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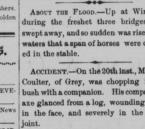
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WINES and LIQUORS, ting of the Court of Assize for the County favorite of the juveniles. Its stories,

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Sale at half-past Ten A. M. between the same parties with the same and is 7 feet in the hold. She bears the terrible name, Nemesis.

FICE ......MACDONNELL STREET FRIDAY EV'G. MARCH 27, 1868.

### THE POSTMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT.

The Report of the Postmaster General for the year ending 30th of June, 1866, has been received. The tardi-ness of its appearance calls forth the apology that its previous publication was impossible, no session of Parlia-ment having been held from August, 1866, until December, 1867. We are further informed that we may expect, before long, to be favored with the report for the year ending June 30th, 1867, which will contain a summary of the operations of the Department during the two years.

A Blue Book is generally considered the very opposite of entertaining, but we must say that we have been interested and even amused by that now under consideration. The total ted. income of the Department for the year | Postmasters in country places, and ending June 30th, 1866, was \$901,150 even in some of the larger villages and 98c: the total expenditure was \$857,- towns, will not get wealthy in a sud-298.33; the total expense connected den by the amounts they receive as with the conveying of the mails, which commission on the business done included making and repairing mail through their offices. We have cullbags, was \$439,464.41, and the balance ed out the statements of the remunerwhich remained to the credit of the ation received by a few of them, department at the close of the year was \$43,852 65. Considering that a mission on the business transacted large number of new post offices were in the Guelph post office as shown opened, and new mail routes established in consequence; and further, although not a heavy sum is much that many of these, as well as some which were previously in operation, master in any of the adjacent towns. would not near meet expenses, this is Stratford made \$1,530.62; Berlin a very fair balance, and might have \$59.58, and Galt \$1,035.43. The gone far towards determining the Gov- difference is partly attributable to the ernment to remit altogether the postage on newspapers, instead of merely ly to the greater amount of business modifying the provisions of the law re- correspondence that is done in proporgarding it.

The portion of the Report which is of most interest to us is, of course, that post offices in this county are set down which has reference to our own town \$485.76, Erin \$215.10, Gourock \$13.95, and neighbourhood, and we have therefore culled from the volume some statistics regarding the principal post offices in this county, and the part they take in making up the whole report. First with respect to the amount aid for carrying the mails we find that in the year of which we are writing the contractor for the conveyance of the mail by stage between Guelph and Hamilton was bound to make six trips per week, and his twelvemoths' fee was \$870. For carrying the mail between Guelph and Ospringe, three times a week, for one year the sum paid was \$140, between Guelph and Owen Sound daily for a year \$2,155, and between Guelph and Walkerton daily for nine months \$1,312.50. The reason why the period is nine months and not a year appears to be, that during three months the direct route was not from Guelph but from Elora .-Again we find that the carriage of the mails from Elora to Hollin, six times a week, for two months cost the Department \$99 55, from Elora to Pentland twice a week for the year \$42.50, and to Walkerton daily for three months \$350. The cost of mail conveyance between Fergus and Garafraxa each alternate week day for the year, was \$127.48; from Fergus to Guideph daily for nine months \$102.was \$127.48; from Fergus to 75; from Fergus to Mimosa, by the way of Speedside twice a week for six months \$81; from Fergus to Speed side direct, semi-weekly, for three months \$21.25, and for the succeed-

I of offices closed in the two Canada en; and the reas was ninet for their discontinuance are invariably, that upon the resignation or dismis-sal (as the case may be) of the postmaster no suitable person could be found to take his place.

The total number of registered letters that went astray, had the contents or part thereof stolen, or met with some misfortune was forty-one; and those unregistered, but said to contain money which lost their way or were pillaged amounted to one hundred and two. No traces of the latter could be discovered; a few of the postmasters who could not account satisfactorily for the manner in which they disposed of some of the registered letters that passed through their hands were obliged to make good the contents, and they were compelled to do the same thing with regard to those they had been requested to register and neglec-

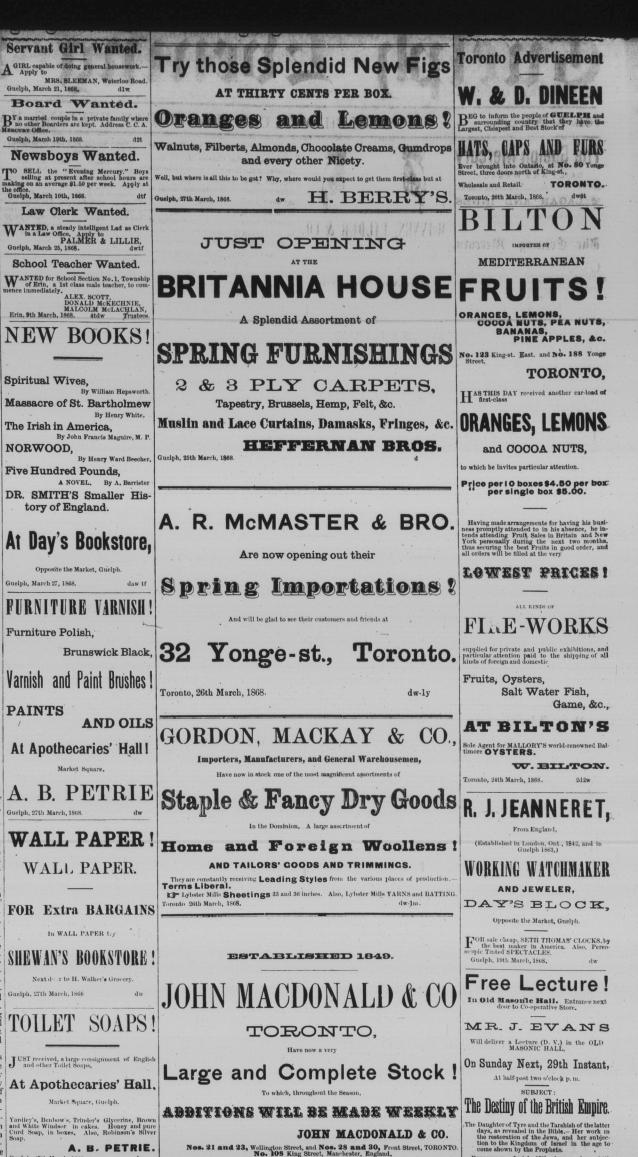
and they are as follows: The com by this report was \$2,164.49. This larger than has accrued to the postlarger population of Guclph, but chieftion to the number of the inhabitants. The amounts made by some of the

as follows : Elora \$480.92., Fergus Marden \$24.74. Ponsonby \$26.56. Coningsby (for six months) \$4.96, Goldstone \$16.39, Garafraxa \$64.77, Hillsburg \$139.55, Glenallan \$87.11, Arthur \$123. Arkell \$18.23, Aberfoyle \$38.83, Morriston \$75.84, Barnet \$10.53, Eden Mills \$35.09, Creekbank \$14.83. Crieff \$10.93. Eramosa \$18.29. Cumnock \$22.67, Drayton \$78.51, Kenilworth \$36.59, Luther \$6.63, Manfred (six months) \$2.44, Mimosa \$15.72, Monek \$3.85, Orangeville \$436.50, Ospringe \$26.20, Ostic (six months) \$4.86, Parker \$11.70, Puslinch \$30.93, Rockwood \$133.04, Win-\$17.92, Stirton \$17,93, and Wynford (now Salem) \$87.44.

The report contains some other matters of local, and many more of general importance, but we must defer Guelph, 27th March, 1868. notice of them until another occasion.

THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY; —The Canadian News, published in London, says:—" We see by the last Canadian papers there is a rumor that Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, who now controls the Hudson River, Haarlem, and New York Central Railroads, has offered to lesse the Great Western of Canada and to guarantee to the pro-prietors a yearly rental of 10 per cent. on the actual outlay of the road. Some such arrangement was proposed a few years back, but the proprietors of the Great Western then preferred retain-ing its ownership, and doubless they will continue to do so. It is unneces-sary to state that there is not the re-motest chance of the talked-of South-ern competing line being constructed within the next quarter of a century. There is not much fear of money being found in this country to make rival lines to the Great Trunk and Great THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY;

months \$21.25, and for the succeed ing quarter of a year \$20. It is evi-dent there had been competition, and that the original contractor had under bidden himself, or some one else had tendered lower. The daily mail be-tween Georgetown and Reading was conveyed for twelve months for \$320. Turning further over in the report we find an account of the increases that have been made to contract prices, for different reasons, but chief-because the contractor has been ob-liged to deviate from his rout in order to supply some newly established post Guelph, 27th March, 1868.



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## General News.

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to their unhapy case.—London Stan-dard. Liquon LiegisLATION IN MASSACHU-SETTS.—One of the first acts of the Massa-chusetts Legislature at its present session was, to repeal the then existing prohibi-tory liquor-law, which was involved in the "State Constabulary Act." Their action was veto:d by the Governor, but last Thursday the repealing bill was passed over the veto by a vote of 152 to 63. As a substitute for the prohibitory law, a License bill has been introduced, which contains no restrictions except public convenience as to 'he number of licenses that may be issued, or the parties taking them out. Licenses are to be granted by constructoria and the relation or city the right to vote in January or February, that no license shall be granted in that city or town. Another clause prohibits sales to any intoxicated person or any person under 21 years of age. THE CANADIAN ROUTE TO THE PACT-FIC.—The London Times of the 6th in-forms us that the proposed new route by land and water from Canada to the Pacific was attracting some attention on Change and among capitalists. As our readers

forms us that the proposed new route by land and water from Canada to the Pacific was attracting some attention on 'Change and among capitalists. As our readers are probably aware, the suggestion is that it should start from Collingwood, or Georgian Bay, and consist of river and lake navigation for about 2,400 miles out of the entire 3,200 to Vancouver's Island. The Times remarks:—"The Canadian Government, it is said, have agreed to open the portion between Lake Superior and Fort Garry, a distance of about 500 miles, of which 300 are navigable, and the Government of British Columbia are expected by grants of land to facilitate the work through their territory. It is affirmed that the expense would be com-paratively light, and that the undertaking might be completed in less than two years, when passengers would be able to make the transit in about eighteen days. Mr. Alfred Waddington, of Victoris, Van-couver Island, has been the most promin-ent advocate of the enterprise, and is to describe its features in detail, especially as regards the pass by the Rocky Moun-tains, at the Geographical Society on Monday."

tains, at the Geographical Society on Monday." THAT MINING BILL—A petition nu-merously and respectably signed, has been presented to Lieutenant-Governor Stisted, praying that he will suspend the operation of the Mining Bill recently passed by the Legislature of Ontario, until after the next session of Parliament, thus giving the Government an opportunity to become acquainted with the numerous facts bearing upon the interests to be affected by it.



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