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ORGANIZE!

One of the causes of Mr. White's defeat was the want of proper organization of the Reform Association; the continued successes of the party had inspired an over-confidence in our ranks, and the question of organization was left until almost the last moment. The Conservative party, on the contrary, was held well in the hand by its leaders; they knew that to our late representative was due in a great measure the ascendancy in this county of Liberal principles, and to defeat him was to lead the way to their control of the county in the future. Indeed little attempt was made to conceal the fact that the real goal of their ambition was to carry the election for the Ontario Assembly next year. It is then the duty of our friends at once to take proper steps to so organize the Party as to make the election of our nominee a certainty. It would be the height of folly to delay this matter much longer; in thorough organization and union only are we safe. We trust that the President of the Reform Association will take immediate steps to call a meeting of the Central Committee, and that the organization will be complete and effective.

HALTON ELECTION.

MR. CHISHOLM'S MAJORITY 23.

It is our disagreeable duty this week to record the defeat of our old member, Mr. White, by the narrow majority of twenty-three. The only consolation we can draw from the esult of the election is that Mr. Chisholm pledged himself most strongly to give the Mackenzie Government "as fair and generous a support" as he extended to that of Sir Jno. Macdonald, and if he fulfil that pledge, the present administration will have no more ardent supporter than the member for Halton We have very little doubt that Mr. Chisholm will prove true to his promise in this respect, for from the returns from every section of the Dominion, it is evident that the Government will be in an overwhelming majority, and the cold shades of the Opposition possess no charms for politicians of the stamp of Mr. D. B Chisholm. Of the means to which Mr. Chisholm's election are mainly due, it is unnecessary for us to say much, as the election is to be protested, and from the evidence which has been laid before us, and which will be produced before the proper tribunal, it is extremely improbable that Mr. Chisholm will have the honor of taking his seat in the House of Commons as member for Halton. That the most glaring bribery and corruption has been resorted to in order to elect him, and defeat Mr. White, is well known, and sufficient evidence has been collected to unseat him. In the meantime we have classed Mr. Chisholm as an Indepen-

THE CONTEST.

The past week has witnessed a wiping out of the Charter-sellers. The Gibbses, Carling, Angus, Morrison, J. B. Robinson, Speaker Cockburn, O'Connor, Shanley, Witton and a host of Sir John's leading followers have been beaten at the polls, while a large number, Beaty, Merritt, Wallace, Daly, Cluxton, O'Reilly, Dodge, and others of his Ontario train, dared not face the electors, but retired before the election. The only men left of the Ontario Opposition of any ability are Sir John A. Macdonald and Hillyard Cameron. In the other provinces the Ministerial gains are even greater, and the list of rejected Charter sellers longer. As the roll now stands of the one hundred and sixty-nine members elected there are 126 Ministerialists, 37 Oppositionists and 6 Independents. Sir John will scarcely defeat the Government during this Parliament!

MR. Chisholm after his election made a triumphal tour of the county, and addressed the assembled multitudes at Burlington, Oakville, Georgetown and Milton. The Milton meeting commenced at 11 o'clock on Friday night, and was held in the Town Hall, where about one hundred and fifty persons were present. The platform was graced by a number of the fair sex, to whom and to the ladies of the county generally Mr. Chisholm promised to send baskets of peaches and grapes from Navy Island, "and won't that be nice." He expressed his intention of supporting the Government.

IN accordance with the instructions of the United States Secretary of the Treasury, a report has been made by a Board appointed for the purpose of ascertaining at what points on the sea and lake coasts the interests of commerce and humanity would be best subserved by the establishment of life saving stations. They say they have employed all available means to obtain as complete information as possible, by conferring with shipowners, shipmasters, underwriters, wreck commissioners, officers of the customs and others likely to be informed as to the frequency and causes of shipwreck, and by personally visiting and inspecting such portions of the coast as seemed necessary. From the information thus obtained they are led to the opinion that life-saving stations of the character specified would be of sufficient value to the interests of commerce and humanity to justify the expence of their erection and maintenance.

HALTON ELECTION.

OFFICIAL RETURNS

	White. Ward Vote	White. T'p. Vote.	Chisholm. Ward Vote	Chisholm. T'p Vote	White Maj.	Chism Maj.	Total.
Georgetown,	83	83	73	73	10	...	156
Acton,	47	47	36	36	11	...	88
Esquesing, No. 1	55	...	28	...	...	...	
" " 2	53	...	95	...	...	...	
" " 3	63	...	60	...	...	...	
" " 4	56	...	22	...	...	...	
" " 5	47	...	34	...	...	...	
" " 6	56	330	66	305	25	...	635
Nassagaweya, No. 1	62	...	46	...	...	...	
" " 2	70	...	58	...	...	...	
" " 3	95	227	43	147	80	...	374
Milton, North Ward	39	...	28	...	...	...	
" East Ward	20	...	17	...	...	...	
" South Ward	23	82	27	67	15	...	149
Trafalgar, No. 1	52	...	63	...	...	...	
" " 2	52	...	105	...	...	...	
" " 3	65	...	77	...	...	...	
" " 4	44	...	51	...	...	...	
" " 5	50	...	33	...	...	...	
" " 6	57	320	36	365	...	45	685
Burlington	50	50	51	51	...	1	101
Nelson, No. 1	36	...	26	...	...	...	
" " 2	61	...	96	...	...	...	
" " 3	74	...	62	...	...	...	
" " 4	48	19	77	261	...	42	480
Oakville, No. 1	22	...	33	...	...	...	
" " 2	27	...	65	...	...	...	
" " 3	34	283	61	159	...	76	242
	1441	1441	1464	1464	141	164	2905

Majority for Chisholm, 23.

THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

The Ontario Legislature, which adjourned till after the elections, resumed its sessions on Tuesday. Notwithstanding that many important and interesting matters will come up for consideration, including the ballot and the income franchise, it is not expected the session will last much beyond a month. We do not suppose that Mr. Lauder or Mr. Rykert will be permitted to continue to weary the House and put expense on the country by their personalities. The country looks to the Legislature to keep these and other obstructionists in their proper place.

GREAT BRITAIN is now in the throes of a general election, and the excitement, owing to the fact that simultaneous polling is not the law of the kingdom, is likely to last for a considerable time. Gladstone is having a desperate fight of it in Greenwich, and with the exception of Bright, who has been re-elected by acclamation, his colleagues are being equally hard pressed in their constituencies. During the past week there have been forty-eight elections, resulting in the return of twenty Liberals and twenty-eight Conservatives.

The Montreal *Star* is early in the field with a sensational programme for the Mackenzie Ministry. It is to the effect that the Government finding itself with a large majority in the House, will on the opening of the Session introduce a bill disqualifying all members mixed up with the Pacific Scandal from sitting in parliament; also that they will address the Home authorities, praying that such as have received Imperial honors shall be degraded, and publicly divested of their decorations. The *Star* gives the story on the authority of "a leading member of the French section of the Liberal party."

The reception of Hons. Messrs. Mackenzie and Cameron on Saturday night at Ottawa was very hearty. The Premier was immediately sent for by Lord Dufferin. The Hon. Mr. Cameron was escorted home by an immense turn out of the citizens of Ottawa and Russell. There was a brass band and a fine display of fireworks, besides other manifestations of enthusiasm. Mr. Cameron did not speak long, but said his election cost him $7 50. Hon. R. W. Scott announced that he had received telegrams from British Columbia informing him that all its representatives would support the Government.

It is impossible at present to conjecture what will be the numerical strength of the two great parties in the next British Parliament The The Government has lost its hold on some important constituencies, while others represented in the last House by Conservatives have in this contest returned candidates pledged to support the Ministry. Among recent Liberal gains are Droitwich, where Mr. Corbett has defeated Sir John Pakington, for several years its member; Westbury has also returned a Liberal. Warrington, Cheltenham, one of the two Greenwich seats Knaresborough, Petersfield, Scarborough, Winchester, and one of the two Lincoln seats, are numbered among the Conservative gains. The Right Hons. Messrs. Gladstone, Lowe, Childers, Vernon, Harcourt, and E. Cardwell have been returned. Bribery is said to have been extensively employed in Wakefield. Mr. Hughes, yielding to the advice of prominent Liberals, has withdrawn from the contest in Marylebone, and thus prevented a split. Rioting is reported from all parts of the Kingdom; in Lincoln the military had to be called out, and the authorities at Dudley had to telegraph for assistance in quelling the disturbances. Similar outbreaks occurred at Nottingham, Greenwich, and Wolverhampton, as well as in the metropolis.

HOME MARKETS.—Since our last quotation there has been quite a change in the price "ov otes." Last Thursday morning the market opened lively, prices being on the rise, and continuing so until five p. m., when they suddenly declined. Quotations ranged from $45 to $50 according to the amount of cheek of the seller, but large quantities can now be bought at nominal rates. Whiskey had a downward tendency.

Raggio, Kinroy, and Riley, three convicts who escaped from the Waupun, Wisconsin, Penitentiary, tell a story of terrible suffering. They were employed in the paint shop at Waupun, and made a key and saw out of case knives. Having sawed and unlocked themselves out, they scared the guard by pointing a broken key at him, which he mistook for a pocket pistol. In crossing the river they broke through the ice, and all three got wet. But they managed to get ashore on floating cakes of ice. They had nothing but prison coats on, and the thermometer was 12° or 13° degrees below zero. They reached Oshkosh after four days hiding and four nights' travel, so badly frozen that one or two of them will lose their feet.

CHISHOLM--A POLITICAL TRIPLET.

While we very much regret the defeat of so excellent and consistent a Reformer as Mr. John White, yet perhaps it will be the better for Halton that Mr. D. B. Chisholm should represent it. His own character is so diversified that he ought to be peculiarly fitted for representing people of diverse views The *Mail*, in classifying Mr. Chisholm, had him as follows:

Halton—Chisholm	M.	O.	I.
	0	0	0

That was clever, but wrong; for Mr. Chisholm's real classification, according to his pledges, is

Halton—Chisholm	M.	O.	I
	1	1	1

It is for this reason that we think Mr. Chisholm, if he carries out all his pledges, will make a much better representative of the whole electoral body of Halton than the former member ever was, or could be. Mr. White was only able to give his support to the Reform party and principles, and so would necessarily offend both the Tories and the Independents. But Mr. Chisholm, with that strict integrity which has marked his political life all through, has not confined himself to any such restricted course of action. In the Reform parts of Halton he was a thorough-going Reformer, and promised his support to Mr. Mackenzie and his Government. In the Tory settlement he smoothed down the Pacific Scandal, and spoke up stoutly, when necessary, for Sir John. On other occasions he was the strict Independent, refused to follow the lead of either Mackenzie or Macdonald, but pledged himself to support good measures, no matter where they came from. Having been elected on so singular a platform as this which pledges him to support the Ministry, support the Opposition, and oppose both the Ministry and the Opposition, Mr. Chisholm will have a freedom of action which few other members of the House can have. His seat may be directly behind that of Mr. Mackenzie, on the left hand of Sir John, or on the cross benches, if, indeed, he should not have a seat set apart for him in all those positions,—so that, as whether as Chisholm (Ministerial), Chisholm (Opposition), or Chisholm (Independent), he may always have a place ready for him. With regard to Government Bills, the new member for Halton will have peculiar advantages. On the second reading he will, we presume, as a follower of Mr. Mackenzie, feel bound to support them. In Committee of the Whole he will, as an Independent member, feel it his duty to move amendments. On the third reading, as an Opposition member, he will probably feel bound to vote against the Bills, amendments and all. By this pleasing variety of action he will be able to redeem all his pledges and show to the world how a single individual may be three politicians.

There will possibly arise difficulties in the way of carrying this programme out faithfully, but the same ingenuity that enabled Mr. Chisholm to secure Halton votes in three different and contradictory political characters may help him to tide them over. In fact our respect for Mr. Chisholm is so greatly heightened by the cleverness of his Halton tactics, that we have now immense faith in his future. The man who could so ingeniously turn the sommersault he did at St. Andrew's dinner here, and afterwards play successfully a trinity of characters before a Reform constituency, is capable of anything. But we are doubtful as to how he will act in the matter of party caucuses in Ottawa.—His vote and speeches in the Commons are so directly under his own control that no one can interfere with them, but he can hardly attend the caucus of Mr. Mackenzie in the morning and that of Sir John in the afternoon without getting into trouble. Should a direct want of confidence motion arise, he would again be in a strait, because he could not well vote both for it and against it, unless the House should be pleased to allow him a double vote; and unless he votes on both sides he would be unable to redeem in full the pledges he has made to his constituents. However, as we have said, we have so profound a faith in his ingenuity that we do not doubt that he will manage any little difficulty of the kind with the most consummate skill.

We must also congratulate our new Reform-Tory-Independent friend on the splendid work he has done on behalf of Temperance. That he should be a temperance advocate in Hamilton and at the same time be interested in the manufacture of wine was very peculiar. In Halton he excelled himself on that point. He came out specially as a strong advocate of temperance, and so approved himself to the people therein that every tavern-keeper in the county (with the exception of less than half-a-dozen) not only voted for him but distributed unlimited quantities of native Canadian whiskey to secure the return of the stern apostle of Prohibition. There is clearly no inconsistency in this, for, in inducing the tavern-keepers to thus get rid of their intoxicating beverages as rapidly as possible, Mr. Chisholm was doing his best to reduce the liquors kept on hand. What is consumed no longer exists, and Mr. Chisholm may be honestly credited with having left behind him bars that had hardly a drop of the "curse of Canada" left. It is rarely that so practical a method of putting intoxicating beverages out of sight is adopted by the advocate of temperance, but then, as we have said before, Mr. Chisholm in all such matters is a man of marvellous—almost miraculous ingenuity.

We cannot but anticipate for our friend a successful career. Whatever party may be in the ascendant, Mr. Chisholm has a claim on it, and no possible political contingency can arise during the next five years which can seriously embarrass him. So pliant a conscience can never find cause of offence, and the "good lord, good devil," platform will be found equal to all emergencies.—*Times.*

MEMBERS ELECTED.

Government, 126, Opposition. 37.

Independent, 6.

ONTARIO.

	M.	O.	I.
Addington, Shibley	1	0	0
Bothwell, Mills	1	0	0
Bruce, S., Blake	1	0	0
Bruce, North, Gillies	1	0	0
Brant, S., Patterson	1	0	0
Brant, North, Fleming	1	0	0
Brockville, Buell	1	0	0
Cardwell, Cameron	0	1	0
Carleton, Rochester	0	1	0
Cornwall, Macdonald	1	0	0
Dundas, Gibson	1	0	0
Durham, E., Ross	1	0	0
Durham, W., Wood	1	0	0
Elgin, W., Casey	1	0	0
Elgin East, Harvey	1	0	0
Essex, McGregor	1	0	0
Frontenac, Kirkpatrick	0	1	0
Glengarry, Macdonald	1	0	0
Grenville S., Brouse	1	0	0
Grey, North, Snider	1	0	0
Grey, South, Landerkin	1	0	0
Grey, East, Flesher	0	1	0
Haldimand, Thompson	1	0	0
Halton, Chisholm	0	0	1
Hamilton, Irving	1	0	0
" Wood	1	0	0
Hastings, West, Brown	1	0	0
Hastings, East, White	0	1	0
Hastings, North, Bowell	0	1	0
Huron, North, Farrow	0	1	0
Huron, South, Cameron	1	0	0
Huron, Centre, Horton	1	0	0
Kingston, Macdonald	0	1	0
Kent, Stephenson	0	1	0
Lincoln, Norris	1	0	0
Lennox, Cartwright	1	0	0
Lambton, Mackenzie	1	0	0
Lanark, North, Galbraith	1	0	0
Lanark, South, Haggart	0	1	0
Leeds, North, Ferguson	0	0	1
Leeds South, Jones	0	1	0
London, Walker	1	0	0
Middlesex, North, Scatcherd	1	0	0
Middlesex, West, Ross	1	0	0
Middlesex, East, Wilson	0	1	0
Monck, McCallum	0	1	0
Niagara, Plumb	0	1	0
Norfolk North, Charlton	1	0	0
Norfolk South, Stuart	1	0	0
Northumberland East, Biggar	1	0	0
Northumberland West, Kerr	1	0	0
Ontario South, Cameron	1	0	0
Ontario North, Gordon	1	0	0
Ottawa, St. Jean	1	0	0
" Currier	0	0	1
Oxford North, Oliver	1	0	0
Oxford South, Bodwell	1	0	0
Peel, Smith	1	0	0
Perth, South, Trow	1	0	0
Perth North, Monteith	0	1	0
Peterboro' West, Bertram	1	0	0
Peterboro', East, Hall	1	0	0
Prescott, Hagar	1	0	0
Prince Edward, Ross	1	0	0
Renfrew North, White	0	1	0
Renfrew, South, McDougall	1	0	0
Russell, Blackburn	1	0	0
Simco North, Cook	1	0	0
Simcoe, South, Little	0	1	0
Stormont, Archibald	1	0	0
Toronto Centre, Wilkes	1	0	0
Toronto West, Moss	1	0	0
Toronto East, O'Donohoe	1	0	0
Victoria South, McQuade	0	1	0
Victoria North, McLennan	1	0	0
Waterloo, North, Bowman	1	0	0
Waterloo, South, Young	1	0	0
Welland, Thomson	1	0	0
Wellington Centre, Orton	0	1	0
Wellington N., Higginbotham	1	0	0
Wellington South, Stirton	1	0	0
Wentworth, North, Bain	1	0	0
Wentworth South, Rymal	1	0	0
York, East, Metcalf	1	0	0
York North, Dymond	1	0	0
York West, Blain	1	0	0
	64	19	3

QUEBEC.

	M.	O.	I.
Argenteuil, Abbott	0	1	0
Bagot, Mosseau	0	1	0
Beauharnois, Robillard	0	0	1
Beauce, Poser	1	0	0
Bellechasse, Fournier	1	0	0
Berthier, Paquet	1	0	0
Brome, Pettes	0	0	1
Chambly, Jodoin	1	0	0
Champlain, Montplaisir	1	0	0
Charlevoix, Tremblay	1	0	0
Chateauguay, Holton	1	0	0
Compton, Pope	0	1	0
Dorchester, Rouleau	0	1	0
Drum'd & Arthabasca Laurier	1	0	0
Hochelaga, Des Jardines	1	0	0
Huntingdon, Seriver	1	0	0
Iberville, Bechard	1	0	0
Jacques Cartier, Laflamme	1	0	0
Joliot, Baby	0	1	0
Kamouraska, Pelletier	1	0	0
Laprairie, Pinsonneault	1	0	0
L'Assumption, Hurteau	0	1	0
Laval, Ouimet	1	0	0
Levis, Frechette	1	0	0
Lotbiniere, Bernier	1	0	0
Maskinonge, Boyer	1	0	0
Megantic, Richard	1	0	0
Montreal, East, Jette	1	0	0
Montreal, West, Mackenzie	1	0	0
Montreal Centre, Ryan	0	1	0
Missisquoi, Donahue	0	0	1
Montmagny, Taschereau	1	0	0
Moutcalm, Dugas	0	1	0
Montmorenci, Langlois	1	0	0
Napierville, Dorion	1	0	0
Nicolet, Gaudet	0	1	0
Ottawa County, Wright	0	1	0
Pontiac, Wright	1	0	0
Portneuf, St. George	1	0	0
Quebec County, Caron	1	0	0
Quebec, Centre, Couchon	1	0	0
Quebec, East, Thibaudeau	1	0	0
Quebec, West, McGreevy	0	1	0
Richelieu, Barthe	1	0	0
Richmond, Aylmer	1	0	0
Rimouski, Fiset	1	0	0
Rouville, Cheval	1	0	0
Shefford, Huntington	1	0	0
Victoria, Ross	1	0	0
Sherbrook, Brooks	0	1	0
Soulanges, Lanthier	1	0	0
Stanstead, Colby	0	1	0
St. Hyacinthe, Delorme	1	0	0
St. John, Bonrassa	1	0	0
St. Maurice, Lajoie	1	0	0
Terrebonne, Mosson	0	1	0
Temiscouata, Pouliot	1	0	0
Three Rivers, McDougall	0	1	0
Two Mountains, Prevost	1	0	0
Vaudreuil, Harwood	1	0	0
Vercheres, Geoffrion	1	0	0
Yamaska, Gill	1	0	0
	44	15	3

NEW BRUNSWICK.

	M.	O.	I.
Albert, Wallace	1	0	0
Carlton, Appleby	1	0	0
Gloucester, Anglin	1	0	0
King's, Domville	0	1	0
Queen's, Ferris	1	0	0
Restigouche, Moffatt	1	0	0
Sunbury, Burpee	1	0	0
St. John City and Co., Burpee	1	0	0
" " " Palmer	0	1	0
St. John Co., De Veber	1	0	0
Victoria, Costigan	1	0	0
Westmorland, Smith	1	0	0
York, Picard	1	0	0
	11	2	0

NOVA SCOTIA.

	M.	O.	I.
Antigonish, McIsaac	1	0	0
Lunenburg, Church	1	0	0
Shelbourne, Coffin	1	0	0
Queen's, Forbes	1	0	0
Victoria, Ross	1	0	0
	5	0	0

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

	M.	O.	I.
Queen's, Laird	1	0	0
" Sinclair	1	0	0
	2	0	0

	M.	O.	I.
ONTARIO	64	19	3
QUEBEC	44	15	3
NEW BRUNSWICK	11	2	0
NOVA SCOTIA	5	0	0
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	2	0	0
	126	37	6

THE DEAD RHINOCEROS.—Mr. Frank Buckland, writing in *Land and Water*, in reference to the rhinoceros lately killed by the fog, and which is said to have weighed three tons, says: "The skin was of great thickness, in some places two or three inches, and as hard as a plate of iron-clad man-of-war. It will require a good deal of tanning before it will be fit to set up. This is the same rhinoceros whose horn was some time since amputated by Mr. Bartlett. When knocking about the cage in a bad temper, I am sorry to say, natural to her, she managed to severely injure the base of her horn against the bars, and it became necessary to cut off the loose portion, but the operation had to be done with care and without irritating the animal. Mr. Bartlett, therefore, fed her with apples, etc., and so induced her to put her nose and horns through the bars. While he was feeding her for several successive days he rubbed the horn gently with a stick. Finding that this friction did not hurt her, the animal allowed the rubbing to go on without taking any notice. When finally she became quite accustomed to the friction, Mr. Bartlett substituted a thin saw for the blunt stick, and after two or three sittings managed to pass the saw almost entirely through the base of the horn.—Some few hours afterwards she finished the operation herself by knocking the loose bit completely off. It weighed eleven pounds."

ONTARIO PARLIAMENT.

The House re-assembled after its recess on Tuesday, but a very small proportion of the members had returned to town up to the hour of adjournment.

Bills were introduced providing for voting by ballot, for the inspection of railways, and for consolidating the laws relating to the sale of spirituous and fermented liquors.

A vote on account for the current service of the year was taken in Committee of Supply, and the House then went into Committee on the Bill to amend the law respecting escheats. After a discussion, in which the Attorney-General, Mr. Cameron and Mr Hodgins took part, the Committee rose and reported the Bill.

The two Bills introduced by the Attorney-General, to admit of the Incorporation of Charitable Institutions, Benevolent Societies, and other Associations, were then read a second time, and the House adjourned.

HALTON SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The yearly meeting of the Halton County S. School Association will be held in Wellington Square on Tuesday & Wednesday, February the 10th and 11th. All ministers of the gospel and all Sabbath School Superintendents and teachers are cordially invited to be present and take part in the discussions. The good people of Wellington Square have kindly opened their homes for the accomodation of all who may attend. In order to secure a billet please address the Rev. H. Christopherson, Wellington Square, not later than the 7th Feby. Those having horses will state such fact.

W. H YOUNG,
Co. Secretary.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Mr. Carling is urged to protest the return for London, but declines.

The Carlists threaten to open the bombardment of Bilboa. The city, however, is provisioned for two months, and General Moriones is advancing to the rescue.

In the United States Senate, Tuesday, the Military Committee agreed to report adversely on the Bill for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States.

The fire which has been burning for six weeks in the Empire coal mine, Wilkesbarre, Pa, broke out on Monday in the main way, and eighteen men were nearly suffocated by the gas.

Three men belonging to Petrolia were found frozen to death near that place.

The strike on the Midland and Oswego Railway still continues.

William Godfrey, one of the victims of the Stouffville explosion last week, died on Tuesday.

His Excellency the Governor-General and the Countess of Dufferin will probably spend ten days in Montreal.

The Quebec and Gulf Ports Steamship Company have contracted for the conveyance of the mails between Bermuda and New York.

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

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 Grand Vizier's residence at Constantinople has been destroyed by fire.

The elections in Alsace for the German Reichstag resulted in the return of the French candidates.

In future, mails for Australia and New Zealand *go via* Windsor and San Francisco, instead of *via* England.

Writers in the *Mail* continue to heap abuse upon Rev. Mr. Dewart, editor of the *Christian Guardian*, for voting for O'Donohoe.

The poor old *Leader*, after wandering since Thursday among the ruins of the Conservative party, says, "all is not lost yet." What's saved is not worth talking about.

W. H. Boulton, an ex-Mayor and ex-M.P.P. for Toronto, died in that city on Sunday. He was at one time a very popular and prominent politician.

As a specimen of the insanity induced by the crushing defeat inflicted upon the Charter-Sellers at the general election, the remark of a cotemporary that the Government will not meet the House with anything more than "a bare working majority," may be regarded as the most melancholy.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

SPRING ASSIZES.—The Spring Assizes will be held in Milton on Tuesday, 17th March, by Mr. Chief-Justice Richards.

PASSED.—We observe that Mr. J. H. Bell, of Milton, was at the late examination of the Law Society, called to the Bar, and admitted as an attorney. We congratulate Mr. Bell on his success. We are also greatly pleased to see among the list of barristers that of our friend, Mr. Starker Barber, of Simcoe.

FIRE.—A large frame building in Burlington village, occupied by Caleb Wills, was totally destroyed by fire at one o'clock on Sunday morning. Mr. Wills and family lost all they possessed, and barely escaped with their lives. The building was owned by Mr. H. Cotter, and is insured in the Victoria Mutual. The hotel occupied by John Wray had a narrow escape, the siding being burnt and scorched in many places, but owing to the exertions of those who were aroused from their slumbers it was saved.

DENTISTRY.—Dr. S. Zimmerman will visit Milton professionally on Monday the 9th inst. Those who require the Drs'. services will please call early, as he will be very busy.

R. E. Leslie & Co., are open for any amount of sheep and calf skins, at their tannery, Georgetown.

H. F. MILLER PIANO, the drawing room favorite, perfect in eveness of tone, delicacy of action, elegance of design and workmanship, see style 3 at W. Leslie's, Georgetown.

TRUSTEE MEETING.—At the first meeting of the Board of Public School Trustees held last week, Mr. W. L. P. Eager was elected chairman; Dr. Robertson, Treasurer, and Mr. F. J. Jones, Secretary.

HARD times are disappearing. We saw a man this morning looking for a cash box lock.

THE children in the second department of our Public School are enjoying a week's vacation, as the desks are being removed to the new school house.

MILTON has been red-hot on elections since the middle of December, but folks are beginning now to leave off wearing their knives and revolvers. Free cigars are also out of fashion and are supplanted by the time-honored clay.

CHAPPELL'S upright Piccolo Piano, handsome, well made, sweet tone, charming to sing with. Price only $250, at W. Leslie's, Georgetown.

GRAND SOIREE.—A soiree will be held at the new school house in Zimmerman, on Friday, Feb. 6th. The proceeds to be applied to the purchase of a bell for the school. The chair will be taken at 7 o'clock, by the Rev. James McAlister. An address will be given by the Rev. Geo. Brown, of Milton, and other gentlemen. An efficient choir will be present to discourse both vocal and instrumental music. Doors open at 6 o'clock. Tea served at half past six. Admission 25 cts.

SAVE MONEY, by buying dry goods at reduced prices for cash; a great many goods sold for less than cost. Such an opportunity of buying cheap and good goods seldom occurs. Boots and shoes also also at cost, at G. Smith's.

We are indebted to Mr. George W Childs, of the Philadelphia *Public Ledger*, for a copy of his beautiful Almanac for 1874. It contains a mass of information, and is really a useful publication.

Senator Mills died in Hamilton on the 24th ult. He was born in that city in 1806. He sat in the Legislative Council of Canada as a life member. He was called to the Senate by Royal Proclamation in May, 1867. He was a Conservative.

CONCERT.—The concert given in the town Hall on Monday evening last, though from the unfavorable state of the weather, not so well attended as it would otherwise have been, was so far as the music was concerned, a great success. Miss Wolliung was in splendid voice and rendered her selections in a manner that elicited an encore at every appearance. Her rendition of "Sing Sweet Bird," "When the Quiet Moon is Beaming," and "Comin' through the Rye," was particularly fine, and she seems to be an established favorite in Milton, her name alone being sufficient to secure a full house at any time. The duet, "Only Thee," between her and Mr. Will H. Stanley was the gem of the evening, and brought down the house. Of Mr. Stanley, heralded as he was by encomiums from the press throughout Canada, a great deal was expected, and we need only say that he sustained his reputation. He possesses a remarkably fine and thoroughly trained tenor voice, and sings with great spirit and expression. The choruses and quartettes by the home talent, considering the short time they have had for preparation, were very good and were well received. Miss Mackenzie and Miss White presided at the organ and piano, and their solos and accompaniments were exceedingly good, and merited the applause which they received.

APPLE TREES FOR SALE.

From 5 to 10 000 Apple Trees for sale at $15 per hundred, grown on Lot No. 26, Middle Road, Trafalgar, both of low and high tops. There is some misunderstanding about the low topped trees. They suppose they are grown on some foreign stock, that is not the case, but grown the same as the high top, minus the trunk. Trees will produce one barrel of apples from two to four years sooner than on the high top system. We have Spies five years from planting bearing fruit. Parties about planting largely would do well to examine our stock before purchasing from others, as we have a large young orchard just coming into bearing, grown on the low top principle. We will furnish plans to parties that deal with us if required, so that an orchard will be something of beauty and profit, and not an haphazard, unsightly, unprofitable enterprise. Parties ordering by mail address to Oakville P. O. H. & C. E. HILTON

31-3m.

MARRIED.

MCGREGOR—MANN.—On the 28th ult., at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. L. Cameron, Acton, Mr. Duncan McGregor, Nassagaweya, to Miss Marjory Mann, eldest daughter of Mr. Alex. Mann, Esquesing.

The bill for the repeal of the salary increase makes a saving in the expense of Congress alone of $20,000,000.

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TOWN COUNCIL.

MILTON, 2nd Feb., 1874.

The municipal council of the Town of Milton met at the usual hour.

His Worship, the Mayor, in the chair.

Present—S. Hannant, J. Brothers, Jas. Lindsey, Jos. Martin, C. Niehaus, W. D. Lyon, D. Dewar, S. F. Taylor and H. Watson.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Petition from John White and Judge Miller and fifty others, was presented by a deputation, the Rev. J. Gray, Rev. G. Brown and W. Clouston, praying to submit a By-law for the approval of the ratepayers of the municipality, for prohibiting altogether the sale of spirituous, fermented or other manufactured liquors in Shops and places other than houses of Public entertainment.

Moved by W. D. Lyon, seconded by Joseph Brothers, That the deputation present in behalf of Temperance be heard, and their petition be received. —Carried.

The deputation addressed the council, and offered to pay expenses of By-law if it should not carry when submitted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The Municipal Council of the Town of Milton.

Your committee appointed to strike the several standing committees for the year 1874 beg leave to report.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.—W D. Lyon, Joseph Martin and Joseph Brothers.

TOWN HALL.—Joseph Martin, D. Dewar and Charles Niehaus.

FIRE AND WATER.—S. Hannant, Charles Niehaus and James Lindsey.

MARKET BUILDING AND WEIGH SCALES.—S. F. Taylor, H. Watson and D. Dewar.

FINANCE.—D. Dewar, H. Watson and S. F. Taylor.

POLICE.—D. Robertson, S. Hannant and Joseph Brothers.

CONTINGENCIES.—Dr. Bigger, Jos. Brothers and H. Watson.

LICENSES.—Dr. Robertson, H. Watson and W. D. Lyon.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. D. LYON,
Chairman.

Moved by W. D. Lyon, seconded by D. Dewar, That the report of the committee appointed to strike the standing committees for the year 1874, just read be adopted.—Carried.

On motion the council adjourned until Monday next.

NELSON COUNCIL.

Council met pursuant to statute.

Members elect, H. Foster, Reeve; Daniel McLaren, Deputy-reeve; John Hunter, Thomas Watson and William Hardbottle, Councillors, severally made and subscribed the declarations of qualifications and of office before the clerk.