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New Advertisements.

MONEY LOST.—$30 in bills, 3 new $10 bills. The finder will be liberally rewarded by restoring it to the owner at this office. Some figures were on the envelope.

COW LOST.—Strayed from the premises of the undersigned, Royal Hotel, Puslinch, a grey cow, with white face and short horns. Will be suitably rewarded by leaving information as to her whereabouts either at Casey's Hotel or by

February 3. d2 JAS. A. FARRELL.

STRAY FILLY.—Came on the Subscriber's premises, a few days ago, a filly colt. The owner, on proving property and paying expenses, can take her away.

NOAH SUNLEY,
d3w1 Rear of Archdeacon Palmer's, Guelph.

COMFORTABLE HOUSE TO RENT.

Containing 5 large rooms, near Allan's Bridge. Possession immediately. Apply to CH. S. COFFEE, near Hooper's Blacksmith Shop. 1-3d

LOOK HERE.

Owners having horses suffering from Ring Bone, Bone Spavin, Blood Spavin, Curbs, Splints &c., can have these enlargements effectually removed in a very short space of time and at small expense by applying to

JOSEPH HIRSCH Union Hotel.
Guelph, Jan. 31st, 1872. dwtm.

TANNERY FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

The subscriber will either sell or rent his Tannery, on Surrey Street, Guelph. Possession given on the 1st of March. Apply, on the premises, to JEHU CLARKE, Proprietor.
Guelph, Jan. 9, 1872. 4w

LOTS FOR SALE IN THE TOWN OF GUELPH.—Lots from 9 to 22, being the front, on the Elora Road of the Catholic Church Glebe, in lots to suit purchasers. For terms and particulars of sale, apply to Messrs. McMillan & O'Connor, Barristers, Nos. 8 and 9, Day's Block, Guelph. j19-dw

THOROUGH-BRED BULL for SALE.

For sale a thorough-bred Durham Bull, 3 years old, registered pedigree. Was bred by Arthur Hodge, Esq., Guelph Township. Apply to John G. Wright, Lot 7, 9th Concession, Garafraxa. f7-w4t

IMPORTANT TO MARKET GARDENERS.—For sale, a House, Lot of 5 acres, and suitable buildings thereon; with young thriving orchard and nursery. A never-failing spring of water on the premises. Situate on the York Road, 5 miles from town, and at present occupied by Mr. William Sunley.

Apply to John Sunley, Lot 9, 3rd Con. Eramosa. f7-w3

BLACKSMITH SHOP AND LAND TO RENT.

To Rent, in the Township of Puslinch, a piece of Land, and Blacksmith Shop, where a good business can be done, and near the Puslinch Post Office. The premises will be rented for from one to five years, as may be agreed upon. For further particulars enquire, if by letter, post-paid, to Robert Watson, Puslinch P.O. f7-w1t

BAZAAR PRIZES
ON EXHIBITION
AT
PETRIE'S DRUG STORE.

ROYAL HOTEL LIVERY STABLE.

The subscriber begs to notify the public that he has purchased the above livery from Mr Geo. W. Jessop, and will continue the business as heretofore. Having made considerable improvements, he will be able at all times to meet the wants of the travelling public. First-class Turnouts ready at the shortest notice.

Guelph, 6th Dec. dtf W. J. WILSON.

O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL,
IN THE
QUEEN'S HOTEL, GUELPH, OPPOSITE THE MARKET.

Refitted in the latest fashion. Five latest styles Phelan Tables. do

BERKSHIRE BOAR "JOHN A."

The Subscriber begs to notify the breeders of Swine that he has purchased the above Boar, imported from England by Geo. Roach, Esq., of Hamilton, which will serve sows this season. Terms $4 cash.

Pedigree—John A. was sired by Sampson out of Swindon I., by 2nd Duke of Gloster; dam Sniper I. out of Bobtail I., by Tim Whiffler.

W. A. HOOKLESS, Royal Hotel.
Guelph, Dec. 8, 1871. Proprietor. dwtf

CASH FOR WOOL, HIDES, SHEEP-SKINS, CALF SKINS, and WOOL PICKINGS.

The highest market price paid for the above at No. 4, Gordon Street, Day's old block, Guelph.

Plasterer's Hair constantly on hand for sale at D. MOULTON'S.
Guelph, Feb. 3, 1872 1w

AUCTION SALE OF HORSES, HARNESS, CUTTERS, on FAIR DAY.

The Subscriber has received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON FAIR DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.
ON THE MARKET SQUARE,

1 dark bay mare seven years old,
1 light
1 sets single harness,
2 sets double harness,
2 cutters, 1 pleasure sleigh,
1 pair bobs nearly new,
Buffalo robes, &c., &c.

No reserve. Terms cash.

THOS. H. TAYLOR, Auctioneer.
Guelph, Feb. 1, 1872. d4

WELLINGTON LUMBER YARD

NOTICE TO BUILDERS.

We, the undersigned, beg to inform those indebted to us, either by Note or Book Account, that the 15th FEBRUARY, and all accounts not paid on that date will be placed in Court for collection.

GOWDY, STEWART & CO.

N.B.—Accounts can be paid to Mr. Douglas, at our old office, opposite the Alma Block, who is authorised to give receipts for the same.

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GODEN'S PUBLIC CAB.

The subscriber having purchased Mr. D. Collee's splendid Cab, begs to inform the public that it will be at their service at all times, either by the hour, the day, or any other agreement, at the most moderate charges.

It will attend all the regular trains, also Concerts and Balls, and can be engaged for Marriages or Funerals on the shortest notice. Orders may be already presented at Mr. Harvey's Livery Stores, Royal Hotel, and Hewer's West End Store.

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WILLIAMS'S PUBLIC CAB.

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SATURDAY, EVEN'G, FEB. 3, 1872

Railway Time Table

Grand Trunk Railway

Trains leave Guelph as follows:

WEST

4:22 a.m.; 9.50 a.m.; 6 p.m.*; 8:30 p.m.†.
*To London, Goderich, and Detroit. †To Berlin.

EAST

3:15 a.m.; 7:30 a.m.; 11:04 a.m.; 3:45 p.m.
The 1.55 p.m. and 6.50 p.m. trains are cancelled.

Great Western---Guelph Branch

Going South depart at 6.50 a.m., 1.05 p.m., and 4.55 p.m.; also by mixed train every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 1.45 p.m.

Going North, depart at 11.45 a.m., 4.55 p.m., and 9.05 p.m.; also by mixed train every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1.05 p.m. Trains leave Harriston every morning at 10 a.m., reaching Guelph at 1.05 p.m., and in addition a mixed train every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9 a.m., reaching Guelph at 1.40 p.m. The train which passes Guelph going north at 11.45 p.m., runs every day to Clifford, arriving there at 3.15 p.m. and a mixed train which passes Guelph every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1.40 p.m., reaches Clifford at 5.05 p.m.

Town and County News

THE Rev. Mr Traver, late of Berlin, was presented by his congregation in Brockville with $148.

THE SKATING CARNIVAL.—The carnival at the Skating Rink last night was not largely attended. It is proposed to get up a fancy dress carnival in a short time, which will no doubt be large patronized.

OUR old friend the Guelph MERCURY is in hand in a new suit. The MERCURY is an excellent paper and we are happy to know that its proprietor is meeting with deserved encouragement.—*Mt. Forest Examiner.*

THE BARRIE EXAMINER.—This excellent paper has entered on the ninth year of its existence, and we are glad to see that under the management of Mr. Nicholson, son of the late proprietor, it shows no falling off, but rather improvement. We hope it will continue to prosper.

NOTORIOUS PICK-POCKET.—The Detroit *Post* says: "Officer Jack Wright, of Port Huron, came to the city last evening, having in custody James Whalen, a brother of the murderer of D'Arcy McGee. Whalen was sentenced by Judge Granger, of Fort Gratiot, to the house of correction for ninety days for pocket-picking."

"HONOR TO WHOM, ETC."—The Toronto *Express* says Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to grant Mrs. Scales, the wife of John Scales, a carter of this city, the sum of three guineas, on the occasion of the birth of triplets, which interesting event took place last January. This, we believe, is the first occasion in which this English royal custom has been followed in Canada.

HORRIBLE WIFE MURDER.—Jas. Stough and wife, old and respected residents of Richmond, Ky., became involved in a quarrel on Thursday, when he plunged a clasp-knife into her breast and abdomen fifteen or twenty times. Jealousy of the husband is said to have been the origin of their difficulties. He was under the influence of liquor, and they were alone at the time of the butchery, but some neighbors entering the house soon afterwards found Mrs. Stough on the floor in a pool of blood. She lived only long enough to tell the terrible story.

'LONG AND STEADY SERVICE.—The Mitchell *Advocate* says:—"For over twenty-five years, in fact ever since the office was first opened in Mitchell, our present deputy post-master, Mr. Woods, has faithfully attended to the arduous and responsible duties of the office, without ever being a *single working day from his post!* We doubt if there is another case of the kind on record. And best of all is, that during this long service not a single complaint has been made to the higher authorities for negligence, carelessness or incivility to the public."

NEW COUNTY.—The time is fast approaching, says the Seaforth *Expositor*, when a new county will be formed in the North. Harriston, being the most central place, will in all probability become the county seat. The townships favorably spoken of for this scheme are as follows: In Bruce, Carrick; Grey, Normanby and Clavemont; Wellington, Minto, Arthur and Maryborough; Perth, Wallace; Huron, Howick. It is well known that the above townships lie too far from their county seat, which is a source of inconvenience to their settlers. In due time this will be settled.

CHURCHES' CHURCH.—At the annual meeting of the Congregation of the Church, held on Thursday afternoon last and before the ordinary business of the meeting was entered on, the Rev. Mr. Wardlaw was made the recipient of a very handsome pulpit gown. The gift was accompanied by a very feeling and affectionate address on the part of the lady members and adherents of the congregation, and to which the rev. gentleman replied in most befitting terms. D. Stirton, Esq., M. P., made the presentation on behalf of the fair donors. We also learn that Mrs. George Hadden has, likewise, with a most commendable liberality, presented the Church with a splendid pulpit Bible and Psalm Book, and some generous unknown donor has further contributed to the accessories of the Church pulpit by the presentation of a sofa alike ornamental and useful.

MR. LLOYD'S MINSTRELS.—This troupe appear in Guelph on Tuesday evening. A Toronto paper thus speaks of one of the same performances in that city: "Mr. Lloyd's Sensation and O. Gardener's Ohio Troupe appeared at the St. Lawrence Hall last evening. The programme included a large number of songs, dances and stump speeches, &c.; and among the principal features, the singing of Miss Bony; "My Father Sould Chargeal" by Master Charlie; a dance in character by Miss Amy Lloyd, and a song and dance by Miss Millie Lizette, finishing gracefully worthy of notice. Of Mr. Carlo Gardener it is unnecessary to speak. He has been frequently appeared in Toronto before, and the high reputation he has attained as a comedian speaks for itself. The whole entertainment was well received and gave the greatest satisfaction."

POLICE COURT.

BEFORE GEORGE ELLIOTT, ESQ.

THE INDECENT ASSAULT CASE.

Guelph, 3rd February.

Thomas Hoban was brought up this morning and charged with committing an indecent assault, with intent, on a woman named Watling, in a lane off Macdonnell street on Thursday night. From the appearance of the woman's face, she must have been brutally used. Her eyes and cheeks are all black and swelled, altogether disfiguring the features. It appears from her evidence that on Thursday evening shortly after 6 o'clock she left the Great Western Hotel to go to Ward's Hotel. She was followed by prisoner and six or seven others. Prisoner assisted by some of the other men forced her into the lane adjoining the premises of Mr. James Armstrong. They there threw her down; some of them put snow on her mouth to prevent her cries being heard; one of the men pulled up her clothes and attempted to violate her person. She resisted and in the struggle she was foully abused and beaten by the prisoner and some of the rest. Prisoner also attempted to violate her person, but did not succeed. They unmercifully kicked and beat her about the head and face. After thus abusing her the prisoner and the rest of the gang ran off. She identified the prisoner in the most unhesitating manner as being one of those who abused her, and who committed the criminal assault.

Frederick Winstanley, of the Telegraph office, corroborated the woman's statement. He was going towards the office, when he saw her going along pursued by the prisoner and the others. He saw her pulled into the lane, and thrown down, and the scuffling which followed in their attempt to effect their purpose. He identified the prisoner as the one who pulled her into the lane, and who was engaged along with the rest in abusing her. The others he did not know. When the struggling commenced he ran out and told some boys, and also told the men employed in the livery stable opposite, and then ran back. His evidence was given in a very clear manner.

Mr. J. P. McMillan appeared for the prisoner, and cross-examined the witnesses.

The Magistrate committed the prisoner to stand his trial for indecent assault with intent to commit rape. Chief Constable Kelly has been busy trying to ferret out some of the other men who were engaged in this disgraceful affair, but up to the present he has not been able to arrest any of them. He suspects one, however, in particular, but he has gone out of the way for the present. The case altogether is one of the most brutal we have heard of for a long time, and we only hope that every one engaged in it will yet be brought to justice. The woman lives in Nassagaweya, and had only come to town on Thursday afternoon.

Ontario Legislature.

Feb. 2.

The House then went into Committee on the Bill to make further provisions touching the appropriation of the Railway Fund, Mr. Pardee in the chair.

On clause 2, Mr Blake accepted the amendment of the hon. member for Lincoln, to the following effect:—

"That every order in Council shall immediately after the passing thereof be published in the *Ontario Gazette*."

In reply to Mr Wood, Mr Blake said the question of the claims to aid to the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway, as between it and the county of Bruce, would be settled this session by a vote of the House.

The House went into committee on the Bill to secure the independence of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr Blake, on the suggestion of Mr. E. B. Wood, consented to make the appointments include those of the Crown and of the Government of Ontario; and, on the suggestion of Mr. Cameron, those of heads of departments.

Mr. Cameron said he would move an amendment on concurrence, with a view to limit the number of the Executive Councillors to five.

Mr. Blake proposed to add the words, "But the Executive Council shall not consist of more than six members." Members on this side would recollect the difficulty which the Government had had of attending to the numerous committees, to the amount of legislation, to the large question of policy which came before them, the requisitions of members who required that their wants and grievances should be stated, and those persons who came to the capital during the session, requiring that their wants should be attended to. The House knew that the result was that a good deal of legislation had been passed through the House in a perfunctory manner.

Mr J S Macdonald thought the President of the Council ought to be paid for his services.

The amendment of Mr Cameron, and the proposed addition by Mr Blake, were held over until the Bill comes up for concurrence.

Mr Blake moved an amendment to prevent the Bill from having effect upon any member of the House who had held such an appointment as the Bill indicated at the time he was elected.

The Bill, as amended, was reported, and the committee rose.

The House went into committee on the Bill—to empower certain persons to appear as Agents and act as Advocates in the Division Courts in the Province of Ontario. Mr Hodgins in the chair.

The Bill was reported without amendment and the committee rose.

Mr Blake said that in view of an interesting occasion, it had been agreed upon, by both sides of the House, that there should be no evening session. He would therefore move the adjournment of the House.

The House adjourned at a quarter to six o'clock.

☞ Mr. Cochrane has recently sold to the Earl of Dunmore eight head of Shorthorn, consisting of two Duchesses, two Oxfords, and two Cambridge Roses. The two Duchesses are the produce of Duchess 90 1st and Duchess 40, which Cochrane bought at Kell last summer paying guineas, and the other pair he purchased from Cochrane. The purchase has recently made quite a sensation among the stock men on the other side of the Atlantic.

HERE.

When night comes brooding o'er me,
Like a prison's dreary cell;
And its visions rise before me,
With dread no speech may tell;
When alone with my only longing,
And the darkening spell of fear,
I watch the sad stars thronging,
Till the hours of dawn appear,
Then, like some silver chimes,
Come back the old, old times—
The dear old times, my darling,
The living, loving times.

Unsleeping, I remember
The days that are all gone,
Like June dreams in December,
Or flowers when summer's done;
The times that are never over,
For they live in heart and brain,
And, like kisses from a lover,
Their spell comes back again.
Like a song of magic rhymes,
Return the dear old times—
The old, old times, my darling,
The living, loving times.

This is my lone life's treasure,
That none can take away
Remembrance without measure
Of every vanished day,
Of love-light round me streaming,
Of tender lips and eyes;
Awake I lie, yet dreaming,
Nor sleep till day shall rise,
Like a bee in blossomed limes,
I live in those old times—
The times you know, my darling,
The living, loving times.

Cold are the skies above me,
The earth is wrapped in snow,
And still, as then, you love me,
Alas! I cannot know—
Silence between us lying,
More chill than winter's cold,
And my heart like a baby crying
For it's mother's wonted hold;
But I breathe the summer's prime,
Remembering that old time,
Though you forget it, darling,
The living, loving time!

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES BY TELEGRAPH

Negro Hung at Charleston.

Mass Meeting at Salt Lake.

Judge McKean's Course Endorsed.

District Attorney Bates' Removal Demanded.

Camargo Bombarded.

Matamoras Fortifying.

Charlestown, S. C., Feb. 2.—Samuel White (colored) was hanged here to-day for the murder of W. R. Fidea, last summer.

Salt Lake, Feb. 2.—A mass meeting of the citizens to-day adopted a resolution endorsing the course of Judge McKean in refusing to admit Brigham Young and others to bail, and a request to the President to remove District Attorney Bates, against whom affidavits were made to-day, seriously compromising his official integrity.

Matamoras, Feb. 2.—General Quiroga cannonaded Camargo last night, reducing the place. Gen. Corntineane telegraphed this afternoon that he would fall back on Reynosa. The National Guard has been called out here, and will be armed to-morrow. Gen. Palacio is using every means to strengthen the fortifications and put this city in a state of defence. There is, however, no enthusiasm among the people indicating a disposition to volunteer and assist the regular troops.

Worcester, Mass., Feb. 3.—A large force of police, assisted by the City Marshall, made a raid upon three of the principal gambling places in this city last night. All the proprietors were arrested, and the patrons, mostly young men, were let off with an admonition.

The State of Parties in Britain.

A correspondent in London, writing to the *N. Y. Tribune* says:—Lord Derby's speech seems to be accepted as proof that the Conservatives have abandoned the notion of turning out Mr. Gladstone's Government this session. The councils of the party, it is well known, have been divided. Some of the leaders think the rush ought to be made now; that the Liberals will never be in a worse position nor the Tories in a better; that the accumulated mistakes and misfortunes of the existing Administration have made a profound impression on the constituencies, and to delay action is to lose the chance of victory which fortune offers. Possibly, Lord Derby's declaration is not to be taken as final. He is not the mouthpiece either of Mr Disraeli or of Salisbury. He speaks for himself, as the leader of a section of the Conservatives, of whom Mr. Disraeli seems too astute and Lord Salisbury too impetuous. Until the views of Mr. Disraeli are indicated in some unmistakable way, there is little use in guessing them. It should be added, however, that Lord Derby has never been thought to separate himself from Mr. Disraeli in any such way as Lord Salisbury does.

Very early in the session, however, we may look for an indication of the real purpose of the Tory leaders. That they will attack the Government on several points is already known, and nobody doubts that there will plenty of parcella work of a very lively kind.

Curling Match.

Yesterday a match between North vs. South came off, when after a well contested game, the northerners beat their opponents by a handsome majority. The following is the

SCORE:

NORTH.		SOUTH.	
C. Spalding,		A. Armstrong,	
R. Emslie,		J. Anderson,	
A. Congalton,		A. Robertson,	
D. Kennedy,	39.	C. Davidson,	10.
W. Mitchell,		W. McCrae,	
W. D. Hepburn,		D. McCrae,	
R. Mitchell,		A. Robertson,	
W. Congalton,	20.	T. McCrae,	27.
J. Mitchell,		J. Oliver,	
J. Emslie,		W. Roper,	
J. Dobie,		J. Anderson,	
T. Dobie,	23.	J. Spalding,	11.
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COCHRANE MILLIONS.—Wednesday, the work of counting up the fractional currency of the United States Treasury, which has been going on for some time, under the auspices of the commission appointed to investigate the affairs of the late firm of Jay Cooke & Co., at Philadelphia, was completed, and the commission will now proceed to the consideration of the claims against the firm. The amount of fractional currency found was $[illegible], which was in very good condition, considering the length of time it had been in circulation.—*Philadelphia Telegraph.*

The Bourbons.

The swarm of kings who descended from Henry IV. and Marie de Medicis filled half the thrones in Europe a century after the death of the first and greatest Bourbon. There was scarcely a nationality of Latin origin but obeyed the rule of this greedy and prolific family. France, of course, was theirs. Spain fell into their hands by the testament of the timid idiot, Charles the Bewitched. The marriage of Philip V., the first Spanish Bourbon, with Elizabeth Farnese, filled the secondary thrones of Italy with the rickety scions of the decaying race. But not one has kept his crown. In many different ways they managed to destroy their thrones. One by one they made their feeble and tyrannical rule so odious that the people rose against them and drove them out of their places. As a general thing, they fell without dignity. It required three revolutions to clear them out of France. One perished on the scaffold. Another attempted to muzzle the freedom of the Press and produced the Three Days of July, 1830. The last, after eighteen years of a quasi constitutional reign, fell in the effort to prevent an extension of the suffrage and to suppress the right of public meeting. In Italy, their misfortunes are too numerous and too commonplace to recount. There was a little spurt of something like heroism on the part of King Bomba's German wife at Gaeto, which made the Empress Eugenie, at a time when that lovely parvenue was on pleasant terms with imperial society, call her "a married Joan of Arc." But there was certainly no pretence of decency in the flight of Isabella II. from her paternal domains. She crossed the Pyrenees in a railway car, in fear of an insurrection a day's journey distant, and by her side as she rattled away into exile sat Marfori and Gonzalez Bravo. Since that time she has lived in a sort of Royal state at Paris and in Switzerland, giving the world from time to time notice of her existence by loud and scandalous quarrels with her husband, abdications in favor of her boy, and fruitless attempts at exciting insurrection in Spain. She was a bad Queen and a bad wife. As a mother-in-law, she has been so thorough and practical as to drive her daughter's husband, the Count of Girgenti, a Neapolitan Bourbon, into madness and suicide.

NEWS ITEMS.

DUAL REPRESENTATION.—The Hon Mr McKellar's bill provides that after the dissolution of the present House of Commons of Canada, the election to the Legislative Assembly of any person who shall, while a member of the House of Commons shall thereby become void and his seat shall be vacated, and he shall become incapable of voting in the Legislative Assembly. In case any person who, under this Act, is made ineligible as a member of, or incapable of sitting or voting in, the Legislative Assembly, shall while he is ineligible or incapable, sit or vote therein, he shall thereby forfeit the sum of two thousand dollars for every day on which he so sits or votes.

EXHIBITION OF NEWSPAPERS.—Sir Edward Thornton has been applied to from home to obtain copies of every newspaper, periodical and magazine published in the United States, to be placed on exhibition at the international Exposition to take place in England this year. Minister Thornton called on Joseph Shillington, bookseller and news agent of this city, and requested him to take the matter in hand, which Shillington has consented to do. Publishers, therefore, who desire to avail themselves of the opportunity to be represented at the English exhibition will address a copy of their publications of some date in February to Joseph Shillington, news agent, Washington, D. C. On their arrival here the publications will be arranged by States and sent to England.

AN ILLICIT STILL SEIZED.—On Friday last, Messrs. Spence and Morrow, of the Inland Revenue Department, in Toronto, proceeded to a lot on the third concession of Adjala, for the purpose of seizing an illicit still which was in full operation in the famous Adjala Swamp. The officers destroyed about 5,000 gallons of wort, and broke up the utensils and apparatus which were used for carrying on the business, which was a very extensive one, mashing about forty bushels at a time, and capable of making six barrels of whisky per day. The still was situated far back in the swamp, and every possible precaution had been taken to prevent discovery. The road leading to the still extended across a farm, then over a steep hill into a valley, in the bottom of which a very narrow winding road diverged from the main way, through the swamp to the still. The officers met with some slight resistance, but which, however, they speedily overcame.—*Orangeville Sun.*

A CONTRAST.—The very name of our country is associated with the idea of snow and icicles. Foreigners, and especially those who hail from the "Land of Liberty," have come to imagine that we are a race separated but little from the Esquimaux, and that we barrow beneath the ground something after the fashion of the Aleutian Islanders, or Norway bears. It is even believed that children are borne with skates on their feet, as a natural necessity in life. On the other hand we have been satiated with glowing panegyrics of the Great West—its boundless praries, productive soil, salubrious climate, inexhaustible resources, &c., have been portrayed in glowing colors, and have facinated many an ambitious wight. But we submit that the contrast this winter is not unfavorable to our hyperborean climate. Since last November the snow has fell almost unceasingly throughout the West, and the wind has swooped down from the mountain sides and careered through the deep gorges and ravines, hurling the flakes in blinding clouds, and burying everything beneath them. The cold too, has been intense, surpassing the severest cold experienced here, and scores of lives have been lost, or perished from exposure. [illegible] communication between settlements has been suspended, and the Union Pacific Railway has experienced three times as much difficulty in the track of snow than the people have encountered to. Let us [illegible] more of these comparisons. The [illegible] Canada are comparatively [illegible] always salubrious.

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The Geneva Conference.

A HITCH IN THE PROCEEDINGS!

Rumored Withdrawal of Chief Justice Cockburn.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The discussion of the *Alabama* claims continues and grows more vehement as the opening of Parliament approaches. The English case laid before the Geneva Board of Arbitration has not been published, and no opportunity has been given of forming an estimate of British demands; but the case of the United States has now been before the public two or three week, and all the newspapers and other organs of public opinion teem with hostile comment and false reports in regard to it.

The *Advertiser* asserts that Chief Justice Cockburn, one of the arbitrators, will withdraw from the board, and that the Government will repudiate the Treaty of Washington. A correspondent of the same journal advocates this course. He suggests as a precedent what he assumes to be the repudiation of the Treaty of Ghent by the United States, and advises England to follow the example of America.

The *Daily News* says it has reason to believe that the claims of the United States for indirect damages have been declared out of the question, and maintains that this opinion is backed by the individual sentiment of the country. Nothing has been published of the Cabinet discussion on the subject, nor is it known that any action has been taken by the Government.

All despatches to the Continent and to America, professing to give accounts of the proceedings in the Cabinet on this question, are pronounced by the Reuter News Agency without foundation. They are mostly made up of irresponsible newspaper statements.

Free Grant Settlers.

The *Leader* gives the present Government credit for their purpose to pursue a liberal policy towards the Free Grant Settlers. It says:—Those who have witnessed the struggles of settlers in a new district, and the almost superhuman efforts required by men, who as a rule have large families and no means to clear their lots and support their families, will rejoice to see them aided in attaining what, after all, is but a frugal independence. The strict right that would screw the uttermost farthing out of this class is scant justice, and not compatible with the encouragement which we profess to hold out to deserving men who undertake to reclaim our waste lands. This has been so far recognized by the Commissioner of Crown Lands when he said, in reply to a question put by Mr. Deacon, that *bona fide* settlers would have their balances due to the Crown "remitted and forgiven." This is but strict equity, in view of the more liberal terms on which we are prepared to attract new settlers, and no better preliminary could be arranged to induce immigration, than measures which are calculated to improve the circumstances, and better the prospects of the present settlers. This indication of policy is one which we are sure will be implimented by any Government which may come into power, no matter who they are, or by what name they go. As a public journal we have always taken the liveliest interest in the subject of immigration, and we would view a course of stinginess and exaction in the matter of wild lands as the coldest of cold blankets thrown upon the best scheme of immigration which could be propounded. We are sure that the *principle* will meet with the sanction of the House, however much discussion may be raised regarding matters of detail, and if the present Government will only legislate upon this matter with some little courtesy and respect for the Opposition, we have no doubt they will be able to carry out this right and proper policy.

NEWS PARAGRAPHS

☞ The Grand Duke Alexis has got as far South as Memphis.

☞ The London typos presented one of their ex-presidents with a silver composing stick on Wednesday evening.

☞ Chicago had 16 deaths from small-pox during last week, and reports show that the disease is on the increase.

☞ On a gate post out west is a sign, "Take warnin'; no trades nor life insurans, nor soin' washeens wanted here."

☞ The severe cold weather that has prevailed in the North-western States for the last week or two has extended to Manitoba.

☞ A California paper is determined to be original in its announcements of births, marriages and deaths, and heads them "Cradle, Altar, and Grave.

☞ Smallpox is decreasing in Ottawa. There is no alarm now. A good many farmers have been deterred from entering the city for fear of the disease.

☞ "Ah!" mused Smith, as he contemplated his extensive collection of New Year's bills, "how true it is that in the midst of life we are in debt."

☞ There was a fire in Quebec on Friday, destroying a stationery and book-binding, and a dry goods establishment. Estimated loss $15,000.

☞ There are said to be 23,000 Protestants in Turkey, representing twelve different nationalities, the greatest number being connected with the American missions.

☞ President Thiers appears to have given up hopes of the success of the republican movement in France. Sober second thought has evidently convinced him that republicanism is not the best thing for France.

☞ The emigration from Liverpool in the month of January last was 1,150 in excess of that of December. This is partly attributed to the destruction of Chicago having caused a number of artisans to leave for that city.

☞ It is reported that the Dominion Government contemplate sending an emigration agent to North of Scotland, and that the choice will fall upon Mr. Alex. Begg, of the Inland Revenue Department at Ottawa.

[illegible] comes to hand [illegible] very becoming [illegible] one of our most [illegible] we are pleased to [illegible] continued prosperity on [illegible] anniversary.—*Brantford [illegible]*

THE Guelph Mercury [illegible] and has a [illegible] which we [illegible] contemporary may [illegible].—*Hamilton Telegraph.*