

Evening Mercury
 MACDONNELL STREET
 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1868.

Church Question and the Dissolution of Parliament.
 The despatch of Monday inst. that fears are entertained that Gladstone's Irish Church Bill will be defeated in the House of Lords. It is hoped however in consequence of the abolition of the majority against it reduced. Even if it is defeated it will only delay for a time the fate that awaits the Irish Church. Disraeli, after long deliberation and hesitation, has made up his mind to risk an appeal from the Commons to the people. It has supplanted a great struggle to arrive at this resolution, but through the solid phalanx of monetary majority has long been the question, and the alternative resignation or dissolution become a necessity. Disraeli, of course, prefers dissolution. And he has tried to make the Tories that the new electoral law may work in their favor, he prefers to his own interests on the old laws remain in operation during the year. Accordingly, the dissolution is to take place in October. The electoral contest will be one of excitement. It will turn on the single question—the disestablishment of the Irish Church. It is not a general principle of a separation between Church and State which is at stake; on this, quite a number of followers of Gladstone would be emphatic. The question at issue is whether it is right to give the people of Ireland support for a church to which about one-third of the population belongs—demand that this monstrous revolting state of things be abolished, and that the disestablishment of the Irish Church be its immediate abolition. The side of the Tories during the parliamentary debate suffices to indicate the tactics they mean pursuing in the electoral campaign. Instead of wasting time in the present condition of the Church, they will denounce the Liberal party as the enemies of the Church of England, and will insist on the principle of entire separation between Church and State. This is utterly false. There is a number of Liberals who sincerely desire the disestablishment of the Church, and who will live as equally sincere defenders of the established Church of England. The split between them and the Church will be a chief cause of the Toryism; but the cordial union between all fractions of the party in Parliament is, we trust, an equal unanimity of Liberal voters. Another Toryism intend to make use of the Anti-Popery cry. We are sure that the ravings of madmen like Mr. Murphy can still electrify the lower class of the English nation, and we are therefore that the Liberal party may have some votes among people that Roman Catholics can have no grievances, and who in approval of any policy of pro and extermination against a Catholic Church. Fortunately the pliant Premier, in his purchase the Catholic votes, so far that the Anti-Popery have taken no less offense at the Liberal than at that of the Catholics. He offered the Catholics a charter of Roman Catholic University; and, what no premier has done before him, he has been negotiating with the Irish Bishops, and with the Pope, for the purpose of the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland, by the side of the Anglican. These movements, in the estimation of the very men, Disraeli more than any party; but they must to a great extent neutralize the fiery arguments which will undoubtedly be hurled against the Liberals as being, on this world, there is no party lay to liberal and progressive which does not feel the sympathy with the struggle of English Liberals. The position of the Anglican Church in Ireland, without parallel in any other part of the world. Other churches have monopolies in countries where they embrace a majority of the population but monopolies in a minority church are unheard of. The contest is for the maintenance or abolition of a monopoly which has outraged the common sense of the country. We hope it may reach the approaching election the better.

THE VOLUNTEERS AND HOTEL-KEEPERS.
 We insert a letter to-day in reply to our article of yesterday on the conduct of the tavern-keepers, with reference to boarding the volunteers, and also containing some strictures on the Town Council. We give it a place in our column because we wish to let both sides be heard. But the arguments brought forward by the writer do not in the least invalidate our position, nor do they weaken the statements made in the Council. If Mr. Ellis and two or three others found that they could keep the volunteers at 25 cents a day, why could not the other tavern-keepers do the same thing? It is when we contrast their conduct with that of the tavern-keepers in other places that the comparison is discreditable to the patriotism and public spirit of some of our Guelph tavern-keepers. It amounts to this, that in other places the volunteers were accommodated without any prospect of profit, and that in Guelph unless some profit could be made out of them, the tavern-keepers did not wish to be troubled with their company.

THE FENIAN RAID.—The following is an extract of a letter received last night by a gentleman in Brighton, from his daughter who resides in Oswego, dated Oswego, June 19, 1868:—Dear Father, You may think it strange at receiving another letter from me so soon, but as I told you in my last that there was something that I wished you to know, I now take the liberty of telling you, and that is, that there will be a Fenian raid made on Canada at some place between Picton and Cobourg, and as near as I can learn, the place they intend to land is at Brighton. I have my information from a young man who holds a high position in the Fenian army. The time will be between now and the fourth of July. I think you had better take mother and the family back into the country, and where they will be safe, for just as sure as you are living, there will be a raid and that before long.

St. Catharines numbers among her population enough stage struck heroes to form three Amateur dramatic clubs. They take turns at making "raises" from the lovers of histrionic effort and display.

A shoe store in Ingersoll was broken into on Sunday night last, and goods to the amount of \$80 stolen.

ACCIDENT IN HILLSBURG.—The other day while a son of Mr. John Byrne was playing in Mr. Maw's woollen factory, he undertook to throw the belt off the picker while in motion. The belt drew his hand over the pulley and broke his wrist. Both men and boys cannot be too careful when working about machinery.—COM.

THE VOLUNTEER FORCE.—The volunteer force not attached to the field brigades will not be called out for drill until after 1st July. The drill will be for the years 1868 and 1869, and will take place at the battalion headquarters.

GEN. O'NEIL.—There was a report in Buffalo a day or two ago that "General" O'Neil, the head man amongst the Fenians, has departed from the country, carrying with him a large portion of the Fenian funds, amounting to several hundred thousand dollars. The report lacks confirmation.

THE SEAFORTH MURDER. After an examination of witnesses lasting three days at Seaforth, before Dr. Coleman, Coroner, Nicholas Malady and Thomas Donovan, were on Saturday committed for trial for the murder of Nicholas Malady, senior and wife, on the sixth instant at Seaforth. Messrs. Doyle and Squire, Goderich, acted for the prisoners. Malady is a son and Donovan a brother of a son-in-law of the murdered parties.

BROOCH LOST.
 LOST yesterday, June 23, between the Market Square and the Drill Shed, a large Pebble brooch, with a plain gold band around. The finder will be handsomely rewarded by leaving it at this office.
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BILLIARD HALL!
 Adjoining Coulson's Hotel,
GUELPH, ONT.
 Four New Belgian Standard American tables.
 W. O'CONNOR, Proprietor.
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STATIONERY
 —AND—
FANCY GOODS.
 At W. J. McCURRY'S
 OFFICE LAW STATIONERY and Fancy Goods
 Store opposite the English Church,
Wyndham Street, GUELPH,
 Will be found a good assortment of Standard Theological Works, Biographies, Travels, Works on Arts and Sciences, Architecture, Engraving and Agriculture, Works on the Horse, Cattle, Sheep and Dog. A large stock of all the SCHOOL BOOKS in general use always on hand, and sold cheap.—The Trade supplied at Publishers' Prices.
 In Classical Works, the stock will be found equal to any in Ontario. A great variety of Music Books and Sheet Music. A large stock of Family School Pocket BIBLES, School and Pocket Testaments, Wesleyan and other Hymn Books. All the Standard Works of the British Poets.
 Law and Office Stationery, a complete assortment of Envelopes and writing materials.
 Great variety of Gift and other Moulding for Picture Frames, &c. Looking Glass plate made, and pictures promptly mounted, at the smallest advance on price of moulding.
 A very large stock of FANCY GOODS. Over 2,000 Berlin Wool Patterns, at less than half the usual selling price. A very large stock of Italian and other Violin Strings, Bows, Accordions and Concertinas.
 English and American hall paper, bordering and decorations, which for variety, low prices and beauty of pattern cannot be excelled in Canada. The above stock is imported direct from the manufacturing houses of Great Britain, France and the United States.
 Bookbinding and Paper Ruling done on the

New Advertisements.
JUST TO HAND
 A SMALL LOT OF
LADIES' and MISSES'
STRAW HATS.
PRICE—5c, 10c, 12c, 15c, and 20c.
 WORTH FIVE TIMES THE MONEY.

W. M. STEWART
 Wyndham Street, Guelph.

NOTE.—The above Goods were never sold in the Town of Guelph at such a sacrifice in price. Every one should consult their interests by an early call.

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HEFFERNAN BROS.
 Guelph, 18th June, 1868.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL REUNION CONCERT!
 AND
TOWN HALL, ON FRIDAY, 26th INSTANT
 No efforts will be spared to make the above the event of the season. There will be Dialogues (humorous), Declamations, original and selected. There will also be Glee, Choruses, Songs, &c., from
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 MRS. R. CUTHBERT and MR. THOS. TAYLOR will also favor the audience with a song or two.
 If you want a good seat, or a Seat at all, COME EARLY.
 For particulars see programmes.
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CARD TO THE PUBLIC.
 W. M. HOOVER tenders an acknowledgment of his gratitude to those by whose instrumentality his stock was saved from destruction by the fire which occurred on Saturday last. He would further beg to inform his customers and the public that he has opened a shop next door to Mr. Hazleton's Furniture Store, Upper Wyndham Street.
 He would also beg to announce to his patrons and the public generally that he has returned to his old stand between the Wellington Hotel and Mr. Kennedy's Store, where Horses and Vehicles can be had for hire as aforesaid.
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New Advertisements.
No. 1, Wyndham Street, Guelph.
JUST ARRIVED AT
JAMES CORMACK'S
 A LOT OF
Military Waterproof Overcoats
 Also, a Large Stock of CHEAP SUMMER SUITS FOR VOLUNTEERS.
JAMES CORMACK,
 Guelph, 24th June, 1868. dw Wyndham-st., Guelph.

To R. Cuthbert
 Watchmaker, &c.,
 Wyndham-St., Guelph.
 We are determined to buy our Watches from you, and none but RUSSEL WATCHES will suit us.
 THE PUBLIC.

GREAT CLEARINGSALE
BRADFORD HOUSE
 COMMENCING ON TUESDAY, 23rd JUNE, and will continue for two weeks. The whole extensive stock will be cleared out at unprecedented Low Prices.
TULLE BONNETS, at half prices,
 White & Colored Crape Bonnets, at half prices,
 Trimmed Straw Bonnets at half prices,
 Trimmed Straw Hats, at half prices.
 Mantles and Jackets will be sold at Great Bargains, as our intention is never to carry over old Stock.
 Just arrived another large lot of DRESS GOODS at 12 1/2 cents per yard, sold all over the Trade at 30 cents. Call early, examine the Goods, and compare prices.
PHILLIP BISH.
 Bradford House, Wyndham Street, Guelph, June 22nd. daw ff

RUBBER GUARDS!
 Gents' and Ladies' RUBBER GUARDS, all Styles—Cheap. Also,
Collar & Cuff Buttons, Shirt Studs,
AT SAVAGE'S.
 Guelph, June 22nd. dw

BRITANNIA HOUSE
 GRAND SALE OF
MILLINERY, MANTLES,
RIBBONS, FLOWERS, FEATHERS, &c.
 Commencing FRIDAY, JUNE 19th. Intending purchasers would do well by calling early, in order to get a choice assortment, as we are determined to clear out the balance of our Spring and Summer Fancy Goods at any price.
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