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grieved damsels.

MONDAY EV'NG, NOV. 30, 1868.

Repenting their Generosity. The Free Grants and Homesteads Act introduced by John Sandfield Macdonald's Government and passed by the Legislature last session was not so pre-eminently generous as to be able to afford a curtailment of the liberality of its provisions. Nevertheless the Ministry were under the impression that they had conceded too much, and consequently we find them industriously employed now in attempting to rectify their error. The eleventh section of the Act to which we have referred reads as follows :-"On the death of the Locatce whether before or after the issue of the patent for any land so located, all his then right and interest in and to such land shall descend to, and become vested in his widow during her widowhood in lieu of dower, in case there be such widow surviving such Locatee; but such widow may elect to have her dower in such land in lieu of the provision aforesaid."

This was not so bad; there was no inclination evinced to devour widows houses, and a thrifty relict, particular ly if she happened to have two or three, sons approaching the state of man bood, might have been able to turn to good and valuable account the privi-leges which this enactment afforded her. Another section of the same Act rendered invalid any alienation or This was not so bad ; there was no mortgage of free grants lands by the Locatee after the issue of the patent, and within twenty years from the date of such location, and during the the Canada Company, we believe it may life time of the wife of such Locatee. truly be declared in their favor that they life time of the wife of such Locatce, unless by a deed in which she should never evict the widow of a lessee, espe be one of the grantors with her husbe one of the grantors with her hus-band and go through all the formal-ities required by law in case of married women conveying real estate. These provisions are to be restricted by the personal cupidity of the members of the Government. A Bill has been introduced, intituded "An Act to alter the law of Dower, and to regulate the proceedings in actions for the recov-ery of Dower," which if not very just in all its features will at least be ad-vantageous to a number of its sup-potters. It is with the third section that we have principally to do. It reads as follows: "That Dower shall not be recoverable out of any separate d distinct lot, tract or parcel of land, which at the time of the alienation by

which at the time of the alicention by the husband, or at the time of his death, if he died seized thereof, was in a state of nature, and unimproved by clearing, fencing, or otherwise, for the purposes of cultivation or occupa-tion; but this shall not restrict or diminish the right to have woodland which at the time of the alienation by diminish the right to have woodland assigned to the demandant, under the 31st section of this Act, from which it shall be lawful for her to take firewood necessary for her own use, and timber for fencing the other portions of land assigned to her of the same lot, tract or parcel."

Thus if a man should die shortly after he had settled down on a lot of wild land and before he had made any improvements, his widow would have no claim whatever; and by the same provision she is debarred from her right of dower in all wild lands which her husband during his life time may have alienated, but with more than princely munificence, she is allowed firewood and fencing timber CHATTEL PROPERTY

A novel point in law has been set. STRAW AND FELT HATS, tled by the Court of Review, Mon-The subscriber of Guelph and st tion to the Stray treal, in the suit of Grange vs. Ben-ning, for \$40,000 damages for breach of promise of marriage. The defenne Straw Bo me propared to do all kins of MISS HARRISON Guelph, 19th Nov. work. at to Mr. Romain d12 dant's counsel raised the point that FACTORY FOR SALE OR LEASE. breach of such promises was not re-A good Factory for sale or to let. Apply to S. BOULT, Quebec-St., Guelph cognized by the law of Lower Canada. The Judges decided that it was recognized—a decision that will meet November 19. STONE COTTAGE TO LET. with the hearty approbation of all ag-To Let, a Comfortable Stone Cottage, on the rner of Northumberland and Dublin Streets.-Financial affairs are slowly improv-

D. SAVAGE, Watchmaker and Jewelle Guelph, November 28. Std

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come to with the Bank of New Bruns-

wick, the Bank of British North

America, and the Bank of Montreal,

by means of which the St. Stephen's Bank will be enabled to resume busi-

THE SCHOOL QUESTION .- On Fri-

day morning the Special Committee of the Ontario Legislature had again

under "consideration the changes re-

Committee have recommended that

hereafter all the Common Schools be

free, and that weekly or monthly fees

for attendance be abolished. They also recommend that compulsory edu-

cation of all children under a certain

age be adopted as part of the Common

DR. M'COSH .- This distinguished

divine, now at the head of Princeton

College, was welcomed to New York

in a very hearty manner, not only by

the Christian Convention then in ses

sion, but more especially by the Scotch

DIED.

WALLACE-At Guelph, on the 30th November Janet, beloved wife of Mr. James Wallace aged 66 years and 9 months.

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100 INGEPSOLL FACTORY. 50 SMALL DAIRY. PARSON S STILTON. REESOR'S STILTON Kent'sh Filbe. s, Engl'sh Walnut? Br. " Nu ", Chestnuts, Es. and H d Shell 'A'monds, New Turkey Figs, Desert P 'sir Fleuch Planes JOHN A. WOOD'S. Wyndham Str The ordinary definition of an island is 'a portion of land entirely surrounded by water." A Hibernian of our acquaintance declares that this does not meet the case of Ireland, which considering the State and Church, is best described as 'a por-tion of land entirely overrun by sees.' Guelph November 31st. ST. ANDREW'S DAY 1868. 1868. CELEBRATION G UELPH ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY will cole brate THE DAY by a grand PROMENADE CONCERT

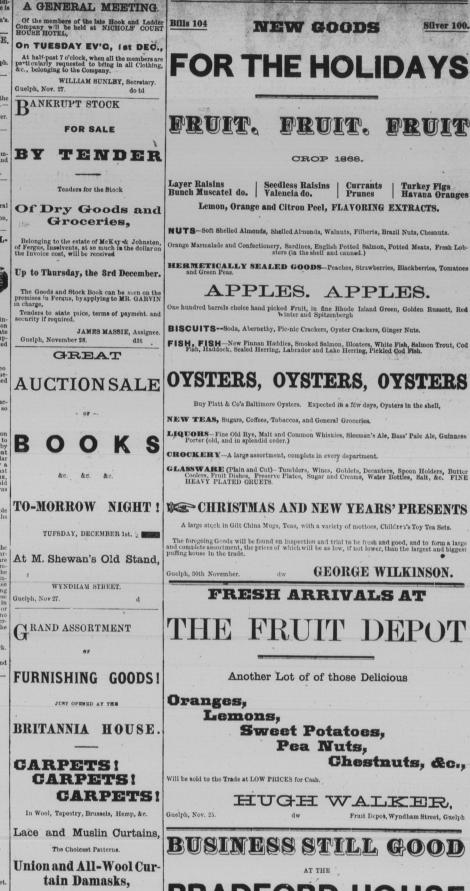
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