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THE NATIONAL.—We have received No. 2 of The National, a new weekly published in Toronto, by Messrs. Thompson & Smallpiece. The motto of The National is "Canada First" and the publishers announce that they will give an independent support to the newly formed party, although not claiming the position of an organ. It is a well-printed journal, and looks as if it would be a good newspaper.

SOUTH WELLINGTON ELECTION.—The correct official returns of this election do not differ materially from the figures already given. Division 3, Eramosa, has 37 votes for Hatch instead of 35; Div. 1, Guelph town, Hatch 22 in stead of 21; Div. 3, Erin, Sturton 65 instead of 64; Div. 4, Erin, Sturton 31, Hatch 15, instead of 32 and 16 respectively. These are the only differences, and they add sixteen to Mr. Sturton's majority, making it within six of being twelve hundred.

ELORA BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this Society was held in the Methodist church on Monday evening the 26th inst. The attendance was numerous, showing the great interest taken in this Society. The permanent secretary of the B. B. Society, the Rev. Mr. Gemley, was present and delivered a very eloquent address in support of the cause. After routine business the Rev. James Middlemiss, on behalf of the friends of the Society, presented Joseph Carder, Esq., the indefatigable secretary, with an elegant family bible and easy chair on his retiring from the position, after thirty years' service in the cause. Mr. Carder responded in a very feeling manner, giving a brief history of the Elora Branch from its small commencement thirty years ago to the present time.

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Wellington Mutual Fire Insurance Company. The annual general meeting of the Wellington Mutual was held at the Quebec Hotel on Tuesday afternoon.

On account of the new Act requiring all insurance Companies to close their year's business on Dec. 31 in each year, the report comprised thirteen months' operations instead of twelve as usual.

The loss during this period had been trifling amount. Their total was \$2,102. This amount, with the 13 months' expenses, would be more than provided for by a call of three per cent, which the directors had ordered to be made, on all policies in force during the period, and a quarter per cent per month on all expiring policies renewed and on all new policies taken during the time.

The rate of assessment above given only calls for 13 cents as the insurance of \$100 for 12 months' on first class risks, and other risks in proportion, which ought to be conclusive proof, even to the most sceptical, that the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of the County of Wellington, is one of the cheapest (if not the cheapest) Companies doing a general business in the Dominion, and, as will be shown, the most substantial when the amount of its assets in premium notes are compared with its loss and amount insured.

The Directors, acting on your instructions from last year at the general meeting, sent deputations to the Legislature to watch the passing of the Mutual Insurance Bill then before the House, but they regret to say without much success. A new Bill was passed by the Legislature, but your Directors are of opinion that it is little or no improvement on the old—may, in some respects worse for the community at large; but they trust that future legislation establishing a purely mutual system for Ontario may yet obtain.

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The Clerk reported that the following had handed in their certificates: Deputy Reeve of Maryboro, Reeve of Luther, Deputy Reeve of Luther, Reeve of Mount Forest, Reeve of Peel, Reeve of Orangeville.

Moved by Mr. Mair, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, that Messrs. Leslie, Howard, McMillan, Gibson, Roberts, Dawson, Stevenson and Prain be a Committee to strike the Standing Committees and report to-morrow morning.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Leslie, that the By-law granting a bonus of \$135,000 by a portion of this county in aid of the Credit Valley Railway be read a third time and passed.

Mr. Gibson suggested that a special committee be appointed to examine the votes recorded.

Mr. Roberts said the By-law granted a large amount of money, and he thought the Council should take steps to have the votes examined, for he knew that many of them were illegal, as many tenants had voted who having only short leases were not entitled by law to vote on the by-law.

Mr. McGowan thought it was not within the province of the Council to make such an examination.

Mr. Darby said the Council had no opinion in the matter. It could not enter on a scrutiny, and if anyone was dissatisfied they should apply to the courts.

Mr. McMillan said Mr. Roberts proposed nothing definite, and thought the motion should pass.

Mr. Roberts then moved, seconded by Mr. Swas, that a special committee be appointed to investigate the votes recorded on the by-law, to be composed of Messrs. Howard, Prain, Mair and Gibson.

Mr. Mair would like to know what course the committee could adopt, for they could not examine witnesses on oath. He thought the Council had no power in the matter.

Mr. Leslie said the proper course was for the parties dissatisfied to apply to the Court of Queen's Bench.

Mr. Rea was opposed to the grouping system—By-laws all through, but this By-law had been carried by the people, and the Council would be failing in its duty if they did not pass it.

Mr. Howard said he would vote for the by-law if it could effect any good, but he could not see what the committee could do in the matter.

The amendment was put and lost, only the mover and seconder voting for it. The motion was carried, and the by-law read a third time and passed.

Mr. Mair moved, seconded by Mr. Goldie, that the Warden and Wm. White-law be members of the Board of Auditors for criminal justice accounts for the current year.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned till to-morrow morning.

THE ROARING GAME. MEDALS OFFERED BY LORD DUFFERIN. His Excellency the Governor-General, Earl of Dufferin, taking a lively interest in the game of curling, has decided to give annually during the time he remains in Canada, a gold medal to be played for by all the regularly organized Curling Clubs of the Dominion who desire to enter into the competition.

The game to be played in competing for this medal to be that described in the rules of the Royal Caledonian Curling Clubs as for local medal competitions, with the special provision that eight are to form the number of players in each Club, and the length of the rink be that in general use in the Dominion, namely, 42 yards from back to tee. The Club which scores the greatest aggregate number of shots to be the winner of the medal.

The President or the Vice-President and Secretary will be charged with the duty of having the ice properly marked out, and seeing that the game is played according to the said rules, and the scores correctly kept; on the completion of the game they will make up a statement showing the particulars, and sign and transmit the same to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of March next, for the information of His Excellency.

His Excellency will also give a silver medal to be played for by all the members of the winning club who choose to compete for it in accordance with the rules above referred to, or as may be agreed upon by the members of the said club, and on completion of this match a statement thereof to be made up, and transmitted as required in the Club rules, as soon as circumstances will permit.

H. FLETCHER, Gov.-Gen. Secretary, Government House, Ottawa, Jan. 30th 1874.

Still Angry With Mr. Scott. The Ottawa Times says:—The malignity of the attack of the Corruptor on Mr. E. W. Scott must be taken as evidence of the high estimate they have formed of his importance. He was the best abused man in the country while an Ontario Minister, yet he was derisively survived the treatment, rising higher, with time, in the opinion of all able and worthy to form a good opinion. Mr. Scott did not soil his reputation and betray the trust confided to him by going with Sir John Macdonald and satellites. Hence those lies and tears! Mr. Scott has to-day the proud satisfaction of knowing his conduct has met with the endorsement of the great majority of the constituents of Canada, the party opposed to him having been scattered like chaff by this sweeping national verdict.

We have dealt with some Opposition lies in another article, and without filling our columns with denials of them all, we shall only take this occasion, on the authority of Government employees, to deny the accusations in an evening paper of Thursday, that Mr. Scott made a personal tour of all the departments, trying every employee to vote for Dr. St. Jean if at all. False, as usual. If the Doctor's friends had worked harder at an earlier period they could have rolled up his majority higher.

Five incendiary fires occurred in Hamilton on Tuesday. Four of the buildings fired were places of worship—St. Andrew's Church, which was opened only last July; the Primitive Methodist Church on Queen Street, the Wesleyan Methodist Church on John Street, and the Coadjutor Church.

Night Scene in Arthur Village, Jan. 29th, 1874. (DEDICATED TO GEO. A. DREW.) Come, rally my boys, a bonfire to kindle (With coal oil and straw as fuel, as the sun, The news has arrived that our foe is defeated.)

By fifty-two votes, and the victory is won. Bring out our friend Fahey, the good news to publish. Placed high on a barrel his voice will be heard. Let him thank all my friends for dispensing my money. And their structural labors shall have their reward.

Load cheers send the air, the bonfire is blazing. To see the good champions return to their arms. When I shout like the war-whoop of battle. Fills the camp with wild terror, and men with alarms.

Then from the bear barrel, good Fahey dismounted. His bearers were scattered and fled in despair. The wires had deceived them, oh! why did we heed them. Hark! our enemy's cheers are ringing the alarm.

MORAL. In future, be careful, and not quite so ready to shout, till you're certain you are out of the wood. A quagmire might stop you, though, just at the border. And then all your cheering would do you no good.

Arthur, Feb. 2, 1874. A REFORMER.

Accident with a Pistol. On Tuesday afternoon, at a few minutes before 5 o'clock, an accident happened in the room above Mr. G. B. Frazer's store, which nearly proved fatal to one of his sons. Mr. Frazer possesses a revolver. Boys are always fond of firearms, and this weapon has long been a subject of much curiosity and interest to Mr. Frazer's two sons, Fred and Douglas, aged nine and six years respectively. At the request Mr. Frazer had shown them the pistol. He had laid it aside, and turned to go away, when Douglas took it up and fired at his brother, as he had often done with a little toy pistol at home. The ball took effect in the back of the head, at about the level of the ear, travelled an inch and a half under the wound, and lodged in the skull.

The wound bled freely, but the little sufferer was quite conscious. The other little fellow, who had not realized the difference between his own and his father's pistols, was half frantic at the mischief he had done. Fred was taken home, and his heart looked to by Drs. Herod, Clarke and Collier. At first the ball could not be discovered, but its whereabouts was afterwards ascertained. The boy passed a good night, and is wonderfully well this morning. An operation for the extraction of the ball took place this (Wednesday) morning, but it was not successful, and another attempt is to be made this afternoon.

Local and Other Items. During the last few days a number of wild ducks have been noticed on the Saugueney River. It is most unusual to see these birds so far to the north in January.

We regret to learn that Mr. Cunningham, M.P., for Marquette, is seriously ill.

The Metaphis and Louisville Railway shops were destroyed by fire on Tuesday, causing a loss of \$139,000, and throwing 120 men out of employment.

W. H. Boulton, who long resided at Toronto, died 1 on Monday last, aged 61 years. He was at one time very prominent in politics and remarkably popular.

A motion, expressing entire approval of the report from the General Assembly on the subject of Union, passed the Toronto Presbytery in its session on Tuesday.

The investigation into the causes of the fire in the Intercolonial and Pacific Railway offices at Ottawa has resulted in a verdict strongly condemning the carelessness of the officials in charge of the premises.

The congregation of Cooke's (Presbyterian) Church in Toronto, have decided on giving a call to the Rev. James Gardner Rabb, of Clogher, Ireland. The stipend guaranteed is \$3,500.

A humorous story reaches us from Halifax. An unsophisticated supporter of Mr. O'Reilly called at the Reform Rooms for a pair of new boots, between which and his vote for the Tory candidate there seems, in his imagination at least, to have been some connection.

FIRE IN ST. MARY'S.—On Sunday the fire stone residence of Mr. T. B. Guest, M. P. P., was destroyed by fire. The fire was first discovered in the roof. It is supposed to have originated from a defective chimney. The contents of the ground flat were mostly saved. Loss about \$8,000, partly covered by insurance.

Mr. C. J. Brydges, General Manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, has been nominated on a charge of manslaughter arising out of the coroner's inquest upon the accident at the railway crossing at Levis. Bail was accepted, and the venue changed from Quebec to Montreal. The case will come on at the next term of the Court of Queen's Bench.

FIRE IN HAMILTON.—The new St. Andrew's Church in Hamilton was partially destroyed by fire on Tuesday morning. The building presents a sad plight, for the fire burned with such savage rapidity that the entire basement is charred, the seats nearly all destroyed, the tables gone, the supports to the main floor ruined, and much damage done generally. In fact, the church, save the walls and portions of the wood work, is a wreck. The damage will reach several thousand dollars, it is feared. The edifice was insured in the Phoenix Insurance Company for \$5,000. This catastrophe is all the more distressing, as the congregation had only moved into the church in July last, when it was dedicated.

THE ANNUAL MEETING. The ANNUAL MEETING of the Society held its annual meeting at Whitlington, on the 8th of January, when the following gentlemen were appointed office bearers for the current year.—Mr. Robert Bowsfield, President; James K. Decker, Vice-President; D. McLaughlin, Secretary; Thomas Whittier, Treasurer; Adam Spence, William Jackson, John Large, Thomas Lorraine, David Larner, James Golden, George Stanes, John Gillespie, and Jos. Freeman Directors; James A. Spence, and John Allen, Auditors. The business of the meeting was conducted in a friendly and orderly manner, the attendance was larger than usual, and the success of the society was the aim of every member. The Auditor's Report showed a handsome balance in the treasurer's hands.

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FOR KINGSTON—James Nolan, convicted at the Judges Criminal Court, at Walkerton, on the 19th ult., for horse stealing, passed through Guelph on Tuesday en route for the Penitentiary, in charge of Mr. T. W. Dalton and Mr. Thomas Richardson, Sheriff's Officers.

THE CASE OF JOHN NORTH—Mr. Wm. North, of Nassagaweya, requests us to state that he paid the doctor's bill in attending to his brother in his illness last year. This bill was put in the township accounts as having been paid by the township, while he paid it to the clerk after it had appeared in the paper.

THE NATIONAL—We have received No. 2 of The National, a new weekly published in Toronto, by Messrs. Thompson & Smallpiece. The motto of The National is "Canada First," and the publishers announce that they will give an independent support, and are newly formed party, although not claiming the position of an organ. It is a well-printed journal, and looks as if it would be a good newspaper.

SOUTH WELLINGTON ELECTION—The correct official returns of this election do not differ materially from the figures already given. Division 3, Bramosa, has 37 votes for Hatch instead of 35; Div. 1, Guelph town, Hatch 22 in stead of 21; Div. 3, Erin, Sturton 65 instead of 45; Div. 4, Erin, Sturton 31, Hatch 15, instead of 32 and 16 respectively. These are the only differences, and they add sixteen to Mr. Sturton's majority, making it within six of being twelve hundred.

ELORA BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY—The annual meeting of this Society was held in the Methodist church on Monday evening the 26th inst. The attendance was numerous, showing great interest taken in this Society. The permanent secretary of the V. C. Bible Society, the Rev. Mr. Gemley, was present and delivered a very eloquent address in support of the cause. After routine business the Rev. James Middlemiss, on behalf of the friends of the Society, presented Joseph Carder, Esq., the individual secretary, with an elegant family bible and easy chair on his retiring from the position, after thirty years' service in the cause. Mr. Carder responded in a very feeling manner, giving a brief history of the Elora Branch from its small commencement thirty years ago to the present time.

POLICE COURT, (Before the Police Magistrate.) Feb. 4. Wm. Moran, of Bramosa, was charged by Constable Dooley with exposing cattle for sale without first paying the market fee of five cents. In defence he said he did not know such a fee was required, and on this account the case was dismissed.

Spring Assizes, The following are the dates of the opening of the spring assizes at the various places named: NIAGARA CIRCUIT—THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF ONTARIO. Owen Sound..... Tuesday, 10th March. Milton..... Tuesday, 17th March. OXFORD CIRCUIT—MR. JUSTICE WILLIAMS. Berlin..... Monday, 13th April. Guelph..... Monday, 27th April. WESTERN CIRCUIT—MR. JUSTICE MORRISON. Walkerton..... Tuesday, 10th March.

Fair on Wednesday there was a very good turn out of cattle, many of which were in good condition. There was a very fair demand, the buyers and dealers being anxious seemingly to get as many as possible. Prices were better than at the January fair, though in most cases the stock was in better condition. Prime stock fetched from \$4 to \$4.50 per 100 lbs.; ordinary grades from \$3 to \$3.50 or \$3.75, with little demand, which cows were low. From \$25 to \$35 was paid for fair cows, at calves or just calved. There were very few working oxen on the ground, mostly of little account, and consequently there was scarcely any demand for them. On the whole the market has slightly improved. The following are a few sales: Samuel Johnston, 1 cow for \$30; Stewart McEntee, 2 steers for \$50; Jas. Davidson, 3 head for \$99; H. Sanderson, 2 head at \$4.25; D. McLaughlin, 2 head for \$37; E. Duffield, 3 head for \$115; H. Duffield, 5 head for \$185; D. Atkinson, 2 steers for \$32; O. Heffernan, steer for \$28; W. McFarlane, cow for \$85; Jas. Napper, 4 head for \$102; Geo. Carrie, steer for \$44; Alex. McPhaden, 2 two year old steers for \$105; T. Wilson, 2 steers for \$48; J. Moore 10 head for \$440; John D. Carrie, steer for \$48; A. Thompson, 1 head at \$1; Jas. M. Grogan, 1 cow for \$30; W. Dow, 7 head at \$4; Henry Crossin, heifer for \$55; Richard Talbot, 3 head for \$115; Jno Card, 1 ox for \$60; James Smith, 3 head for \$84; A. Kingsberg, 4 two-year old steers for \$145, one heifer for \$45, now for \$40; Jno. Patterson, 4 head for \$130.50; D. Anderson, 3 head for \$81; John Stewart, Paisley Block, sold 2 cows for \$78; W. Murray, 2 steers for \$100; Peter Chisholm, 4 head \$130; Thos. Kemp 2 head for \$80; T. O'Connor, 2 oxen for \$145; Hugg, Sanderson, cow and calf for \$30; D. Morrison, 3 head for \$110, and a yoke of oxen at \$4.00; C. McMillan 2 steers for \$92; Jas. Dowie, bull for \$84; A. McKenzie, 3 head for \$70; John Bolton, 6 head for \$270; L. McLean, 2 head for \$73; Geo. B. Hood, 2 head at \$4.50, and 4 head at \$4.00; H. Hands, cow and calf \$30.

On Tuesday morning one of the rioters who was engaged in the amusing work of smashing the windows of the Globe office, on the evening of the election day, was arraigned before the Police Magistrate and fined \$5, or 90 days in the common goal.

Wellington Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

The annual general meeting of the Wellington Mutual was held at the Queen's Hotel on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Otto Klotz was voted in the chair, and Mr. Charles Davidson acted as Secretary.

The Secretary, Mr. Chas. Davidson, read the annual report and financial statement, of which we give a summary. On account of the new Act requiring all insurance Companies to close their year's business on Dec. 31 in each year, the report comprised thirteen months' operations instead of twelve as usual. The losses during this period had been heavy, and with the exception of fire, were of trifling amount. Their total was \$2,162. This amount, with the 13 months' expenses, would be more than provided for by a call of three per cent, which the Directors had ordered to be made, on all policies in force during the period, and a quarter per cent per month on all expiring policies unrenewed and on all new policies taken during the time.

The rate of assessment above given only calls for 13 cents as the insurance of \$100 for 13 months' on first class risks, and the rate of assessment, which ought to be conclusive proof, even to the most sceptical, that the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of the County of Wellington, is one of the cheapest (if not the cheapest) Company doing a general business in the Dominion, and, as will be shown, the most substantial one.

The amount of its assets in premium notes are compared with its loss and amount insured. The Directors, acting on your instructions from last year at the general meeting, sent deputations to the Legislature to urge the passing of the Mutual Insurance Bill before the House, but they regret to say without much success. A new Bill was passed by the Legislature, but your Directors are of opinion that it is little or no improvement on the old—may, in some respects, be worse for the community at large; leaving as security for stockholders the amount of its assets in premium notes are compared with its loss and amount insured. The Directors, acting on your instructions from last year at the general meeting, sent deputations to the Legislature to urge the passing of the Mutual Insurance Bill before the House, but they regret to say without much success. A new Bill was passed by the Legislature, but your Directors are of opinion that it is little or no improvement on the old—may, in some respects, be worse for the community at large; leaving as security for stockholders the amount of its assets in premium notes are compared with its loss and amount insured.

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Wellington County Council.

February 3rd. The Council met at two o'clock, pursuant to adjournment from the 27th ult. Present the Warden in the chair, and 88 members.

The Clerk reported that the following had handed in their certificates: Deputy Reeve of Maryboro, Reeve of Luther, Deputy Reeve of Leith, Reeve of Mount Forest, Reeve of Peel, Reeve of Orangeville.

Moved by Mr. Mair, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, that Messrs. Leslie, Howard, McMillan, Gibson, Roberts, Dawson, Stevenson and Frain be a Committee to strike the Standing Committee and report to-morrow morning.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Leslie, that the By-law granting a bonus of \$135,000 by a portion of this county in aid of the Credit Valley Railway be read a third time and passed.

Mr. Gibson suggested that a special committee be appointed to examine the by-law.

Mr. Roberts said the By-law granted a large amount of money, and he thought the Council should take steps to have the votes examined, for he knew that many of them were illegal, as many tenants had voted who having only short leases were not entitled by law to vote on the by-law.

Mr. McGowan thought it was not within the province of the Council to make such an examination.

Mr. Mair moved, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, that the Council had no option in the matter. It could not enter on a scrutiny, and if anyone was dissatisfied they should apply to the courts.

Mr. McMillan said Mr. Roberts proposed nothing definite, and thought the motion should pass.

Mr. Roberts then moved, seconded by Mr. Swan, that a special committee be appointed to investigate the votes recorded on the by-law, to be composed of Messrs. Howard, Frain, Mair and Gibson.

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Mr. Leslie said the proper course was for the parties dissatisfied to apply to the Court of Queen's Bench.

Mr. Mair moved, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, that the grouping system—By-laws all through, but this By-law had been carried by the people, and the Council would be failing in its duty if they did not pass it.

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Night Scene in Arthur Village, Jan. 29th, 1874.

(Dedicated to one A. Draw.) Come, rally my boys, a bonfire to kindle. With coal oil and turf as bright as the sun. The news has arrived that our foe is defeated.

By fifty-two votes, and the victory is won. Bring out our friend Fahy, the good news to publish. Place a high on a barrel his voice will be heard.

Let him thank all my friends for dispensing my money. And their nocturnal labors shall have their reward.

Loud cheers send the air, the bonfire is blazing. To see the good champions return to their arms. When lo! a loud shout like the war-whoop of arms.

Pills the camp with wild terror, and men with alarms. Then from the beer barrel, good Fahy dismounts. His hearers were scattered and fled in despair.

The wires had deceived them, oh! why did we heed them. Hark! our enemy's cheers are ringing the air.

In future, be careful, and not quite so ready to shoot. 'Till you're certain you are out of the wood. A quagmire might stop you, though, just at the border. And then all your cheering would be no good.

Arthur, Feb. 3, 1874. A REFORMER.

Accident with a Pistol.

On Tuesday afternoon, at a few minutes before 5 o'clock, an accident happened in the room above Mr. G. B. Fraser's store, which nearly proved fatal to one of his sons. Mr. Fraser possesses a revolver. Boys are always fond of firearms, and this weapon has long been a subject of much curiosity and interest to Mr. Fraser's two sons, Fred and Douglas, aged nine and six years respectively. At their request Mr. Fraser had shown them the pistol. He had laid it aside, and turned to go away, when Douglas took it up and fired at his brother, as he had often done with a little toy pistol at home.

The ball took effect in the back of the head, at about the level of the ear, travelled an inch and a half under the scalp and lodged in the skull. The wound bled freely, but the little sufferer was quite conscious. The other little fellow, who had not realized the difference between his own and his father's pistols, was half frantic at the mischief he had done. Fred was taken home, and his hurt looked to by Drs. Herod, Clarke and Collier. At first the ball could not be discovered, but its whereabouts was afterwards ascertained. The boy passed a good night, and it is wonderful that he has recovered from the mischief he had done. Fred was taken home, and his hurt looked to by Drs. Herod, Clarke and Collier. At first the ball could not be discovered, but its whereabouts was afterwards ascertained. The boy passed a good night, and it is wonderful that he has recovered from the mischief he had done.

Local and Other Items. During the last few days a number of wild duels have been noticed on the Sauguen River. It is most unusual to see those birds so far north in January.

We regret to learn a from the Manitoba Free Press of the 24th ult. that Mr. Cunningham, M.P., for Marquette, is seriously ill.

The Metropolitan and Louisville Railway shops were destroyed by fire on Tuesday, causing a loss of \$130,000, and throwing 120 men out of employment.

W. H. Boulton, who long resided at Toronto Grange, died on Monday at the age of 61 years. He was at one time very prominent in politics and remarkably popular.

A motion, expressing entire approval of the report from the General Assembly on the subject of Union, passed the Toronto Presbytery in its session on Tuesday.

The investigation into the cause of the fire in the Intercolonial and Pacific Railway offices at Ottawa has resulted in a verdict strongly condemning the carelessness of the officials in charge of the premises.

The congregation of Cooke's (Presbyterian) Church in Toronto, have decided on giving a call to the Rev. James Gardner Kibb, of Clogher, Ireland. The stipend guaranteed is \$3,500.

A humorous story reaches us from Hamilton. An enthusiastic supporter of Mr. O'Reilly called at the Reform Rooms for a pair of new boots, between which and his vote for the Tory candidate there seems, in his imagination at least, to have been some connection.

FIRE IN ST. MARTYR'S.—On Sunday the fire stone residence of Mr. T. B. Guest, M. P., was destroyed by fire. The fire was first discovered in the roof. It is supposed to have originated from a defective chimney. The contents of the ground flat were mostly saved. Loss about \$8,000, partly covered by insurance.

The Rival Glansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XVII.

AN IMPORTANT CONVERSATION, WHICH INDICATES THE RESULTS LIKELY TO ARISE FROM IT.

Ian scarcely knew how to proceed further. He was just on the point of making an avowal of his position to the landlord, when Gregor suddenly said—

“And the next question which I will put to you is, if I would be willing to give you the benefit of any services, would you be giving me anything for my trouble?” Ian grasped the landlord's hand eagerly, as he exclaimed—

“Now you are speaking sensibly as a man ought, Gregor. Help me, I say, and I'll give you almost anything that you choose to ask which is within my power. I thank you for the advice you have already given me to use cunning rather than force against the M'Leods, and will not forget it, nor you for giving it. I hail it all the more warmly as it goes with my own inclinations. In open conflict the M'Leods have ever been successful; and it was only by adopting stratagem that my father was able to carry out his threat so far as he was successful before he died; and since the remainder of the work depends upon me I shall use the means which he used.” Again, Gregor, I thank you for the hint.” At this stage the landlord pushed the bottle, which had been rather neglected for the past few minutes, towards Ian, remarking that it was time he was taking another glass to steady his nerves after what he had learnt.

Ian was now very anxious to learn how Gregor came to know of his being one of the Caterans of Ban-a-Chruin, but upon this point the landlord refused to enlighten him in the slightest degree—always replying vague and evasive terms, but stating nevertheless that he was not one of their enemies. He said he knew many of them personally to be good customers of his, and it would not be well for him to do aught against them.

Finishing that he could not learn anything more from him, Ian turned to the subject nearest his heart.

“It is very unfortunate that despite our utmost efforts to prevent them, Hector M'Leod and Flora Macgregor were able to reach Castle M'Leod. It will cost me no small trouble to recover the girl before it is too late. I believe it is that which brings Donald Cameron to day. He had come to make to some arrangements by which the girl may be regained possession of. And more Gregor, mark ye, must be accomplished; Hector M'Leod must feel the vengeance of the two men he has outraged.”

The landlord nodded approvingly as he asked— “And will you have thought of any way by which these things will be safely done?”

“I have thought of a dozen ways at least, but none of them please me. If Hector M'Leod would but venture alone a hundred yards beyond his Castle wall, and a suitable hiding place there for me, I would wait and watch for a month for him, if I could be assured that at the end of that time I would have the satisfaction of driving my blade through his black heart. Heavens! what moment of satisfaction would that be! The thought makes me tingle with excitement.”

The landlord was silent for some time, and appeared to be reflecting deeply. At length he looked across the table at Ian, and said—

“You spoke of Donald Cameron's purpose here being to arrange how to regain possession of the girl, and work vengeance against young M'Leod?”

“Beyond a doubt, that is the object of his visit.”

“Then we need not be troubling ourselves arranging till he returns. He'll not be very long now, and when he does come, he may have a scheme better than any we will be falling upon.”

“He may, Gregor—I hope he may, for I am all impatience to have the tide of success turned; and, by Heaven, Donald Cameron is not the man I understand him to be if he do not exact a terrible retribution from the house of M'Leod for the insult offered to him.”

“Cameron will be a terrible man when he'll get in a rage. But what I was going to say was to ask whether you will have heard of the difference between Gregor M'Donald and old Malcolm M'Leod.”

“A difference between you and Malcolm M'Leod!” echoed Ian, in wonder.

“No I have not heard of it.”

“A difference there was, though; and though few remember of it and though all may think I have forgotten it, it is ever fresh in my mind, and my spirit calls for revenge still; and revenge I will have—ay, even yet will I have it. Does not that seem strange?”

“It does indeed sound strange to me,” replied Ian, glossing over the fact that he had now found one who would be believed to be eager to co-operate with him in his work.

“But it will be true,” replied the other a savage gleam for a moment appearing in his eyes. “The recollection of it almost maddens me;—at Shumlan you perhaps like to hear the story told?”

“Nothing would give me greater pleasure,” replied his companion. “It will serve to raise up a fellow-feeling between us which will enable us to work more in harmony with each other. If we be true to each other and set in harmony together the race of the M'Leods is nearly run. Young Hector cannot but have realised that he has succeeded his father in troubled times, but as yet he dreams not of the troubles which will rise against him, nor of the nature of them. But of these things we can speak later. Let me hear your story, Gregor.”

FALL AND WINTER, 1873-4.

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Guelph, Nov. 4th, 1873 dw



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Previous to Stock-taking. Everything must be Cleared Out before the 1st of March.

Remnants of Table Linens, Remnants of Prints, Remnants of Sheetings, Remnants of Towellings, Remnants of White Cottons,

TO BE RUSHED OFF AT ANY PRICE.

FURS

This is the last chance for Cheap Furs, as the balance must be disposed of regardless of cost.—A few of these Cheap Dress Goods still on hand, but going fast. Remember this is the Great Remnant Sale of the Season. Parties looking for bargains should call at once.

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GUELPH TEA DEPOT

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100 boxes new Valencia Raisins, first of the season, 75 splendid Ingersol Cheese, 10 hhdgs of Good Sugar at 13lb. for \$1. 15 sacks best Mocha Coffee, 15 sacks of the Finest Java Coffee, 18 sacks of the best Rio Coffee at 30c.

TEAS FINE. AND SWEET

600 Caddies of the Best Dollar Green Tea for 80c., in any quantity.

A few Packages of very fine Black and Japan Tea for 75 cents per lb. 500 Barrels of the Best Salt at \$1.20 per barrel.

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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 Alma Block, Wyndham St., Guelph.

ROBERTSON BROS., Guelph, Dec. 11, 1873

ALTERATION OF PREMISES

GOODS SELLING REGARDLESS OF COST.

RICH'D CLAYTON

IN ORDER TO CLEAR OUT THE BALANCE OF HIS IMMENSE STOCK OF

DRY GOODS

On and after Saturday, the 3rd of January, 1874,

TO OFFER FOR ONE MONTH HIS ENTIRE STOCK

REGARDLESS OF COST

THE GOODS HAVE ALL BEEN BOUGHT AT THE LOWEST CASH PRICES, AND IT WILL WELL REPAY ANY ONE TO

SEE OUR GOODS BEFORE PURCHASING.

NOTE THE FOLLOWING LINES: Good Factory Cotton for 9 cents; Good Bleached Cotton for 8 cents; Horrockses Cotton for 10 cents. See them Scarlet Flannel for 23 cents. White Flannel for 25 cents. Shirting Flannels, good patterns, for 26 cents a yard, well worth 45 cents. Winceys for 9c, rare value.

Dress Goods in Endless Variety at any price.

MANTLES AND SHAWLS WILL BE SOLD TO SUIT EVERY ONE.

BLANKETS, LACE CURTAINS, BREAKFAST SHAWLS, SHEETINGS, WINDOW HOLLANDS, CROSSOVERS, QUILTS, CLOUDS, &c. &c. &c.

Ladies, the above Goods can all be seen by calling at

THE CASH STORE, Upper Wyndham Street.

No goods advertised but can be seen. Give us a call.

RICHARD CLAYTON, Guelph, Jan. 3, 1874

JACKSON & HALLETT, IMPORTERS,

Wholesale and Retail Grocers, etc.

New Fruits, Teas, Coffees

Etc., Crop 1873, comprising

New Table Raisins, New Valencia Raisins, New Currants, New Figs, Almonds, Nuts, etc. TEAS, TEAS.

Choice Gunpowder Tea at 50 cents per lb. Choice Young Hyson Tea at 50 cents per lb. Superior Young Hyson Tea at 75 cents per lb. Finest Young Hyson Tea at \$1 per lb. Choice Fresh Black Teas at 80 cents per lb. Finest Fresh Black Teas at 75 cents per lb. Selected Japan Teas at 75 cents per lb. Reduction to parties taking a box.

Also, our own importations of genuine Brandy, Wines, Scotch and Irish Whiskies wholesale and retail.

JACKSON & HALLETT, Lower Wyndham-street, Guelph. Guelph, 1873 dw

NOTICE

Being about to leave Guelph to seek a home in the Far West, I hereby publicly thank my many kind friends for their continued patronage for the past fifteen years, and as he is likely to be but a short time longer in their midst, his stock will consequently be sold off at such low prices as to make it well worth the attention of all who are in want of such goods. All goods will be sold at the lowest possible prices. A special discount will be allowed on purchases over \$25. This sale is genuine, the proprietor having to give up possession of his store on the 1st of May next.

MR. G. B. FRASER

Leaving Town—Bound for the West, the great Northwest. \$45,000 worth of Dry Goods and Groceries to be disposed of in six weeks. Sale to commence on Monday, the 6th inst.

At I. & J. Andrews' FANCY STORE, OPPOSITE THE MARKET, CONSISTING OF SLIPPER PATTERNS Toys, Dolls, and a general stock of FANCY GOODS.

BERLIN WOOLS IN ALL SHADES

All of which will be sold at and below cost Orders received for Hair Jewellery. I. & J. ANDREWS, Guelph, Jan 13th, 1874. dw

CASH FOR WOLF HIDES, SHEEP-SKINS, CALF SKINS, AND WOOL PICKINGS.

The highest market price paid for the above at No. 4, Gordon Street, Day's Old Block, Guelph. Plasterers' hair constantly on hand for sale. MOUTON & BISHOP, Guelph, Jan 1, 1874. dw

