C. Ramage, Editor and Proprietor.

Some of the passages of Mr. Sifton address at the great banquet given him in Toronto were particularly fine, and we make no apology for introducing a few of them.

On rising after a tremendous ovation he said :-

"I am sure that I would be entirely void of all the ordinary feelings of appreciation which a human being ought to have if I did not feel deeply touched and deeply gratified by the magnificent demonstration of confidence which you have given me to-night. I am sure Mr. Chairman, that I do not know why this has been done. I have no consciousness of having done anything or accomplished anything. But I have endeavored to the best of my ability to perform the duties which I took upon my shoulders when the right hon, gentleman who leads the Government asked me to become a member of his Cabinet ; but I must. Mr. Chairman, entirely repudiate the idea that all the good things you have referred to are entirely due to me.

Slr, I suppose that this demonstration is an altogether unusual one in a great many ways, especially when it is considered that it is tendered the youngest member of the Government in a Proin its character, is due to certain unusual circumstances. (Cheers.)

Early Misgivings. When I accepted the invitation of the Prime Minister to become a member of his Government I did so with a very great many misgivings as to the man-ner in which I should be able to perform the duties which would devolve upon me. I knrw full well, Mr. Chairman the extent of the empire which Canada holds west of Lake Superior. I knew full well the difficulties and the perplexities that would meet any Minister who undertook to advise the Government in regard to the policy which it should follow in that great country, and therefore I had very, very great doubts in my own mind as to the result which would follow my acceptance of that position. But I must say that in unby the members of the House of Commons and by the public generally as any other member of the Government would be treated. And I can assure you that I had no idea whatever at that time of the experience that was in store for me during the past four years. (Cheers and laughter.) I do not know that I am lacking in that ordinary amount of courage which Canadians generally possess, but still I think I might have had some hesitation about accepting it if I had known what was ahead of me. (Applause.) I had no idea, nor I fancy had any person any idea at that time, that the leader of the urging Minister Fisher to abolish the Conservative party, that the press of abnoxious test owing to its unreliabilithe Conservative party, practically the whole Conservative party, would single out one member of the Government to devote about one-half of its energy to devote about one-half of its energy to the deliberate purpose of driving me out of public life. (Cheers.)

The Sacred Name of Tupper. I did not anticipate anything of that kind, and when in the debate upon the Yukon railway bill our good friend Sir Charles Tupper stultified himself in eating his own words by voting against and condemning that bill which he had advised me to bring in, I attacked him upon the floor of the House of Com-

And then and there, from that moseen fit to criticize a gentleman who bore the sacred name of Tupper, I must be driven from public life. (Cheers.) From that time to the present, or at least to the 7th of November. I was made the recipient of practically all the abuse, the vilification, which the Tupper

Town Hall, Durham family and the Tupper press were able to pour upon me. (Cheers.) While I have never spent agreat deal of time in answering that abuse. I have upon some occasions in the House of Commons, when a deliberate attack was back it up with anything in the nature of argument and evidence. I have endeavored to answer such attack to the best of my ability, but newspaper abuse I have ignored.

Development of the West. the seventh day of January, A. D. 1901. I had rather a serious task before me | Commencing at 9 o'clock in the forein regard to the development of the West. After having to the best of my afternoon of the same day. ability discharged that duty during four years, and after I had been the subject of the kind of treatment to Durham this 5th day of December 1900. which I have referred, our friends the enemy were pleased to say that so far as the western portion of Canada was concerned the Liberal party had gone out of existence. (Laughter.) And they declared Sir Charles Tupper particularly, as you all know, upon every platform upon which he spoke, that the constituency of Brandon was so hopetessly against me that it was doubtful if I would be a candidate, and that if I was I would be defeated, and that not a single Liberal would be elected west of Lake Superior when the time of the election came on. (Cheers.) We went to work. You will not find in the records of any of our meetings anything at all approaching the abuse and vilification which was levelled against us then, and which has been levelled against us during the campaign through waich we have just passed. So far as that portion of the country was concerned where I have been, there has been no logical or intelligent attempt made by the friends of the Opposition to criticize the actual work of the Governments. It was a campaign of personal attack. personal abuse and vilification of the different members of the Government. My hon. friend Mr. Tarte-(cheers)-Mr. Blair and myself were those who shared more particularly in that abuse, but you will find that there was no systematic or thorcugh attempt to meet the case which the Government presented to the country for its consideration.

VARNEY

Mrs Slater, formerly Mess Annie Reid of this place is visiting relatives and friends around her old home.

Mr A. Little and Mr John Wilkinson returned from the North West looking hale and hearty. Mr Little is so taken up with that country that he intonds moving his family there in the spring. but John will take up his abode in Egrement.

Mrs John Gray is on the sick list at present, but under the careful treatment of Dr. Jamieson we hope she will soon

Earnest preparation is going on for the Christmas tree Xmas. night. Prospects or a great success, dont miss it. Admission 15 and 10c.

Mr John Gray had the missfortune to lose one of his working Lorses:

Mr McDonald is closing with a public exam. on Friday all are welcome.

THE WINTER FAIR AT GUELPH

This Fair was a success beyond expectations, and was an eye opener to the people of Guelph, whose accommodation of bed and board was taxed to the utmost to provide for the numerous yince of which he is not a citizen and visitors. Next year a truer idea of its not a representative. I suppose, sir, maguitude will lead to more extensive that this demonstration unusual as it is preparation, for undoubtedly the 1901 preparation, for undoubtedly the 1901 show will far eclipse this.

All visitors have only praise for the excellent exhibits and for the practical benefits flowing to the Agriculturist from the work done there. For there is work as well as talk; killing and dressing of beeves, pigs, poultry, &c, according to the most approved methods, the selection of breeds to produce certain carcases, and to meet the requirements of certain markets,

Then the comparing of results obtained by members of the Experimental Union is of vast interest and utility and above all the presence of well known and successful agriculturists from the Dominion Minister of Agridertaking those duties I only thought culture down is calculated to inspire I should be treated by my colleagues, the rank and file with new enthusiasm in the noblest of all callings.

We notice that Messrs Leavens, Brown and Knapp carried off a goodly share of the poultry prizes in the face of keen competition. Mr. A. S. Hunter occupied the chair at the meeting of the Hereford Breeders' Association and is appointed one of the Directors.

The cattle-breeders are up in arms against the tuberculine test for tuberculosis as applied to thoroughbred ulations were removed. However if it is proved unreliable, as it is certainly a great draw-back to breeders, a change will likely be made.

ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of the

mons in regard to his position upon Third County Council Division

for the county of Grey. Comprising ment, Mr. Chairman, it appears to have the Townships of Bentinck and Glenelg been declared that, masmuch as I had | the Town of Durham and the Village of Hanover.

That a meeting of the Municipal

Monday December 24th, 1900 at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of

made, and any attempt was made to County Councillors pursuant to "The If more than the necessary number of Candidates are proposed for the said offices a poll will be opened on Monday

W. A. ANDERSON.

Nominating Officer.

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Rainfall for the week, nil. Snowfall do 16 inches. Hours of sunshine, 4.

General direction of the wind, north | waggon. west to south west and very blustering.

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22 lbs Lt Brown Sugar for	\$1.00
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3 " Rogers select Raisins for	25
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3 " Smyrna select Currants	25
7 " good Figs	
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4 " mix Candies	25

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South of Middaugh House

Lower Town.

Edge Hill.

Good roads and lots of snow. Toronto at present.

Quite a number around here attend.

R. S. O. 1897, Cap. 129 Sec. 38 and amending Acts, that all persons having W. Greenwood both of Zion.

last week purchasing a Clydsdale colt.

last Tuesday night was a grand success. Thirty First Day of December 1900 Mr Jno. Moffat taking the chair while their names addresses and descriptions a good program was provided by some of and a full statement of particulars of the young people around here, and last curity (if any) held by them duly but not least were the songs given by Mr certified and that after the said day the J. A. Hunter and Ed. McClocklin of town, executors will proceed to distribute the

After the program the pies were notice.

auctioned off. Mrs Thomas Banks' pie Dated this 26th day of November A. D. going highest, 95c., and she received a 1900. beautiful parlor lamp while Mr Thos. Davis Jr. got the cup and saucer. All went home pleased with the evening's enjoy-ment. Proceeds amounted to 21 dollars.

Mr Jno. Moffat purchased a fine cutter from Jno. Livingstone of town. Some of the young people attended the Rocky school concert last week and report a good

Mr Thos. Turnbull yisited friends in the avenue last Sunday.

We wonder where the fellows were that left the girls in the Hall the night of the social. If A found the road home the night of

the pie socia! between the sleigh and the

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the estate of John Byers, late of the Township of Nor-Mr Chas. Moffat is visiting friends in manby in the County of Grey and Province of Ontario, yeoman, deceased.

claims against the estate of the said John Byers, who died on or about the Mr Wm. Ritchie was down in Guelph twenty fifth day of May A. D. 1900 are required to send by post prepaid or to deliver to J. P. Telford, Solicitor for the The pie social held in the Grange Hall Executor, on or before the

cne especially. ("The City Chap going to The Country" which caused a great laugh. the claim of which they shall then have

J. P. TELFORD, Solicitor for Executors.

BORN NEWELT .- In Bentinck, Dec. 5th 1900,

to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Newell, a daugh-

MARRIED

McDougall-McPhail-At the manse Priceville, by Rev. J. A. Matheson, B. D. on Wednesday Dec. 12th, 1900, Mr Donald McDougall of Artemesia, to Miss Christena B. McPhail daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Neil McPhail, South Line.

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