



PACIFIC.

NEW YORK, March 6.

The Pacific arrived at her dock just before six o'clock, with Liverpool dates to the 22nd February.

The Franklin arrived off Cowes, on Thursday afternoon, passage made in less than 12 days. The Arctic arrived at Liverpool in the night of Sunday.

ENGLAND.

Political news interesting.

On Monday the Chancellor of the Exchequer brought his Budget before the House of Commons, by which it seems, a surplus revenue for the year is £2,500,000 sterling, nearly half of which he proposed to apply to liquidation of the National Debt.

On Thursday, Government received a more signal defeat, from which they had not recovered.

His Excellency the American Minister, and Mrs. About Lawrence, had a grand reception on Thursday night, at the American Legation in Piccadilly.

The Authorities of Southampton received information that a number of Exiles detained, would shortly arrive at that port.

The Catholics of Ireland and England have commenced a formidable agitation against the measures in relation to their religion; meetings have been held in Manchester, Dublin, &c.

Weather mild—Trade good, though the political events have had a tendency to depress it.

The London Times of 21st ult., says Lord John Russell has tendered his resignation, and only holds office till another Government can be formed.

FRANCE.

Most vigorous remonstrances are being made, by the Government of the President, against the entrance of Austria and all her States into the German confederacy.

The second Council of War was sitting at Lyons, and has sentenced a number of persons for belonging to secret societies.

The Monteur announces the appointment of Gen Herbillon to the command of 1st Brigade to the army of Paris.

GERMAN EMPIRE.

A ministerial paper states, that Austria and Russia mean to monopolize the military system, and occupy most important positions in Germany; their proceedings are beginning to excite serious alarm among Catholics in Europe.

ITALY.

Garibaldi has made his appearance near Genoa: he and General Mazzini it is said, are making arrangements to revolutionize Italy in spring.

Dates to the 17th January. An interview took place, 26th Dec., between the Governor General and Gholab Singh, with great rejoicing.

The telegraph of last night says, it is the general impression that Lord John Russell will remain in office as leader, and Sir James Graham will be appointed Premier.

COPY OF A DESPATCH From the Right Hon. the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine to the Right Hon. the Earl Grey.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, TORONTO, July 19, 1850.

MY LORD,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, in compliance with the request of the Legislative Assembly, to be laid at the foot of the Throne, an Address from that House to Her Majesty, on the subject of the Clergy Reserves.

2. It may be proper, however, to observe, that a much closer division took

place on the passage of the 29th, in the series of resolutions on which the Address was founded, and which was thus worded: "Resolved—That this House is of opinion, that when all the circumstances connected with this question are taken into consideration, no religious denomination can be held to have such vested interest in the revenue derived from the proceeds of the said Clergy Reserves as should prevent further legislation with reference to the disposal of them; but this House is nevertheless of opinion, that the claim of existing incumbents should be treated in the most liberal manner."

3. I deeply regret the revival of agitation on this subject, on which Lord Sydenham truly observed, that it had been in Upper Canada the one all-absorbing and engrossing topic of interest, and for years the principal cause of the discontent and disturbance which had arisen, and under which the province had labored.

(Signed) ELGIN & KINCARDINE. The Right Hon. the Earl Grey, &c. &c. &c.

COPY OF A DESPATCH From the Right Hon. the Earl Grey to the Right Hon. the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine. DOWNING STREET, January 27, 1851.

I have hitherto deferred answering your Lordship's despatch No. 198, of the 19th of July last, in which you transmitted to me an address to Her Majesty from the House of Assembly, on the subject of the Clergy Reserves, because when this despatch reached me the session of the Provincial Legislature having already been brought to an end, and that of the Imperial Parliament being about to close, nothing could for some months be done on the subject referred to, and I therefore thought it advisable that it should be reserved for that full and deliberate consideration of Her Majesty's Government, which its difficulty and importance deserved.

2. I have now to instruct your Lordship to inform the House of Assembly when it shall again be called together, that their address to the Queen, which was transmitted to me in your despatch, has been laid before Her Majesty, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to receive it very graciously. You will further inform the House, that while Her Majesty's servants greatly regret that a subject of so much difficulty as that of the Clergy Reserves should, after an interval of some years, have again been brought under discussion, it has appeared to them on mature deliberation, that the desire expressed by the Assembly in this Address ought to be acceded to, and they will accordingly be prepared to recommend to Parliament that an Act should be passed, giving to the Provincial Legislature full authority to make such alterations as they may think fit in the existing arrangements with regard to the Clergy Reserves, providing that existing interests are respected.

3. In coming to this conclusion, Her Majesty's Government have been mainly influenced by the consideration, that great as would in their judgment be the advantages which would result from leaving undisturbed the existing arrangement by which a certain portion of the public lands of Canada are made available for the purpose of creating a fund for the religious instruction of the inhabitants of the province, still the question whether that arrangement is to be maintained or altered is one so exclusively affecting the people of Canada, that its decision ought not to be withdrawn from the Provincial Legislature, to which it properly belongs to regulate all matters concerning the domestic interests of the Province.

4. It has therefore appeared to Her Majesty's Government that it would be impossible for them, consistently with the principles on which they have always held that the Government of Canada ought to be conducted, to advise Her Majesty to refuse to comply with the prayer of the Address of the House of Assembly; and they have had the less difficulty in coming

to this conclusion, because they have observed with satisfaction, that the Assembly, in their Address, have recognized the claims of those who are now in the enjoyment of incomes derived from the funds realized by the sale of the lands in question, and have not asked, that in any alteration of the Act of Parliament now in force, authority should be given to the Provincial Legislature to interfere with the continuance of these incomes for the lives of the parties by whom they are received.

(Signed) GREY. The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, &c. &c. &c.



TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1851.

By the Pacific intelligence has been received of the resignation of the Russell Cabinet. Of the immediate cause of this very important result we are not yet informed, but while it is conjectured by some to be the consequence of the continued increase of the protectionist party in England, and by others to be the result of a division involving the remission of some particular tax, the fact is certain, and will be hailed with delight by a large portion of the inhabitants of this Province, who will welcome any change in the Imperial Councils, likely to promote the return of the Bruce to his ancestral halls, and the overthrow of the Lafontaine Dynasty in Canada; the Colonist thus anticipates the result.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT NEWS.—The Telegraphic Report from New York, last evening, gives us the news of the arrival of the Pacific, with the important announcement of the Resignation of Her Majesty's Government. The news in detail is not of much length, but it is of the greatest importance. We refer to it, under the Telegraphic head. The Colonies will have no cause to regret that the Grey rule has been brought to a close. It has been a Grey business for them, but there is yet hope. Every good man and true will yet buckle on his armor for his country, confident that the dependents of the Greys in Canada will be no longer permitted to prey upon them.

(Signed) ELGIN & KINCARDINE. The Right Hon. the Earl Grey, &c. &c. &c.

It will be seen from the copy of a despatch from Earl Grey, in another column, that the Imperial Government having given a tardy and reluctant consent to the prayer of the petition of the Colonial Assembly, our Lawmakers are to be permitted to deal with the Clergy Reserves as they may see meet, merely respecting existing interests. It will now be speedily apparent whether Messrs. Lafontaine and Baldwin desire to dispose of this question in accordance with the wishes of the people, or still to keep it in retentis as an inflexible recipe for the promotion of popular excitement.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—In course of last week Divisions were opened by Mr. L. Foster, D. G. W. P., Galt, in Ingersollville, St. Mary's, and Stratford, comprising about 80 members.

"ODD FELLOWS."—We understand a preliminary meeting for the formation of a branch of the Order was held in the Wellington Hotel on Saturday last, and that a considerable number of persons having signified their intention of becoming members, a Lodge will be opened at the same place to-morrow evening.

CURLING MATCH.

The First Game was played at Fergus on Wednesday last, between the Fergus and Guelph Clubs, and won by the former by 28 shots. The score stood thus:—

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Guelph players like Rink, Dr. Liddell, Skip, etc.

We understand the return game will come off here on an early day when the Guelph Club hope to retrieve their laurels.

We have to omit the report of the last lecture to the Farmers' and Mechanics' Institute till next week.

"OUR SCHEME."

At length the curtain is up, and the result of our scheming has no inconsiderable period to advance the public weal at the expense of our own private interest is exposed to the admiring gaze of the easily-gulled multitude, who are merely required to express their approbation of the self-denying labors of the schemer, and of course to defray the charges of the exhibition.

We may here notice, en passant, that the bait of the affair reflecting credit on the Council might well have been spared, seeing that some at least of our "conscript Fathers" have already approved themselves "A burnin' and a shinin' light To a' this place."

Well, we are to have a "Public Building including a Lock-up, (for refractory rate-payers) an Engine House, Fire Company's Room, Market House, Shambles, Council Chamber, General Assembly Room, with such other accommodation as may be deemed desirable."

The amount of assessment on the town last year was £276 10s; the rate to be levied for behoof of "our scheme" will more than double that amount.

But perhaps the choicest paragraph in Mr. Smith's very delectable memorial, is that wherein he modestly requests the Council to appoint himself and coadjutors "a Building Committee to carry out the arrangements necessary for the speedy erection of the contemplated building."

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GUELPH AND DUNDAS ROAD.

The Dundas Warder says:—"The Commissioners of this important line of road have, at their late meeting, established a Tariff of Tolls, which, we trust, will give satisfaction."

Table showing toll rates for different loads: Each load of 1,000 lbs. and under... 0 4; 2,000... 0 5; 2,500... 0 6; 3,000... 0 7; 3,500... 0 7 1/2; 4,000... 0 8; 4,000... and over... 1 3.

TOWN COUNCIL.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held on Wednesday evening last, when a By-law for the "protection of the merchants of the Town of Guelph, against persons bringing goods and merchandise, and selling them by auction in the Town," was passed.

An Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Saturday evening—all the members present. Applications were received from Thos. Woods and Joseph Mimmack for the office of Town Inspector.

A letter was read from the Fire Company, requesting the Council to appoint Mr. John Harrison Fire Warden.

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whose taxes is more than one-half of the amount paid per year.

15. That, for the more duly satisfying the acts of your Memorialists, they pray that your Hon. Body may pass a By-law, stating the powers and defining the duties to be performed by the said Committee, so that the whole business may be harmoniously and efficiently conducted, and the interest of your constituents promoted and permanently secured.

Signed on behalf of the Committee, JOHN SMITH, Chairman. Guelph, 6th March, 1851.

On the motion of Mr. Thorp, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, it was resolved, "That the Position of the Building Committee for erecting a Market House be referred to the rate-payers, and that a public meeting be called by the Reeve in the Court House on the 22nd instant, at 10 A. M. Adjourned till Tuesday, the 25th instant, at 5 P. M."

FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—We are requested to state that a meeting of the Guelph Auxiliary to the French Canadian Missionary Society will be held (D. V.) in the Wesleyan Chapel this evening at seven o'clock, when the Rev. John Black, Secretary to the Parent Society at Montreal, and other gentlemen, will give information regarding the objects and operations of the Society.

Several interesting meetings have been held, during the last three months, by the friends of Total Abstinence at Elora, by means of which the number of Teetotallers there has been considerably increased.

On the 17th ult., a Temperance Meeting was held in Peel—the attendance was good, and the success of a cheering character.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE GUELPH HERALD. Sir:—Having unfortunately been plaintiff in a case decided in the Guelph Division Court on the 10th of last month, I felt somewhat astonished at the conduct of a certain Magistrate, a witness for the defendant, who, notwithstanding his having been previously sworn in due form to tell the truth, appeared to conceive that a necessity existed for embellishing his evidence with a variety of additional voluntary oaths.

TO THE HONORABLE THE REEVE AND COUNCIL OF THE Municipality of Guelph, in Council assembled. The Memorial of "The Guelph Market House Building Committee."

1. That, for a length of time past, the inhabitants of this town, and the surrounding agricultural population, have mutually experienced considerable inconvenience for want of a Market House.

2. That the affording of facilities for both parties in this respect is very desirable, and deserving of every effort and encouragement from your Hon. Body, as the representatives of the town, and would be duly appreciated, and, in the opinion of your Memorialists, properly supported by the Farmers of the neighboring townships.

3. That your Memorialists are of opinion that the erection of a Market House would tend materially to the increase of the business and importance of the place.

4. That your Memorialists have been elected by a large majority of the rate-payers of the town, for the purpose of obtaining funds, and otherwise making arrangements to lay before your Hon. Body a scheme by which your Municipality may be supplied with those public buildings which, whilst they are necessary for the order, convenience, and safety of the town, will add to its beauty, facilitate business, and ultimately contribute to the revenue of the Corporation.

5. That, after mature consideration, your Memorialists have devised a plan, which they consider would be most advisable for the purpose of carrying out the views of the inhabitants, meeting the wants of the town, and relieving the rate-payers from any undue or oppressive burden.

6. That your Memorialists, and the inhabitants of the town, believe that a Lock-up is absolutely necessary to secure the peace of the town, and that the dilapidated state of the Engine House presents a daily memorial of the necessity which exists for furnishing more secure and suitable accommodation for the property of the town, and keeping the Engine in that perfect state which would enable the Fire Company to use it successfully in the severest part of winter, at which period (in America) fires are most common and destructive.

7. That in most other places of the size, population, and importance of Guelph, ample accommodation is also afforded to the Fire Companies for their monthly and other meetings, whilst the Fire Company of your town hitherto, has been indebted to the Tavern Keepers for the use of a room, and have had to furnish themselves with fire o'ches, and to depend on public subscriptions.

8. That your Memorialists learn that a Petition from the said Company is now before the Council, praying for the erection of a suitable building, and that it is probable your Hon. Body will grant their request.

9. That your Memorialists would respectfully suggest the propriety of erecting a Public Building, in which would be included a Lock-up, Engine House, Fire Company's Room, Market House and Shambles, Council Chamber, and General Assembly Room, with such other accommodation as may be deemed desirable.

10. That, for the accomplishment of this very desirable object, your Memorialists conceive the expenditure of £1500 would be sufficient, and may be raised in a way which, whilst it would not be burdensome to the inhabitants, would fully meet the views of your constituents, and the carrying out of which would reflect credit on the first Municipal Council of the Town of Guelph.