen and further information obtained at this office

N.B.—The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk.

Clerk's Office, May 12, 1869. d4

MAGAZINES FOR MAY

RECEIVED

At DAY'S BOOKSTORE,

Opposite the Market.

Bow Bells
People's Magazine
Englishwoman's Magazine
The Sunday School Teacher
English Mechanic
Argosy
The World of Fashion
Leisure Hour
Cornhill
Temple Bar
Good Words
The Quiver
Young Englishwoman
Sunday Magazine
Young Englishwoman's Journal
All the Year Round
Sunday at Home
Young Men of Great Britain
Boys of England
Cassell's Magazine
London Society
Popular Educator.

Guelph, 13th May. dw

TOWN OF GUELPH.

COURT of REVISION

The Court of Revision for the Town of Guelph will commence its first sitting in the Town Hall precisely at seven o'clock,

On Tuesday Evening, 18th of May,

and resume its sitting at the same hour on each succeeding evening until the Court shall be closed.

N. B.—No appeals will be received after the 14th May, except in accordance with the Statute.

JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Office, Guelph, 4th May, 1869. dwtd

Town of Guelph

CLEANING OUT THE RIVER SPEED.

Tenders will be received at this office up to four o'clock, p.m.,

On Monday, the 17th inst.,

for the following work, viz:

Removing all Driftwood, between Goldie's Mill and Allan's Bridge, **and taking out all Stumps** between bridge at Inglis' Foundry and a line crossing the river at the northerly corner of Wm. Nichols' Court House Hotel property.

N.B.—The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk.

Clerk's Office, May 12, 1869 d4

CHEAP POTATOES!

CHEAP POTATOES AT

JAMES MURPHY'S

CHEAP

GROCERY,

Opposite the Wellington Hotel.

First Quality Peach Blows, at 75c. per Bag.

One Car Load Splendid Chillies, 80c. per bag.

Guelph, May 11, 1861 daw tf

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS

Will be received up to 3 o'clock, p. m., on Monday, the 17th instant, for the masonry, carpenter and iron work required in the erection of a Foot-bridge over the river Speed in the Town of Guelph. Plans and specifications can be seen, and full particulars learned, at the office of the undersigned, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

KAUFFMAN & COOPER,

Architects.

Guelph, May 8, 1869. do 7

TOWN OF GUELPH. } TO WIT:

VICTORIA, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith,

TO HER TRUSTY BAILIFFS, RICHARD CONGOU, THOMAS PEKOE, JOHN HYSON, and HER WELL BELOVED STEWARDS of HER HOUSEHOLD, HERNY SOUCHONG and CHARLES GUNPOWDER,

GREETING:—

WE command you, and every one of you, to summons every MAN AND WOMAN in your TOWN, TOWNSHIP and COUNTY, to attend a Court to be holden from day to day for the special interests of all Her Majesty's subjects until further notice, at the stores of Her faithful subject, JOHN A. WOOD, Alma Block and Lower Wyndham Street, in the Town of Guelph, County of Wellington, to examine, decide and give judgment according to your several opinions, of the superior QUALITY and CHEAPNESS of the said **JOHN A. WOOD'S** TEAS, COFFEES, SUGARS, WINES, LIQUORS and GENERAL GROCERIES, which he challenges all competition to excel.

Witness our hands this 12th day of May, 1869. } ISAAC ECONOMY, JAMES JUSTWEIGHT, PETER GENUINE.

For Ten Days!

AN IMMENSE REDUCTION

IN THE PRICE OF

CROCKERY

AND GLASSWARE.

The Whole to be Rushed Off

At Tremendous Low Prices!

Splendid Stoneware Tea Setts, $2.50

Handsome Stoneware Toilet Setts, $1.50

Everything in the line equally cheap.

HUGH WALKER,

Guelph, May 12. dw Opposite the English Church

GUELPH TEA. DEPOT!

A VERY LARGE STOCK JUST IMPORTED!

PRICES DOWN, DOWN.

Extra Fine Moyune Young Hyson Tea, Sold elsewhere in Guelph for $1.15 per lb., for $1.00!

22 Half Chests of $1.00 Tea, for 90 Cents per lb.

First-Class 75c. Tea for 60c per lb. Congue Tea for 45c. Very best Oolong Japan Tea, worth $1.00, for 75c. per lb. A Splendid Mixed Tea for 50 Cents per lb.

All GOODS WARRANTED to give satisfaction. If not the money will be returned CALL AND SEE SAMPLES.

E. O'DONNELL & CO.,

Guelph, May 10 do tf Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Pure & Genuine

Old Port Wine, Pale and Dark Sherries, Canadian Grape Wine

Martell's Brandy, Hay's Scotch Whiskey, Dunville's Irish Whisky.

Blood's Porter, Guiness' Porter, O'Keefe's Porter.

Bass's Ale, Jeffrey's Ale, Molson's Ale, O'Keefe's Ale.

IN WOOD AND BOTTLE, AT

JNO. RISK'S, No. 1, Day's Block.

Guelph, april 8. dw

CHILDREN'S

CARRIAGES

In great variety, and remarkably cheap at MRS. HUNTER'S.

THE PATENT CLOTHES HORSE,

A most useful and convenient article. Every house should have one.

AT MRS. HUNTER'S.

Something new in TOYS, at Mrs. Hunter's.

Dress Making & Straw Millinery

At MRS. HUNTER'S.

Juvenile Clothing and Patterns at Mrs. Hunter's.

☞ A large and select stock of Fancy Goods, Wools, &c.

At MRS. HUNTER'S,

Berlin Wool and Fancy Goods Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph. May 12 dw

REMOVAL AND DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

GUELPH

MELODEON AND ORGAN COMPANY

McLEOD, WOOD & Co., in returning their sincere thanks to the public for the liberal patronage bestowed on the late firm of BELL, WOOD & Co., would beg to state that having dissolved partnership with the other members of the firm, they intend carrying on and manufacturing **Melodeons and Cabinet Organs,** one door East of the old stand,

EAST MARKET SQUARE

in that large three-story stone building known as the old ADVERTISER Printing Office, and hope by strict attention to business and liberal terms to merit the confidence of the musical public.

The partners are all practical mechanics, and as they intend using the best of stock, and their men being all tried Melodeon makers, the public may depend on getting as good an instrument as can be obtained in the United States or the Dominion of Canada.

TWO FIRST PRIZES

We were awarded two first prizes on both Melodeons and Cabinet Organs at the Provincial Exhibition of 1868, and one of our partners is the same Mr. Wood whose tuning has taken nearly all of the first prizes at Provincial Fairs for the last eight years.

We wish specially to inform the public that, being practical mechanics, and having taken with us nearly all the workmen, whose work has gained such a reputation in Canada, we defy our late partners, or any men whom they can procure from Prince's or any other establishment, to turn out work equal—far less superior—to the instruments made by us. We do not intend to rest our claim for support on puffing, but invite comparison as the best test of the superiority of our work.

We would remind the agents of the late firm and intending purchases that although the factory is one door East of the old stand, all the work is made by the same workmen, and under the supervision of two of the partners who have always managed the mechanical part of the business of the late firm, and the tuning is exclusively done by Mr. Wood, so that we have now facilities for turning out a more perfect instrument than could be done in the old factory.

☞ **Repairing** done as usual, and in future PIANO TUNING will be done by Mr. Wood exclusively. Price of tuning in town $1.50.

All instruments warranted for five years.

Orders by letter will receive careful attention.

☞ Remember the Stand—Old ADVERTISER Office, East Market Square.

R. McLEOD. R. B. WOOD. J. JACKSON.

Guelph 17th April.

Guelph Melodeon Co'y.

Dissolution of Co. Partnership.

The Co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name of BELL, WOOD & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

JOHN RUDD, Witness. } WM. BELL, R. B. WOOD, ROBERT BELL, ROBERT McLEOD.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

BELL BROTHERS, of the late firm, assume all liabilities, and all notes and accounts are to be paid to them at the old stand, East Market Square.

Guelph 15th April, 1869. w3

BELL BRO'S

The senior partners of the above firm still continue to manufacture

MELODEONS & CABINET ORGANS

In the old stand, under the name of W. BELL & Co.

Though the late firm received two First Prizes at the last Provincial Exhibition we were determined to make a still better instrument, and with that end in view secured the services of some of PRINCE & CO'S best workmen, including a tuner who is undoubtedly the best in Canada. We therefore confidently affirm that our instruments are much superior to any made elsewhere in Canada, and at least equal to any made in the United States.

☞ All our instruments warranted for 5 years, and perfect satisfaction guaranteed. Send for our catalogue.

Address, W. BELL & CO.

Guelph, April 30, 1869. daw

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CANADIAN LINE.

Liverpool, Londonderry, Glasgow.

The first-class, full-powered, Clyde-built Steamships of this line will be despatched every Saturday as follows (carrying the Canadian and United States mails):

QUEBEC TO LIVERPOOL.

Nestorian	....	8th May
Prussian	....	15th "
Austrian	....	22nd "
Moravian	....	29th "

QUEBEC TO GLASGOW.

St. David (on or about)	....	13th May
St. Andrew " "	....	20th "

Through Passage Tickets, Return Tickets, and European Pre-paid Passage Certificates issued at lowest rates.

CABIN,—Guelph to Liverpool $79.50 and $89.50
STEERAGE, do do 30.50
CABIN—Guelph to Glasgow, 69.50.
INTERMEDIATE, do 49.50.
STEERAGE, do do 29.50.

For every information apply to

GEO. A. OXNARD,

Agent G. T. R., Guelph

Guelph, May 6, 1869 daw

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Guelph, March 31 do 3m

KAUFFMAN & COOPER,

Architects and Civil Engineers.

OFFICE—Over Bank of Commerce, Golden Lion Block, Wyndham-st.

Guelph, 4th May. dolm