

The Party of Obstruction.

The Ontario Opposition deserve to be called the party of obstruction. It has been their policy all through the session to place every obstacle in the way of the Government, and retard the public business as far as it lay in their power. A notable instance of this obstruction policy occurred in the House on Friday. While the estimates were being passed in committee of supply they opposed every item, contested every grant, and by their factious course seriously delayed the business of the House, and prolonged the session beyond the ordinary time. One would naturally have thought that after they had done their utmost to defeat the Government, and to fasten some charge on them of extravagance and waste of the public money, they would have been content to allow the estimates to pass unchallenged when they came up for concurrence. But no, the same factious course must be pursued to the end. Not satisfied with being beaten once, they must renew the fight, only to be beaten again. On Friday they opposed concurrence in every item that came up. They moved amendment after amendment, every one of which was lost by large majorities, and they only ceased to show fight when all the items were passed, and there were no more left to amend. Among other things they tried their hands once more in endeavoring to fasten a charge on the Government in connection with the Central Prison, but Mr. McKellar boldly met them, and administered a timely lecture to Messrs. Boulton, Lauder and Rykert, who had pursued him with a relentless hate during the session. He prophesied that these three worthies would be elected to stay at home in consequence of the foolish course they had pursued during the session, especially in reference to the Central Prison. We only hope the prophecy will come true.

Aid to the W. G. & B. Railway.

It will be seen by our report of the proceedings in the Legislature, that the Order in Council granting \$2,000 per mile to that portion of the Wellington, Grey, & Bruce from Palmerston to Wingham received the sanction of the House. The Hon. Mr. Crooks explained the position in which the road was placed, and moved the adoption of the Order on the ground that without the aid proposed it could not be opened for traffic, and the Municipalities interested would suffer greatly thereby. In justice to them, therefore, the Government made the grant. Mr. Rykert opposed the grant, arguing that it was in violation of the statute, and moved an amendment to throw it out, but it was lost, only thirteen voting for it. The grants to other railways were also passed, and an extension of time allotted to the Credit Valley Company.

REDUCTION OF CRIME IN IRELAND.—The London Times' Dublin correspondent shows that a continued improvement is taking place in the moral condition of Ireland. In some circuits there was no criminal business, whilst in others the judges congratulated the grand juries upon the lightness of the calendars, and the absence of any disturbances of the tranquillity and order which they observed with pleasure at recent assizes. In the counties of Meath and Clare there were only a few crimes of an agrarian character, such as firing into a house and sending threatening letters. This is a wonderful change for the better as compared with a few years back, when professional hangers followed the judges around the circuits, and their Honors had to be guarded from one county town to another by troops of dragoons in order to protect themselves from being shot at.

The Kingston Whig gives publicity to a rumor current in that city that at the caucus of his friends held on Saturday, Sir John Macdonald expressed a desire to resign his seat for Kingston and withdraw his defence to the protest. It is said that the possible object of this reported manœuvre is to escape the penalties of the Election Law and to enable him to present himself for election in a safer constituency, whose representation a friend is willing to resign.

The Ontario Opposition are certainly making out a queer case as the champions of workingmen. A few days ago Mr. Cameron said that criminals were increased by the arrival of emigrants, and on Thursday morning Messrs. Rykert and Boulton opposed the \$400 clause in the Franchise Bill, because it would give a vote to laborers and other common fellows only earning a dollar and a half a day.

The Montreal Herald states that it is evident the mercantile community is somewhat anxious about the course which the Government will pursue with regard to the tariff at the approaching session of Parliament, and says, in conclusion, "We do not think there is any probability of unnecessary delay, although the Government have had but very short time in which to shape their policy on this matter. Commercial houses need not be alarmed."

A Government investigation into the management of the Montreal Post Office was opened on Thursday morning before Messrs. Honore Mercier, St. Hyacinthe, chairman; W. G. Parmelee, Waterloo, and John Dewar, Post Office Inspector, Mr. E. S. Freer, Postmaster, was examined, and gave evidence as to the staff and the general method of management. The investigation promises to be very prolonged.

A complimentary dinner was given on Thursday night in Montreal to the Hon. E. G. Penny, of the Herald. The guests, numbering about two hundred, comprised prominent gentlemen of all shades of politics.

The Passengers who have been serving in Assantees have reached home.

SHEDY.—Believing this paper to be filled with the seed of truth, anxious to make it a power of good, we ask patrons and friends of the Standard to aid us in extending its circulation."

The above noble and exalted sentiment is from our cotemporary the Flora Standard. We admire the elevated language of the writer, and his benevolent intentions towards his fellow men in this vicinity. At the same time we might suggest that the "seed" which—or who—fills the Standard's columns is a pretty hard seed.

The average yield of grain per acre in this County in 1873 was as follows:—North Wellington, winter wheat, 37 bus.; spring wheat, 22 bus.; oats, 50; barley, 37; peas, 25. Centre—winter wheat, 30 bus.; spring wheat, 16 bus.; oats, 60; peas, 40; barley, 40. South—winter wheat, 18; spring wheat, 14; oats, 40; barley, 30; peas 27.

FIRE AT PORT ELGIN.—A fire broke out in Mr. Hooper's oatmeal kiln, Port-Elgin, on Thursday afternoon, burning it to the ground. By great exertion the flouring mill was saved. The loss is about \$400; no insurance.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A farmer named Andrew Finnie, a resident of east Nisour, while engaged on Wednesday in taking down an old log barn, was fatally hurt by one of the logs falling on his chest. He died next morning. He leaves a wife and young family.

HORSE SHOW.—The annual Show of Horses held by the North Waterloo Agricultural Society will take place this year in Berlin on Tuesday the 14th of April. \$90 in prizes will be awarded.

A LETTER from Havana states that no general is the desire on the part of Cubans and Spaniards alike to leave the Island, that if there were facilities for quitting it, whole districts would be depopulated.

Floor Oil Cloth,

Floor Oil Cloth,
Very Rich and Chaste Designs,
Splendid assortment,
Patterns Quite New.

FRESH LOT OF

Door Mats,

Door Mats,
NOW OPENING OUT AT
JOHN HORSMAN'S,
HARDWARE MERCHANT,
GUELPH.

SALE OF PIANOS

The Committee appointed to dispose of the Pianos at the Manufacture of
JOSEPH F. RAINER,
WEST MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH,
Will offer them at a considerable reduction on cost on reasonable
TERMS OF CREDIT.
The stock consists of about
40
First-class Instruments!
Similar to those shown at the last Central Exhibition and for which he was awarded the first prize.
They are equal in compass of tone, finish, and durability to the best instruments of any of the celebrated manufacturers, and as such an opportunity seldom occurs, parties in want of pianos would do well to avail themselves of it.
An inspection invited.
A competent person will be on the premises, near Mr. John Harris, who will show the instruments.
Guelph, March 18, 1874. dwt

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DAY
SHOWS
THE FINEST STOCK
OF—
WALLPAPER
IN GUELPH.
Golds,
Sattins,
Grounds,
Marble,
Oak,
For Dining Rooms, Parlors, Drawing Rooms, Libraries, Halls and Bed Rooms.
It will pay you to examine the splendid stock before buying
AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

FARM FOR SALE.

The undersigned offer for sale upon reasonable terms and conditions the Northeast half of Lot Number 11, in the second concession of the township of Erin, 100 acres, about 70 acres of which are cleared, 12 acres of hardwood, and the balance valuable cedar. There is a good frame barn, and two dwelling houses—on frame and the other log—on the lot. For further particulars apply to
OLIVER & MACDONALD,
Solicitors, Guelph, O.
March 20, 1874. whindaw

NEW COAL YARD.

The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of
Hard and Soft Coal
at moderate prices. Orders left at the store of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham street, will be promptly attended to.
GEORGE MURTON,
Guelph, March 1st, 1874. dy Proprietor

PRUNES, PRUNES, PRUNES.

Good Stewing Prunes
—AT—
JOHN A. WOOD'S

REAL

Dundee Marmalade
30c per lb. at
JOHN A. WOOD'S

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR,

White and Yellow Corn Meal,
Coarse and Fine Hominy at
JOHN A. WOOD'S
Guelph, March 9, 1874

POWELL'S

Boot and Shoe Store
NEW SPRING GOODS
Men's English and American style of
Gaiters and Shoes;
Ladies and Children's
GOAT, KID AND PRUNELLA,
Which for style, finish and durability, will be found superior to any in Guelph.
Particular attention paid to
Custom Work and Repairing.
Remember the Noted Shoe Store,
G. S. POWELL,
West side Wyndham Street, Guelph.
Guelph, Mar. 20th, 1874. dw.

1874 SPRING 1874

Per Steamships Hibernian and Phœnician

20,000 ROLLS

OF
WALL
PAPER
—ALL—
The Newest Patterns.
DECORATIONS, GOLD PAPERS, OAKS, MARBLES.
The Largest and Finest Stock of New Wall Papers can be seen at
ANDERSON'S
Cheap Bookstore,
East Side Wyndham-st,
Guelph, Ont.

PAY UP.

All parties indebted to W. D. HEPBURN & CO. are requested to call at the old stand, and pay their accounts before the 15th of March, or they will be placed in the hands of A. A. Baker, Esq., for collection.
W. D. HEPBURN & Co.
GUELPH, Feb. 17, 1874. dw

PROTECTION!

For protection against House-breakers, Burglars and Thieves, we have
Revolvers,
Various makes;
Pistols,
Single and double barrel;
Guns,
Single and double barrel;
Ammunition,
&c. &c. &c.
John M. Bond & Co.
Hardware Importers, Guelph.

THOUSANDS ARE USING THE

MYRTLE NAVY
Smoking Tobacco
AND ARE SATISFIED.
Beware of Imitations.
Each genuine Plug has
T. & B.
STAMPED UPON IT.
Hamilton, March 12, 1874. dsm

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GUELPH CLOTH HALL.
SHAW & MURTON

OUR SPRING STOCK

Is now fully assorted in every department.
CLOTHS,
HATS AND CAPS,
GENTS' FURNISHINGS,
READY-MADE CLOTHING.

We would inform our customers and the public in general that we never before offered such a complete and handsome assortment of Goods for Gent's Wear.

GUELPH, March 21, 1874
Shaw & Murton,
MERCHANT TAILORS.

1874 SPRING IMPORTATIONS. 1874

JAMES CORMACK,

Tailor and Clothier,
No. 1, WYNDHAM STREET.
Is now receiving a large and beautiful assortment of
Goods Suitable for the Season
CONSISTING OF
Plain and Fancy Woollens in the Best and Newest Patterns.
Hats, Caps, Shirts, Collars, Ties, etc. etc.
In great variety.
Guelph, March 21, 1874. JAMES CORMACK, dwtmcs

READY-MADE CLOTHING

GREAT AUCTION SALE
—OF—
G. B. FRASER'S,
—AT—
On Saturday Night, the 21st inst.
W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer

The Spring Trade Opening Up

Lively at
THE FASHIONABLE WEST END
A. O. BUCHAM
Begg to inform the Ladies of Guelph that he will show all next week a superb stock of
NEW DRESS GOODS,
BLACK AND COLORED SILKS,
COSTUMES, COSTUMES,
Shawls, Mantles and Mantle Materials.
INSPECTION INVITED.
A. O. BUCHAM,
Fashionable West End Dress Mantle, and Millinery Establishment.

Dominion Boot and Shoe Store.

NEW SPRING GOODS
Men's American Sporting Boots,
Men's Rubber Boots,
Men's Shoes and Gaiters for Spring Wear
Ladies American Fancy Shoes,
Ladies Goat and Kid Button Boots,
Ladies Prunella Button and Lace Boots
A VERY LARGE ASSORTMENT.
Misses Wear—All styles in Goat, Kid and Prunella.
Child's American Fancy Slippers and Shoes.
We have also a large assortment of Boys' and Youths' Spring Wear.
In the Custom Department
We have just received the latest styles of American lasts. Repairing done as usual.
Remember the House—The Dominion Shoe Store, Day's Block, opposite the Town Hall.
Guelph, Feb. 9, 1874
WM. TAWSE & SON.
dwtmcs

William Stewart's Spring

advertisement of New Goods
will appear on Monday.

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—OF—
WALL PAPER
School Books,
STATIONERY.
IMMENSE STOCK
AT J. HUNTER'S
Wholesale and Retail.
CALL AND SEE
The Largest Stock,
The Greatest Variety,
The Best and the Cheapest
Ever exhibited in Guelph
AT J. HUNTER'S
Berlin Wool, Fancy Goods and Toy Store
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NOTICE.

Erb's Celebrated
FALL WHEAT FLOUR
For Bread and Pastry.
ROBERTSON BROS., SOLE AGENTS
Dealers in Goldie's and Armstrong's Flour,
Graham Flour, Buckwheat Flour, Corn
Flour, Cracked Wheat, Oatmeal, and Feed
of all kinds.
Delivered free to any part of the Town.
Do not forget the stand—Red Mill Flour
and Feed Store, opposite the Alma Block
Wyndham Street, Guelph.
ROBERTSON BROS.,
Guelph, Feb. 19, 1874. dft.

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Messrs Gault Bros., merchants, Montreal;
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ronto; J. M. Miller, Esq., Perth, Ont. (late of
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