H. E. Forter.

CROQUET, CHEAPEST IN CANADA, AT FORTER'S BOOKSTORE.

A WARM DAY.

CHEAPEST LOT OF FANS

G. A. Bertram,

CHEAP STOVES and TINWARE

STOVES and TINWARE

Greatly Reduced Prices!

Heavy & Shelf Hardware

GEO. A. BERTRAM.

Banking and Exchange.

BANK of MONTREAL.

CAPITAL - $12,000,000.

OFFICE IN LINDSAY:

William St., South of Kent St.

ONTARIO BANK

SAVINGS BANK

BANK NOTE

MERCHANTS' BANK OF CANADA

CAPITAL $9,000,000.

A SAVINGS BANK

Canadian Post,


## THE INDEPENDENCE OF PARLIAMENT ACT.

The Belleville *Intelligencer* asserts that Mr Bowell's motion against Mr. Anglin was substantially the same as the one moved in 1871 by Mr. Blake in the case of Colonel Gray. To show how utterly absurd this statement is we quote Mr. Blake's motion which was as follows:—

"That in the opinion of this House it is inexpedient that any member of this House should for the future be appointed to the service of the Government of Canada or any paid employment such as that in respect of which the Hon. John Gray, member for the County and City of St. John, is now entered into the receipt of $200 a month of public money."

It is almost unnecessary to point out that Mr. Blake's object in making this motion was not to declare want of confidence in the Government but to prevent the repetition of an act which was a palpable evasion of the Independence of Parliament Act. Nor should it be forgotten that Mr. Bowell's motion would have been accepted by Mr. Mac Donald and been adopted unanimously if it had gone no further than Mr Blake's and had merely declared the giving of Government pilfering to members inexpedient. The difference between the motions was sufficient to place them wide as the poles asunder, though Brother Bowell is too thick skulled to perceive it. His motion after receiving all the ground taken by Mr. Blake's motion so far from admitting that the issue of the premium to Mr. Anglin was in contravention of the Independence of Parliament Act, Mr. Blake knew better than to raise the question of the proper interpretation of that now famous statute. Mr Bowell did not. That is the difference between them. In his ignorance he is severe as possible on Mr. Anglin and the Government has succeeded in getting Colonel Gray out of pocket, or, as the phrase has been, into the house for half a month or so, and now he expects the monetary penalty of the Independence of Parliament Act to drive Anglin out of the house. Mr. Mackenzie's white wolves of the Southern part of, for wounded feelings, Mesmerism of Brother Bowell will not drive Blake out of the house, nor will he fly from that house because Mr. Bowell has no more than Mr. Blake.

## OPPOSITION AND PROTECTION.

The authorities of Europe have so far been the usual for a century past of Canada and with the exception of the Mahomedan Provinces which raise no cotton, we may look forward with a certain degree of confidence to a renewal of the usual relations in a manner if possible more friendly than of late years. We do not expect any change in the Government but we do expect that they will be a decided improvement on the present, and that the Government will be more disposed to listen to the wishes of the people than it has been in the past. Under these circumstances what would have been the result of the adoption of a protective policy had Mr. Mackenzie been weak enough to accede to the impossible demand of a duty on wheat and flour, we do not know. The imposition of a duty on wheat and flour would indeed be a boon to farmers, and at a low enough rate. Food is the raw material of labour, and whatever tends to make food dearer lessens the power of the consumer. The protection motion of Sir John A Macdonald meant the imposition of a duty on grain if it meant anything, which may well be doubted by those who know the man, or it meant the exclusion of the products of the United States from the Canadian markets, which would be a monopoly of protection the contrast, which would soon pay in increased wages for times the sum he would demand from the small increase of duty on articles in his own line. Meanwhile how would the revenue be raised?

The war, however, has only commenced and enormous loss only remains to be set. Commerce already begun from which it can never be free before health has been announced or even war declared. In fact there is no security only that of the law, position of Europe, which we hold be on its peace off before the war but no assurance. All that is now needed is a good harvest, and some encouragement to the lumber trade, and all will be well. Let the lumber trade be duly encouraged, and we will be long till we have seen the last of the protection by excess from the few, the very few, who really believe what they say on that side of the question. The men who voted for Mr. Anglin last year at Ottawa Public Works, and who now have changed their opinion in spite of the exception in spite of the exception in favor of Mr. Anglin, and the exception in favor of the Government, and the exception in favor of the Government, and the exception in favor of the Government