

The Royal Commission.

A despatch from Ottawa states that the Royal Commission to investigate certain charges made by the Hon. Lucius S. Huntington against certain members of the Government, in connection with the Pacific Railway Charter, consists of Judges Day, Draper and Poulett.

Lord Dufferin's Explanation.

The interesting State document which has been promulgated by Lord Dufferin, giving his reasons for pro-roguing Parliament, is an ingenious and plausible document, and we may take it as being the best defence and fullest explanation which could be made under the circumstances; but it cannot explain away the inexorable and disgraceful facts of last Wednesday. The principal point made by his Excellency is that by declining to receive the advice of his responsible Ministers at this crisis he would be dismissing them from his councils; and by dismissing them he would be necessarily proclaiming that he believed they were guilty. If this were so he would have made out a strong case, even although based upon the tricky manoeuvring of the Ministry; but the statement does not hang together—there is a flaw in the proposition which entirely destroys its strength and applicability. It is entirely a mistake to say that the dismissal of the Ministry by his Excellency would be proclaiming his belief in their guilt; the point at issue was not the guilt or innocence of the Ministry, but whether the House of Commons should be allowed to express an opinion as to the mode of enquiring into that guilt or innocence. It must be borne in mind that the enquiry was already in the hands of the House, and the proposition of the Ministry was to take it from the control of Parliament without consulting that body. The proposition was audacious enough for Lord Dufferin to have refused, even at the risk of a Ministerial resignation. To say, as his Excellency does, that the memorialists were not an actual majority of the whole Parliament, looks very much like a quibble. Add to the memorialists the gentlemen who verbally protested, and a clear majority is at once obtained; take also into consideration the number of Conservatives who attended despite the mandate of the Ministry; and surely there was indication enough of the feeling of the House to justify Lord Dufferin in acting in accordance with his wishes. It would be absurd to suppose that nothing more passed between His Excellency and his advisers than his submitting a proposition and his accepting or declining it. Lord Dufferin had every opportunity of pointing out to them the consequences of their proposed action, and it would appear probable that he yielded to a threat of resignation, urged with all the strength of unscrupulous despair. Had Lord Dufferin stood firm, that threat might have been carried out; for the Ministry could scarcely have hoped to survive the session. Such a step would have placed them in an utterly false position and His Excellency in a position of impregnable strength. He would have permitted them to resign because they dared not face their own Parliament, and insisted on the Governor's making an unwarrantable use of the prerogative to help them out of their difficulty. The plea that his Excellency could not place himself in direct communication with Parliament is very weak, for a short adjournment would have obviated the embarrassment he speaks so touchingly of. Were his Excellency less completely under the control of his Cabinet we might hope something from the Commission just appointed; but after the extraordinary step he has taken at the instance of the accused Ministry, he will no doubt feel equally bound to submit his judgment entirely to theirs in every detail of the proposed enquiry.

Hon. Mr. Tilley leaves Ottawa to-night en route to England. It is said he will be knighted whilst there. Rumor goes further, and says that he will resign office on his return in consequence of the aspect of the Pacific scandal, and the obnoxious position of the Government. The excuse given for his not resigning now is that public business imperatively requires his services in England. It is also said that his knighthood and his resignation are amongst other transactions preparatory to the failure of the present Administration.—Globe Cor.

Government supporters at Ottawa state that notwithstanding the Governor-General's promise of a Fall Session, Parliament will not be called together for the despatch of business till next year.

LABOR YIELD OF OATS.—Mr. Robt. Cross, 8th line of Peel, has two and a-half acres of New Zealand white oats, which he says will yield at least 100 bushels to the acre. He has counted 200 grains upon one head seven stalks, the product of one grain.

STRANGE AFFLICTION.—The Hamilton Times says that a short time since Mr. David Webster, a sub-contractor on the Hamilton & Lake Erie Railway, was at work about nine a.m., on the slope of the mountain, when suddenly he was struck stone blind. He was in good health, was about thirty-five years of age, and had no premonition of so dire an event, if we may except a sort of dizziness in the head for a day or two. Dr. Roseburgh says that his case is a hopeless one, as the sight of both eyes is forever gone.

On Friday morning, about 3.30, a fire broke out in the rear of Mr. Chas. Crick-shank's boot and shoe store, Clinton, which spread rapidly in both directions, until the whole block was consumed. The block consisted of Mr. G. Glass's dwelling-house, Mr. C. Crickshank's boot and shoe store and dwelling, Mr. Fowler's watch and clock shop and dwelling, Mrs. W. Simpson's millinery store and dwelling, Mr. J. Smith's tailor shop, Mr. D. Coombe's drug store and dwelling-house, owned by Mr. Isaac Rattenbury; also a large frame barn. Loss supposed to be about \$8,000 or \$9,000. Insurance about \$5,000.

THE BELLS.

Oh how well I can remember The spot where last we met, The pretty buds were filled with dew, Four eyes with tears were wet, The morning mists were rolling off, The bells sang in the sky, And now I hear the merry bells, 'Twas there we said "Good-by," The words meant "farewell" to our lips, When drowned were our farewells, By the rush of mellow music, Caused by the merry bells.

Then lighter grow our heavy hearts, And sorrow ceases to be felt, Before the laughter light and free, The merry ringers made; They seem to breathe life into hope, To banish care and pain, An I whispered to our aching hearts That we should meet again, With cheering words of hope and trust We breathed our fond farewells, Whilst on the breeze in murmurs came The rippling of the bells.

Oh, how sweet, when bells are retreating, To gaze o'er woods and dells, To see our dear old home once more, And hear our native bells! And every pleasant, shady spot Some happy story tells, But none so sweet as welcome gives As do the merry bells, 'Twas first into their music sweet We took our very vow, Our faithfulness through life till death The bells shall witness now.

EXPPELLING FLIES FROM ROOMS.—It is stated that if two and a half pounds of powdered laurel leaves are macerated or boiled into two gallons of water, until their poisonous quality is extracted, and with the solution a whitewash is made, by adding as much quick lime as can be slacked in it, and if a house is white-washed with this preparation, flies will not settle on the walls for six months. It is also asserted that if paste, made by stirring together one pint of the powdered laurel leaves with a quart of a pint of glycerine, be applied to the windows and door casings, a room so prepared will soon be emptied of flies. Two applications of this paste are said to be enough to keep even a kitchen clear of insects for a fortnight. There is nothing disagreeable or deleterious to human beings in the odor of the wash or paste, though laurel leaves, or actual water, taken into the stomach, acts as a violent poison.

STRAFORD AND LAKE HURON RAILWAY.—A meeting of the Provisional Board of Directors of the Stratford and Lake Huron Railway Company was held in Stratford on Friday, at two p.m. Delegations were present from Listowel, Milbank, Melverton, Brunner, and other towns north of Stratford. Speeches advocating vigorous measures for the success of the enterprise were made by G. W. Hay, D. D. Campbell, and J. W. Scott, of Listowel; P. B. Jarvis, T. M. Daly, M. P., and others of Stratford. A resolution was passed calling a mass meeting of all parties interested in the road, to be held at Orchardville, County of Grey, at one o'clock, p.m., on Thursday, 28th inst., when it is expected definite action will be taken.

GOOD FOR PEARL.—Mr. W. H. Anderson shipped, on the 7th inst., from Brampton to his farm in McLean Co., Illinois, ten Berkshire Pigs, ages varying from eight weeks to nine months old. They were bred by and purchased from Mr. J. B. Craig, of Edmonton, for \$1,145. Mr. Anderson also purchased from Mr. Craig a thorough-bred Short-Horn Bull calf five months old for \$300.

BIRTHS.

CRAGO.—In Fergus, on the 8th inst., Mrs. J. Craig, of the News Record, of a daughter. BROADFOOT.—In Nichol, on the 2nd inst., the wife of Mr. W. Broadfoot, of a son. BOYLE.—In Peel, on the 4th inst., the wife of Mr. J. Boyle, of a daughter. McQUEEN.—In Pilkington, on the 5th inst., the wife of Mr. A. McQueen, of a daughter. MERRIDITH.—In Peel, on the 6th inst., the wife of Mr. J. Merridith, of a son. HOGERS.—At Hilda, on the 14th inst., the wife of Mr. O. G. Hughes, of a daughter. TORIN.—In Unkafra, on the 6th inst., the wife of Mr. Chas. Robn, of a son. BANTING.—In Nichol, on the 2nd inst., the wife of Mr. Chas. Banting, of a daughter.

DIED.

WILLIAMS.—In West Garafraxa, on the 7th inst., the infant son of Mr. Robt. Williams, aged 5 months. CARR.—In West Garafraxa, on the 9th inst., Alley Foster, wife of Mr. Wm. Carr, sr., aged 62 years. BROWN.—In Erin, on the 9th inst., Mr. Wm. Brown, aged 60 years. MILNE.—In Fergus, on the 12th inst., Alexander, second daughter of Mr. Thomas Milne, aged 17 years, 11 months, and 5 days.

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Schools open on Monday

A full supply of the Books Used in Town and Country

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A. Elderslie, 100 acres, 40 cleared and free from stumps, well watered by a living stream; log house; within 24 miles of station of the T. G. & B. R. It is the centre of Howick. For terms and particulars, apply to John Livingston, Harriston, if by letter prepaid.

RARE CHANCE.—A farm of about 50

acres in a high state of cultivation, 9 miles from Guelph, 1 1/2 miles from Rockwood station on the C. E. R., eight acres of hard-wood bush, no waste land, frame barn 36 x 54 stables, sheds and root house, frame house, orchard of 200 grafted trees, good water. Within one mile of two public schools and two private schools, and five churches. Terms \$1000 down, balance in easy payments. Crops, stock and implements may be had at a valuation. Apply on the premises, to John H. Shultz, Rockwood P.O.

CHEAP SUGARS

John A. Wood's, Alma Block & Lower Wyndham streets, Guelph.

12 lbs. good sugar for \$1.00, 11 " bright " " 1.00, 10 " brightest crystallized 1.00, 8 " broken loaf " 1.00, 8 " ground " " 1.00, 20 " new raisins " 1.00, 20 " good currants " 1.00, 20 " good rice " 1.00, 8 bars of good washing soap 1.00

No one sells better goods, and no one sells them cheaper than John A. Wood.

THE MEDICAL HALL

Just Received, a fresh supply of NEW TRANSPARENT COSMETIQUE

For fixing the Hair and Monstache without greasing. Also the NEW Anti-Phalena Sachet,

An everlasting Perfume for the Wardrobe, Cabinet, etc., and a sure preventative against the Moth and other insects.

E. HARVEY & Co.

Chemists and Druggists. Corner Wyndham and Macdonnell streets, Guelph. Guelph, June 24, 1878.

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A Large and Cheap Stock ANDERSON'S Cheap Bookstore, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

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At Pashley's. Why?

Because he offers all his Goods at a very small advance on cost. Remember the place—PASHLEY'S CHEAP BOOKSTORE, Day's Block, Wyndham-street, Guelph.

CASH FOR WOOL, HIDES, SHEEP PICKINGS.

The highest market price paid for the above at No. 4, Gordon Street, Day's Old Block, Guelph. Plasterers Hair constantly on hand for sale. MOULTON & BISH Guelph Art. 19, 1878.

New Advertisements.

REMOVAL.

W. D. Hepburn & Comp'y Have removed their Boot and Shoe Store to the very extensive premises on the Corner of Wyndham-st. and St. George's Square.

Their old store being too small on account of the continual increase in the Wholesale Manufacturing, as well as in the Retail Departments, they have now fitted up the new and much larger place in first-class style, and would invite to their very numerous customers and the public generally that, having increased the facilities for manufacturing they are now able to offer to the public first-rate goods in all branches, at lower prices than ever before.

Custom Work in all its Branches made TO ORDER. Repairing done neatly and cheap as heretofore.

The public are cordially invited to visit the new store, and examine our Goods. W. D. HEPBURN & CO. Guelph, Aug. 14, 1878.

New Clothing Store.

THE ELEPHANT COMING C. E. PEIRCE & CO. Have great pleasure in stating that they have secured those splendid premises at present occupied by Hepburn & Co., and will open them about the 3rd of September with an entirely new stock of

READY-MADE CLOTHING

and Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods. These Goods will be offered at such prices as will make them be sold.

Mechanics and Farmers, wait for the New Store—You will save Money. Further particulars in a few days. C. E. PEIRCE & Co., GUELPH, Aug. 1878.

JUST TO HAND.

A large lot of "Gem" self-sealing Preserve Jars, QUARTS and HALF-GALLONS.

J. E. McELDERRY

2 DAY'S BLOCK. THE NOTED TEA HOUSE. Mr. Stewart now in the British Markets.

Great Clearance Sale

THE CASH STORE UPPER WYNDHAM STREET. FOR ONE MONTH ONLY!

To commence on Saturday, the 12th of July. All the Stock will be offered at and under Cost prices to make room for

FALL AND WINTER STOCK

MR. CLAYTON Having left for the Old Country, and having had great experience in the British Markets, having been brought up amongst their Manufactories, and also having any amount of Cash at his command, he will be able to lay goods down in Guelph cheaper than has ever been done before.

Customers will do well to give an early call to secure some of the great Bargains to be obtained at the CASH STORE.

RICH<sup>d</sup>. CLAYTON,

Upper Wyndham Street. COSSITT'S Agricultural IMPLEMENT WORKS, Door, Sash, and Blind Factory, and Planing Mill.

Manufactures all kinds of Agricultural Implements and Building Requisites: Canadian Sifter Fanning Mills, Paris Straw Cutters, Little Giant Straw Cutters, Horse and Hand Seed Drills, Ploughs and Turnip Cutters, Door and Window Frames, Loops and Sash, Mouldings and Blinds, Planing and Planing and Matching, Flooring, etc. etc.

The attention of Farmers and others is called to his Superior Horse Turnip Seed Drill, all of iron, sows two rows, and runs the canister with an endless chain, instead of friction wheels, therefore is not liable to slip and miss sowing, and by raising a lever the sowing can be stopped at any time, thus preventing the waste of seed when turning at the end of drills. Orders from a distance carefully attended to, and satisfaction guaranteed. LEVI COSSITT, Nelson Crescent, Guelph Guelph, March 26, 1878.

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TRUSSES, TRUSSES.

Just imported, a large and complete assortment of the best manufacture. Can guarantee to fit any case. Also, a large supply of RADICAL CURE TRUSSES, the best in the market.

Petrie's New Drug Store

Nearly opposite the old store. SALE SALE SALE

Dry Goods

Cheaper than Ever. Room must be made for the New Fall Goods.

Remainder of Summer Goods must be sold CHEAP.

We would call special attention to the following lines: Best Light Prints will be closed out at a York shilling a yard. Best French Lawns, satin stripes, 17c per yard, would be cheap at 30 cents.

20 pieces White Cotton, 38 inches wide, and very heavy, will be sold at 12 1/2c. Yard-wide Lybster Mills Cotton, 10c. per yard. Lot of Summer Dress Goods (damaged) less than half price.

Sun Hats closing out at 15c and 25c, worth more than double. All Summer Millinery at less than half price. Lace Curtains from \$1.00.

Assortment still Good in all the Departments. WM. STEWART. Guelph, July 26, 1878.

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