

ANOTHER NEW STORY.

In the course of a few weeks we will commence the publication of a new tale in the DAILY and WEEKLY MERCURY. As the forthcoming story will be highly interesting we would advise every one who has not already subscribed for the MERCURY to do so at once, in order to secure the reading of the opening chapters. New subscribers can begin at any time. The subscription price is \$1.50 per annum in advance, or 12 1/2 cents per month.

IMPEACHMENT OF THE PRESIDENT.

Impeachment has dragged its slow length along until we are about to see the end of it. On Thursday last the Senate sat for six long hours in secret session, the question before it when the doors were closed being Mr. Sumner's resolution prescribing the manner in which the final vote on the impeachment articles should be taken. From what busy reporters afterwards gleaned from garrulous Senators it would appear that a large number of motions, or rather amendments to an original motion, for adjournment to a certain day, and the fixing of a day for the final vote, were brought up and negatived. Mr. Sumner's resolution to vote at once was rejected, so was Mr. Morrill's resolution to vote on Monday. This gentleman modified his order until it stood as follows:—"That when the Senate adjourn to-day it adjourn until Monday at 12 o'clock meridian, for the purpose of deliberating on the rules of the Senate, sitting on the trial of impeachment; and that on Tuesday next following, at 12 o'clock meridian, the Senate shall proceed to vote, without debate, on the several articles of impeachment, and each Senator shall be permitted to file, within two days after the vote is taken, his written opinion, to be printed with the proceedings."

On Tuesday, then, the question will be settled, and Andrew Johnson's tenure of the White House determined. The day will be an important one in the history of the Republic as well as in that of the President. There is a rule for the regulation of voting in the Senate which is as follows:—On taking the votes of the Senate on the articles of impeachment, the presiding officer shall call each Senator by his name, and upon each article proposing the following question in the manner following: Mr.—How say you; is the respondent—guilty or not guilty, as charged in the article of impeachment? Whereupon each Senator shall rise in his place and answer "Guilty," or "Not Guilty."

IMPEACHMENT OF JUDGES.

A few days ago a petition from lawyers, and other citizens of Aylmer, County of Ottawa, was presented to the House of Commons against Justice Lafontaine, charging him with forgery, incapacity, falsification of the Court records, and defalcation of Government money while he was Crown Lands Agent. It is understood that his Lordship will be impeached before the House. Another Lower Canadian judge, Justice Drummond is likely to be proceeded against in like manner. Mr. Chamberlin has presented the petition of T. K. Ramsay, accusing and impeaching the judge of malicious and infamous proceedings against the Petitioner in the Lamirand case; of being a notorious drunkard; of being an insolvent and fraudulent debtor, and abusing his position as a Judge to prevent the seizure of his effects; of using his position in 1864 to secure by bargain and money consideration the resignation of Justice Bowen and taking his seat. These are very serious charges, and every person will admit that no man is fit to be an administrator of that law which he violates so wantonly. The interest that will be felt in the proceedings connected with the impeachment of these two Justices will not be slight, since if the accusation be substantiated the unpleasant truth must be forced to the surface, that the Bench of Canada, which has hitherto been considered a close approximation of purity, has been disgraced by the venality of two prominent judges.

THE PROVINCIAL ARBITRATORS.—Judge Day, arbitrator for the Province of Quebec, has been in Ottawa for a few days. It is said the Finance Department is not yet ready with a statement, so that the arbitrators can go to work to settle the accounts between the Province and the Dominion.

The German Zollverein Parliament has, by a large majority, rejected the address from the Party of German Unity. The Cable has not informed us of the contents of this address, but it probably prayed for an enlargement of the functions of the Zollverein Parliament so as to make it in every respect the Parliament of the German Nation, and thus complete the National unity. The large majority against the address indicates that the Government of Prussia has used its influence against it. Prussia desires a strong current of public opinion in South Germany that shows itself at present in favor of a union before she is willing to assume

OUR RAILWAY DEBT.

At the last meeting of Council the Railway Committee presented a Report, recommending to the Council the consideration of an early application to Parliament to be relieved of the amount of railway debt incurred by the town, on the ground that the same was incurred in furthering railway extension, not merely for local purposes or benefit, but in the railway interest generally. The Council were prompted to take this step by the action of the Government in reference to the debt due the country by the Great Western Railway. They consider that if a wealthy Railway Company like the Great Western is to be forgiven the whole or part of its indebtedness to the Government, a corporation which borrowed \$20,000 to help to build railways not only for the benefit of the Municipality but of the whole surrounding country, should also be dealt with in the same liberal spirit. This is sound reasoning, and our Council deserve all due credit for initiating a movement which may, and ought, ultimately, to lead to the wiping out of the debt due by this Corporation for railway purposes.

But while the Council are right in their general argument and reasons why the Corporation should be relieved from this debt, some of the members are wrong in the comparison they attempt to draw between the case of the Corporation and that of the Great Western Railway. There is no parallel in the two cases: That of the G. W. Railway is a direct debt to the Government—the railway debt of our Corporation is a debt due to a special fund, which fund since Confederation is in an unsettled state as to its proprietorship. This is one of the subjects which the Provincial arbitrators will have to take into consideration. They will have to decide to what particular Government it belongs, and perhaps also as to the extent of the liability of each Municipality which borrowed from the Municipal Loan Fund. The Federal Government therefore at the present stage cannot, and will not interfere. The petition of the Council is therefore premature as far as any immediate relief is concerned, but otherwise it is a step in the right direction, and may ultimately lead to our being remitted a debt, the incurring of which was as much a benefit to the country as to the Municipality.

Our opinion in regard to this subject is confirmed by a letter from Mr. Stirton to the Mayor, under date of May 4th. Our member with that attention and solicitude for the interests of Guelph which he has manifested on all occasions, had been making inquiries in regard to this debt before the Council took any action in the matter, and wrote to the Mayor as follows:—

HOUSE OF COMMONS, Ottawa, May 4, 1868. N. Higginbotham, Esq., Mayor of Guelph. DEAR SIR,—Supposing the Council of your good Town would feel some interest as to the course which will be pursued by the Government in relation to the Upper Canada Municipal Loan Fund, I have made the necessary inquiry of the Minister of Finance. He informs me that this Fund, and all its relations, will be referred to the arbitrators recently chosen by the respective Governments of Ontario, Quebec and that of the Dominion. No action will or can be taken by the Federal Government in regard to the indebtedness of any Municipality to this Fund, until it is first decided by the arbitrators in question what disposition shall be made of the said Fund. I have the honor to be, Yours most respectfully, D. STIRTON.

New Advertisements.

POTATOES, POTATOES! POTATOES! THE undersigned offers for sale a superior lot of Potatoes of all kinds, to suit the trade, at his Warehouse, No. 4, Gordon Street, Day's Old Block. D. MOULTON. P. S.—Purchasers leaving orders can have their produce delivered at their residence. Guelph, May 11th, 1868.

Songs of Scotland!

TWO NIGHTS ONLY! TOWN HALL, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY 14th and 15th May. MR. KENNEDY The Celebrated Scottish Vocalist, BEGS to announce his return to Guelph, after an extensive and highly successful tour of the United States, in his popular entertainments of the Songs of Scotland. PIANOFORTE - MISS KENNEDY. Admission 25 cents. Reserved Seats 50 cents. Tickets at the Bookstore and at the door. Doors open at 7, commence at 8 o'clock. Guelph, May 11th, 1868.

LOST. LOST on the Street, or about the Fair Ground in Guelph, on the May Fair Day, a small Pill Box containing two Half-Sovereigns and a Gold Ring. The finder will be rewarded by leaving the same at the store of F. W. STONE, Guelph.

MEDICAL HALL!



Quinine Wine. THE most delightful and invigorating Tonic known to science, used by medical practitioners in every part of the civilized world. Prepared by WATERS & WILLIAMS, Cannon Street, London. N. HIGINBOTHAM, Medical Hall, Guelph.

JACKSON'S AMYLO-GLYCERINE, OR, GLYCERINE

Toilet Powder. THE only preparation containing Glycerine in a dry condition. The finest Powder in use. N. HIGINBOTHAM, Medical Hall, Guelph.

FRAGRANT LUBIN'S Extract of Violet, Jockey Club, Sweet Briar, Sweet Pea, Honey Sack, Hilltoppe, Patchouly, New Mow Hay, Bouquet, Montreal, Guards' Club, Grand Trunk, West End, &c. N. HIGINBOTHAM, Medical Hall, Guelph.

IMPROVED FURNITURE POLISH! SUPERIOR to all other preparations for Cleaning and Polishing Furniture. In bottles at 25c. and 50c. N. HIGINBOTHAM, Medical Hall, Guelph.

AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE, SUNDAY MAGAZINE, GOOD WORDS, LEISURE HOUR, SUNDAY AT HOME, OPPOSITE THE MARKET.

MAY MAGAZINES! SUNDAY MAGAZINE, GOOD WORDS, LEISURE HOUR, SUNDAY AT HOME, OPPOSITE THE MARKET.

SPEED LODGE, No. 180. THE next Regular Communication of the above Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday Evening NEXT, the 12th instant, at which a full and punctual attendance is specially requested. JOHN CRIDFORD, Secretary. Guelph, May 8, 1868.

Fire Crackers.

THE best Fire Crackers that can be got for sale wholesale and retail at the Dominion Store! Upper Wyndham Street, next to the Wellington Hotel, Guelph.

FISHING GEAR of all kinds for sale. MRS. ROBINSON, Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph. Guelph, 8th May, 1868.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY CHANGE OF TIME TABLE

ON AND AFTER Monday Next, 11th Inst., Trains are timed to leave GUELPH AS UNDER: LEAVE GUELPH 6.45 a. m. " " 2.50 p. m. to Hamilton " " 4.45 p. m. Connecting with Trains on Main Line, bound EAST. EAST. West at 10 a. m. West at 1.25 p. m. Arrive at Guelph 10.15. 11.20. 8.45 For particulars see small hand bills, to be had on application at any of the Company's stations. THOMAS SWINYARD, General Manager. Hamilton, 9th May, 1868.

OPENING OF THE SPRING TRADE

STEWART Those Grape Dress Goods AT STEWART'S Only a York Shilling per yard.

STEWART HAS JUST RECEIVED the largest and most choice stock of New Spring Goods he has ever shown, and respectfully requests attention to the great difference in price from last year, being at least One-third Lower.

STEWART HAS opened a case of White Drab and Grey Stays, that fit the body and not the body stays. Highly recommended by the Faculty.

STEWART CARPET STOCK is the largest west of Toronto, and being all this season's importations the designs and colors are new.

STEWART'S STOCK OF TAPESTRY is large and choice. Styles are new, and will be offered very low, commencing at 70 cents.

STEWART'S NEW SILKS. BLACK AND COLORED.

STEWART'S The opinion of all that DRESS GOODS Are Choice in Designs and Colors, and at Very Low Prices.

STEWART Is now showing for the Spring Trade NEW DAMASKS, NEW REPS, NEW CHINTZES, NEW LENO CURTAINS, NEW MUSLIN CURTAINS, NEW LACE CURTAINS.

WM. STEWART. Guelph, 6th May, 1868.

Brass Window Cornices

We have received direct from Germany the LARGEST, CHEAPEST and BEST assortment of Brass Window Cornices ever brought to Guelph. We have Over Thirty Choice Patterns, At various Prices. Please call and see.

JOHN M. BOND & CO Hardware Importers, Guelph. Guelph, 11th May, 1868.

A Beautiful Assortment of DRESS SHIRTS, TIES, COLLARS, CUFFS and BRACES AT THE GUELPH CLOTH HALL A. THOMSON & CO. Guelph, 9th May, 1868.

THE FIRST GRAND PRIZE, THE HIGHEST AWARD, The Imperial Cross of the Legion of Honor AND TWO GRAND GOLD MEDALS, First Premiums awarded to the Wood's Patent New Jointed-bar Mower and SELF-RAKE REAPER AT THE PARIS EXPOSITION, 1867. These Machines are manufactured at the Newcastle Agricultural and Machine Works THRESHING MACHINES of the best description, and Agricultural Implements furnished to order. For full particulars, Prices, &c., send for Catalogue. H. A. MASSEY. C. & A. SHARPE, Agents at Guelph. Guelph, 8th May, 1868.

THE GOLDEN LION GUELPH, MAY, 1868. SPRING SUMMER

John Hogg BEGS to announce to the inhabitants of the Town of Guelph and County that his stock of Staple and Fancy DRY GOODS is now complete for Spring and Summer, and solicits an early inspection of the same, being determined to offer All Classes of Goods at such a Small advance as will put Competition aside Altogether. My Stock embraces all the Newest Styles and Designs in the various descriptions of Great Novelties in Millinery, Pattern Bonnets & Hats, Also, Pattern Silk Jackets and Mantles, together with a most beautiful variety of TRIMMED BONNETS, HATS, &c., unequalled in Guelph, and not surpassed in the Dominion. A large Stock of Black Silks for Ladies' Dresses, Jackets and Mantles. Black Velveteens for Ladies' Jackets and Buttons of the Newest Style to Match. HOUSE FURNISHINGS. A large stock of House Furnishings, Carpets, Damasks, Moreens, Muslin Curtains, Lace Curtains, Sheetings, Quilts, Tickings, Towels, &c. GENTLEMEN'S DEPARTMENT.—Black Broadcloths, Cassimeres, Fancy Doekings, Tweeds, &c. Hats, Caps, Socks, Ties, Shirts, Collars, &c. Ready-Made Clothing. The Largest and best made up Stock of Coats, Vests, Pants, Linen Blouses in the whole Dominion, and a Saving of 20 per Cent. by calling at the Golden Lion. JOHN HOGG. Guelph, May 5, 1868.

Notice to Contractors TENDERS WANTED. SEALED TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to noon on WEDNESDAY the 13th of May, for the erection of a FRAME COVAGE on Oxford Street, in accordance with plans and specifications to be seen at the store of the subscribers. The subscribers will not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. G. & A. HADDEN. Guelph, 7th May, 1868.

Notice to Builders. ANY quantity of sand for sale at the Pit, next to the Cemetery, or delivered. WILLIAM CHIPCHASE. Guelph, April 24, 1868.

NOTICE. THE undersigned having purchased the entire Stock and Business of M. SHEWAN, Guelph will continue to carry on the business in the same premises. W. J. MCCURRY. Guelph, April 29, 1868.

