



ORILLIA, 6th JUNE, 1872.

THE CRISIS OF THE WASHINGTON TREATY.

The fate of the Treaty between Great Britain and the United States must now soon be ascertained and sealed. For the last twelve months there have been great and many fluctuations of public sentiment regarding the fact of its existence and its general characteristics, but the negotiations have now reached a crisis which must soon consign the important treaty to an inglorious and much to be regretted demise or ensure to it an existence and a history which shall stamp it as one of the most notable international articles of all past time.

It having been intimated by the Rev. J. Gray at a recent Congregational meeting that he intended to avail himself of the opportunity afforded by leave of absence from his charge to visit Great Britain for a short period, a few members of his congregation formed themselves into a committee, consisting of Messrs. Thos. Dallas, Wm. Tudhope, sr., John World, John Perry, W. Tudhope, jr., and A. J. Alport, with the view of submitting to the members generally the desirability of testifying their appreciation of the reverend gentleman's lengthened services as their pastor by a suitable address, accompanied by a substantial token of their regard.

STRAW was sold at the rate of \$60 per ton in Barrie last week. Another large foundry is about to be erected in Barrie. John Craig, who was terribly injured at Durham's Saw Mill, Barrie, last week, died three hours and a half after the accident. MR. JOSEPH H. HACKING has sold the Listowel Banner to Mr. George S. Davidson. The Banner has been a good local paper under Mr. Hacking's management.

TROUT.—A party from Barrie, caught last week, at Coulson's pond, Medonte, 151 speckled trout within a few hours. The fish were all of a very fair size. So says the Examiner. The Collingwood Bulletin says it is rumored that a very rich tin mine has been discovered at Otter Creek, Lake Superior. The ore is said to yield over 33 per cent of tin. Collingwood and other places interested are agitated over the Hamilton and Northwestern Railway project. From the reports, it seems to be received with considerable favour.

Local Matters. SHAME!—The lake was dotted with boats on Sunday last. The Cricketers meet for practice on Friday next, at 6 o'clock. FISH worms are ripe. Gather a few and take a trip to the lake. PREPARATIONS for a Promenade Concert to be held in the Drill Shed, on Dominion Day, are in progress. THE Orillia Teachers' Association will meet in the School House, Orillia, on Saturday next. It is to be hoped a large number of teachers will attend.

Mr. World said the committee had no trouble in concluding to recommend the purchase of an engine. The spring had given them greater trouble, as they could not get accurate information concerning it. This being the only reply to advertisement, they could not do otherwise than recommend the engine referred to. If the Council had information of others more suitable, they should act upon it. Mr. Wainwright stated that while in Toronto recently he had seen two very good hand-engines. They were in working order, and nearly new, having been cast aside because the steamers are now used exclusively there. The Chief of the City Fire Department stated that he thought they would be very suitable for Orillia, and recommended that they purchase two, so as to be certain of having one always ready for use, or if both were working, a fire could be better controlled by getting on both sides of it.

Mr. Quinn said that the town was in a position to purchase a steam fire-engine. Two hand engines could be procured at comparatively small cost, and he was of opinion that sufficient water could be got by carts. These could be paid for with little or no further taxation. The engines are not all that could have been provided—engine house, hose, hose cart, would have to be procured, a competent care-taker paid, and a fire company to organize and maintain. The immediate outlay for these would not be less than \$1,500. This was as much as he thought the town in a position to get at present.

Barrie is already preparing for a large demonstration on Dominion Day.