

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Holly and Mistletoe—McDonnell & Mongeais. English Elderberry, do do. Valencia and Sultanae do do. Cream Cheese, do do. Hennessy Brandy, do do. Coffees, do do. Rideau Hall, Notice, F B Coulson. New Livery Stables, Martin Wholehan. Guards Assemblies, W Horace Lee. Ladies Purse Lost. Christmas and New Year's Presents, A Christie & Co.



RIDEAU HALL, FRIDAY, Dec 20th, 1872.

The numerous engagements of HER EXCELLENCY THE COUNTESS OF DUFFERIN, will not allow of HER EXCELLENCY remaining at home to receive visitors on

MONDAYS until after her return from MONTREAL. By order, F. B. COULSON, A. D. C. in Waiting, Ottawa, Dec 21, 1872.

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THE OTTAWA TIMES

It is natural at this season that correspondence should be rife in reference to Corporation matters as well as Corporation men. Those who compose the City Council, may expect to make some fuss, even if they make many friends; and at this time it is especially desirable that the views of all should be heard; hence we publish communications on this, as on other subjects, without holding ourselves responsible for the views expressed.

That the present Council has bungled and is still bungling the affairs of the city, few people will deny; that a majority of the members should be selected to stay at home, or improve their Corporation ways, is equally certain. But we really think that the citizens of Ottawa ought to have a spirit of generosity about them, and allow that large and respectable class of the community, the Civil Service, to have at least one member as the Council Board. Mr. LeSueur is a property holder, and as such has a right to seek the confidence of the electors, and in every way he seems best to represent his own interests. But we believe his candidature to be rather of the representative character and that his election would be pleasing to every member of the class to which he belongs. Victoria Ward may, if it chooses, forget that by town has been changed into Ottawa, but the intelligence of the latter will not think that if it refuses to send back to the Council Board, a gentleman possessing so much ability and business capacity as Mr. LeSueur. We vote for Ottawa, against Bytown.

Mr. Frank Lynn has written another letter to the Toronto Globe, from Manitoba, in which he further discusses the management of the Dominion Lands Office. He refers to the former charge (recently noticed by us) respecting a lot (434 in the Hudson's Bay Company survey) which he alleges to have been improperly disposed of by the agent in the half-breed reserves. In this communication he is once more denouncing the danger of using lands with a circumlocution. It was safe for him to restrict himself to nebulous generalities and malicious insinuations to which it is always so difficult and often impossible to furnish any answer. His attempt at precision of statement only furnishes proof of his mendacity. He described this land, in his former letter, as a river lot of exceptional value, situated opposite Lower Fort Garry. In this, he adds— "The order of Mr. Archibald, setting aside certain lands for the half-breed reserves, was dated the 1st October, and gives an enumeration of the townships to be included within its orders—amongst others, township 12 of the fourth range, and township 13 of the fourth range, and permitted by the Ottawa department, are all dated since that date. How is it that the Ottawa Government have dared to grant to the one class certain lands which all applicants outside the immediate vicinity have been told daily had long ago been reserved out of the reach of the general public?" So much for the imaginative story of this imaginary wrong done to the half-breeds. The facts are these. The two mile belt along either side of the river, formerly ceded to Lord Selkirk, by his deed, and abandoned by him, has not been included in any township in the survey. This river lot is, of course, Lower Fort Garry, and is, therefore, in Township 12, or any other. Governor Archibald only reserved lands in the surveyed townships for the half-breeds. This lot cannot, therefore, be included in the reserve; but as we asserted previously, has been open for settlement since the Order in Council, May, 1871. But Mr. Lynn could not be accurate in anything. He presses figures, also, into the service of misrepresentation, and would fain make them lie. He declares this lot to be 64 chains in length by the usual two miles in depth, and declares it to contain 1,280 acres—the whole lot being exactly covered by the four applications he referred to. He should have known that it would have required 90 chains front to give that quantity of land, and that if his statement of quantities were correct, there would be one-fifth of the lot still unoccupied, and not covered by these applications. So much for this veracious correspondent's tale of wrong done to the half-breeds. But he has discovered a new stratum. The old settlers, as well as half-breeds, are also to be vic-

timed. This is his new accusation. Lord Selkirk settled his Swiss guards upon a point of land near Winnipeg, known as Point Douglas, where a fort of that name then stood. The Dominion Land Agent, however, finding certain parts, or the whole of this tract unoccupied and unused by any person with claim to it, as far as he knew, advised its survey and sale as village or town lots. But it is alleged that certain resident old settlers have claims to this land—wholly really seem only to be rights of common or pasture. However, upon representation being made to the Government, they ordered a suspension of proceedings till the claimants had an opportunity of submitting evidence of their rights, if they had any. The agent was ordered to receive these claims, and the evidence and report on the same to Government. These are the facts with which Mr. Lynn's statement substantially agrees. But is any grievance established here? Can any impartial person see cause for complaint against either Agent or Government in these proceedings? Mr. Lynn is compelled to imagine one. He says it is possible that the agent may have acted along with his report against the claims applications for these lots approved by him. It is on a mere guess or probability he bases a mischievous attempt to breed suspicion and ill will against the Canadian Government in the minds of the old settlers as well as the half-breeds. It is just possible that Mr. Lynn may come to state things accurately and without bias against the government and their officials. Possible also, that the Toronto Globe may sometimes hereafter deal justly with the men now in power. But we should hesitate long ere predicting either, or making such improbabilities the basis of any argument or accusation. Yet such a possibility is all the Globe correspondent has, as the basis of his outcry that the old settlers' rights are in danger! The Globe would do well to leave to Mr. Lynn the task of getting up inaccuracies for the market. Its attempts to improve on them only add to the blundering. It refers to the land agent as meddling in some way with "his lands." He has had no occasion to meddle with them, nor has he, we believe, at all. Till further progress with surveys is made nothing can or will be done with them. The old settlers' claims in the area referred to are, as we have stated, to pasture no common. If they are established they will be dealt with fairly, according to the Dominion lands law of last session. Do Mr. Lynn and the Globe propose more? Would they suggest that wherever their rights of common or pasture occur, grants in fee simple should be made, and the attempt of the department to convert pasture into town lots or farms, thwarted? If they do not mean this, what is the purpose of their tirade? But even if the report of the local agent should be unfavourable, it will not settle the case. It must be finally disposed of here, where half-breeds and settlers have hitherto always found friends powerful enough to protect their interests against the clamours of their enemies. We believe it to be settled that the Government will recommend the confirmation of former white settlers in their holdings and the addition thereto of a grant similar to that made to the half-breeds. While these scribbles are bawling about their rights, the Government is busily engaged in devising means to do them the most ample justice.

But is not the course of the Globe in this affair a pitiable example of the Democratic and evil course into which men are led who take only spite or revenge for their guide. We all remember the outcry, still very recent and very loud, raised by the soi-disant "Canadian party," aided by the fertile lands by reserves and grants; Hudson's Bay reserves, Half-breed reserves, Indian reserves, Volunteer grants, old church grants, &c., &c., way denouncing in the bitterest terms the proposed poor extensive emigration from the noble Province of Ontario, from obtaining in favourable situations, land on which to settle, and so turning their backs on the Government, and the half-breeds and old settlers, instead of being in the way of new settlements, and therefore a nuisance to be abated; that was the old story—are people to be sympathized with and petted and persuaded into a fervent belief that they are wronged! The poor land grants from the "noble Province" may go hang. Their grievances are not likely to be so prodigiously magnified, in his former letter, as a river lot of exceptional value, situated opposite Lower Fort Garry. In this, he adds— "The order of Mr. Archibald, setting aside certain lands for the half-breed reserves, was dated the 1st October, and gives an enumeration of the townships to be included within its orders—amongst others, township 12 of the fourth range, and township 13 of the fourth range, and permitted by the Ottawa department, are all dated since that date. How is it that the Ottawa Government have dared to grant to the one class certain lands which all applicants outside the immediate vicinity have been told daily had long ago been reserved out of the reach of the general public?" So much for the imaginative story of this imaginary wrong done to the half-breeds. The facts are these. The two mile belt along either side of the river, formerly ceded to Lord Selkirk, by his deed, and abandoned by him, has not been included in any township in the survey. This river lot is, of course, Lower Fort Garry, and is, therefore, in Township 12, or any other. Governor Archibald only reserved lands in the surveyed townships for the half-breeds. This lot cannot, therefore, be included in the reserve; but as we asserted previously, has been open for settlement since the Order in Council, May, 1871. But Mr. Lynn could not be accurate in anything. He presses figures, also, into the service of misrepresentation, and would fain make them lie. He declares this lot to be 64 chains in length by the usual two miles in depth, and declares it to contain 1,280 acres—the whole lot being exactly covered by the four applications he referred to. He should have known that it would have required 90 chains front to give that quantity of land, and that if his statement of quantities were correct, there would be one-fifth of the lot still unoccupied, and not covered by these applications. So much for this veracious correspondent's tale of wrong done to the half-breeds. But he has discovered a new stratum. The old settlers, as well as half-breeds, are also to be vic-

per annum. In the position of Alderman to be made more profitable than that of Mr. Pratt? It is patent to anyone at all acquainted with the facts that it has been days on the look for number one, and that the interests of the city and its constituents are quite of secondary importance. He has always a cunning eye on the fat office in the gift of the Corporation. He was apparently a member of the Public School Board, until an office in the gift of the Board, and which he much coveted, was filled by the appointment of a gentleman better fitted for the post. He is that the electors of Victoria Ward will do themselves a high honor, and their fellow citizens a great public benefit, by allowing Mr. Pratt to remain in the quiet enjoyment of his temporary Councilship, and not permit him to further-muddle in civic affairs.

It was with great regret that I learned from Mr. LeSueur's card to the electors in Mr. Brown's permitting his name to be associated in a requisition with those of Messrs. Langford and Pratt. Mr. Brown, as a responsible citizen, gave a reputation for candour and integrity, and has performed his duty with any purpose of serving self, or selfish interests. It is therefore to be much regretted that he should have allowed his name to be used in white washing Messrs. Langford and Pratt.

Mr. LeSueur has been an active, intelligent and useful representative of the electors of Victoria Ward, and we heartily endorse all you said a few days ago respecting that gentleman. Let the electors of Victoria Ward re-elect Messrs. Brown on the same terms, with another gentleman to be nominated at ward meeting, and by so doing they will best serve their own and the interests of the city generally.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

MONTRÉAL. [Special to the Times.]

Today having been recommended as one of 'intercession,' the Episcopate Church of Geneva, Services were held in all the churches of that denomination, in this city.

R. Lavielette, a storeman in St. Constant street, while returning home with a bottle of oil, falling on his pocket and a spar falling from his pipe on the saturated clothes, shortly after they took fire, burning him beyond recovery.

A barber named Cyrille Normand was committed to-day for stealing a valuable cap in Notre-Dame Cathedral. The funeral service of his uncle was proceeding at the time, and the cap belonged to one of the mourners.

The case of Denis O. D. Garneau, for the alleged stealing of \$1300 from the Boy's Building Society, on Monday last, was before the Court to-day. The prisoner offered to return \$1200 if let go.

The Trinity Church bazaar was continued to-day. Bazaar tickets were the last of a series of concerts to-night they are well attended.

An snow storm commenced at midnight, continuing all day, with high wind. Three feet has fallen. Heavy drifts blockaded the streets. All the trains are behind.

HALIFAX. [Special to the Times.] Halifax, December 20. The Dominion steamer 'Lady Head' arrived last evening from the island, and reports no wrecks, and all well there.

The steamer 'North American' arrived from Baltimore to-day, and proceeds to England to-morrow.

H. M. ship 'Noble' has sailed with mails for the West Indies. Previous to her departure the officers were entertained by the officers of the Garrison at Halifax.

The smallpox has appeared at Bridgewater, C. B., and at Sidney 11 cases have terminated fatally.

M. B. Desbriay, M. P. P., provincial agent, has returned from England. George Blacklock has been awarded the contract for the new W. M. C. A. building at the corner of Prince and Granville streets for \$22,000. The building is to be of brick, with granite and freestone dressings.

The brigantine 'A. P. L. Frons,' from Cape Cod, was wrecked on the coast of Nova Scotia, and became a total loss. The crew were saved.

Tuesday evening, while one of the G. & C. B. Co.'s locomotives with a train of empty cars was going from Sidney to the reserve mines, when the middle car struck a hole in the road, and the driver discovered it 12 others were driven off, making a complete smash and tearing up the rails for a considerable distance.

All the city papers contain eulogistic and regretful notices of the late Hon. Wm. O. G. Bennett.

The weather is unsettled, snowing and fine alternately.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS EXAMINATION. Yesterday the various schools in the city were closed for the Christmas holidays, and the following is a list of the successful competitors in Central School No. 1.

SENIOR CLASS.—J. R. STEWART. Silver Medalist—Arthur Hudson. General Proficiency—Arthur Hudson 1st prize; Hattie Steacy 2nd prize; Maude Andrews 3rd prize; Elizabeth Connor 2nd prize; Hattie Steacy 3rd prize.

NEW GOODS. Arrival and Departure of 1872. Winter Arrangements.

JOHN LESLIE, Sparks Street, Ottawa.

Having now completed my importations for the Holiday Trade, and invite the public to inspect the same. —CONSISTING OF— Fine Swiss and English Watches, from the best makers; Gold and Silver Jewellery, in all styles; Silver and Electro Plated Ware, Mantle Clocks in Gilt and Marble; Fans, Opera Glasses, &c. &c. Dressing Cases for both Ladies and Gentlemen. —ALSO— Very fine Writing Desks, Work Boxes, and Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, lined with Linaloe wood from the Holy Land, and some fine Vienna hand made Bags in Russia Leather. Ottawa, Dec 21, 1872.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

GOLDSMITHS' HALL

Radford, Birkett & Goyer, PHRACTICAL WATCHMAKERS & MANUFACTURING JEWELLERS, Merchants' Bank Block, Sparks-St.

MONDAY, December 16th, and are prepared to show a splendid stock of GOLD WATCHES, CHAINS, JEWELLERY, ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, CLOCKS, &c.

A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS. Watchmaking and repairing done promptly and reliably. The manufacture of Jewellery, of any and every design, will be carried on by Mr. GOYER, long and favourably known as a skillful working Jeweller. Ottawa, Dec 19 1872.

Christmas and New Year's Great Reductions.

P. Baskerville & Brothers.

Offer the following until FIRST JANUARY, 1873: 5 lbs. Currants 25 cents. 5 lbs. Raisins 28 cents. 5 lbs. best Rice 25 cents. 5 lbs. second best Rice 23 cents. Lemon and Orange Peel, at wholesale prices; Spices. The best quality Sherry Wine, per gallon \$1 00 and upwards. Port Wine, per gallon \$1 00 and upwards. Old Tom Gin, Holland Gin, Brandy, Irish and Scotch Whiskey, Lemon Syrup, Sarsaparilla, &c., at the lowest wholesale prices. YETTES per can, 35 cents. Let none fail to call at 36 Rideau Street and Duke Street, Chaudiers. P. BASKERVILLE & BROS., OTTAWA, Dec 19, 1872.

CHRISTMAS HOLLY MISLETOE, and DONNELL & MONGENAI.

ENGLISH ELDERBERRY WINE. Port, Sherry and Champagne. VALENCIA AND SULTANES. Layer Raisins of all grades, Grapes, Grapes and Lemons, Cream Cheese. Assorted do Canadian do Quindian do. HENNESSY BRANDY. Res-du-B do Guerlain do Martel do P. Martin do All of the best brands, at McDONNELL & MONGENAI.

Russell House. THURSDAY Evening, the 2nd January, 1873, instead of FRIDAY, the 3rd, as announced. W. HORACE LEE, Captain G. F. Guards, Hon. Secy. Ottawa, Dec 21, 1872. 2145 G.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS. VANS AND FLET SETS. DRESSING CASES, for Ladies and Gentlemen. SILVER TOP SMELLING BOTTLES. PERFUMERY CASES Inlaid Wood and Paper Mocho. PERFUMERY, French and English, in BRUSHES, English, of all kinds. A Choice Assortment of the above goods suitable for the holidays, just received, and for sale by A. CHRISTIE & Co., Druggists, &c., Sparks Street, Ottawa, Dec 21, 1872. 2145 G.

PATRONIZE HIM. DR. BROWN has great pleasure in recommending his successor, MR. EDWELL, to his many friends and patrons as through practical Doctor, well versed in all the most difficult branches of the business. 67 SPARKS STREET. Ottawa, Oct 15, 1872. 2000 3m

NEW LIVERY STABLES. MR. WHOLEHAN begs to announce that he has leased the Stables in connection with the UNION HOUSE, and throughout the Winter will be prepared to let out HORSES AND SLEIGHS, at very moderate PRICES. Any one wanting a sleigh ride, see only to apply to. M. WHOLEHAN, Union House, Ottawa, Dec 21, 1872. 2145 G.

WANTED TO RENT OR PURCHASE. A Stone House with yard, on Wellington Street. Address, stating object, terms, &c., G. T. R. TRUSS OFFICE. Ottawa, Dec 13, 1872. 2138 G.

LOST. Between the Upper Town Market and Hull, TWO BUFFALO ROBES. Any person finding the same, and returning them to the Truss Office will be suitably rewarded. Ottawa, Dec 20, 1872. 2144 G.

LOST. The Corporation Calendar, prepared by J. B. The Market Co. to drop the 27th from and after that date, and to indicate the next day to be observed. The next day to be observed is the 27th. The Corporation Calendar will be published by this office, and will be sent to all members of the Corporation, believe in the Corporation Calendar, Ottawa, Dec 20, 1872. 2144 G.

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