

THE GUIDE.

Dundalk, July 12, 1877.

APPOINTMENTS.

Every person of reasonable disposition and with any degree of impartiality, no matter what political party he may belong to, will admit the necessity of making necessary appointments when vacancies occur. And no matter which party is in power, these vacancies will occur. But it appears that the leaders of the Opposition—according to their own statements the only party capable of governing the Country, and we suppose of making appointments—think different. We take the following as a sample from a speech delivered at a Conservative Pic-Nic in the Eastern Township, as reported by the Hon. Mr. Langevin, as the day by the Montreal Witness:

The new Government had a furnished following, and they had to be provided for. According to the record of the *Official Gazette* they had made during the three years and six months of their administration no less than 802 appointments. But these were only a portion, because a large number of their appointments had never been gazetted. Including the 804 appointments gazetted the present Government had given places to over fifteen hundred of their friends since they came into power. But these appointments required money, and, therefore, they increase the taxes of the country.

Now is it not terrible, to think that the present Administration, with a "furnished following," and after being in Opposition nearly twenty years, with the exception of about two years, have made 804 appointments, or as Mr. Langevin says fifteen hundred in three years and a half since the came into power?

What kind of a following had Sir John A. Macdonald's Government, who after being in power nearly eighteen years made 621 appointments from Jan. 1st, 1873, to November 7th, 1873?

If it is wrong in Mr. McKenzie's Government make 804 appointments in three and a half years, what was it for Sir John A. Macdonald's Government to make 621 appointments in ten months and one week?

Will our Conservative friends send us answers to these questions?

SALARY GRAB.

By reference to the minutes of the late session of the County Council it will be seen that the County Fathers at Owen Sound have been trying their hands at "the salary grab" business on a small scale, but unlike our Ontario Legislators they failed to make it a "Round Robin," there being 10 nays and 20 yeas. A paragraph was given on our fourth page last week showing the rapidity and ease with which a like measure was carried by the County Council of Durham. We do not feel altogether like finding fault with the measure for increasing the pay of the County Councillors from \$2 to \$3 per day, but cannot help feeling that there is an inconsistency in reference to some of the parties who no doubt have been loud in denouncing the Provincial and Dominion Administration for any increase in this direction, but who nevertheless, when an opportunity offers, are only too ready to seize it for their own advantage. True, amongst those favorable to the increase there appears to have been an utter disregard of politics, prominent names of both parties being mingled together, while the name of the Reeve of Holland, reputed to be a very respectable Conservative, is included amongst the dissentients—Grit and Tory vie with each other in their admiration of the "Baubees"—a no-party platform, surely. Well, is \$3 per diem, and mileage an inadequate compensation? We tro not. Our local representatives are certainly entitled to a fair indemnity as well as those occupying the higher spheres of representation. The policy of members voting themselves more than ordinary remuneration after probably profuse promises of "hush-holding the peace interests" and economising in every respect is however questionable.

CATTLE FAIRS.

We notice that in some of our exchanges Dundalk is in the list of Monthly Cattle Fairs, but since we came here, nearly six months ago, we have heard nothing of any fair. We have no doubt, if the farmers of this section would organize for the purpose a good fair could be established here monthly, and they would find it a great benefit to themselves. Cattle are selling well just now and in great demand. The neighborhood is well settled for stock raising. Those Townships that have gone extensively into raising cattle, such as Guelph, Pilkington, Nichol, Eramosa, Garrafraxa, and others in Wellington, are among the wealthiest townships in Ontario, and the fairs of Guelph, Fergus and Elora are known all over the Dominion. We have no doubt if our farmer friends would make an united move in this direction but the results would be beyond their expectations. We are quite willing to aid as far as we can in the matter.

THE CROPS.

The crops in this neighborhood, taken as a whole, are looking favorable. Hay will be light. Although not so dry as in other localities, we could do with some rain. Some of the barley patches were thinned out considerably by the late frost. Peas and wheat are looking well, and potato patches are growing up again. There are very few turnips sowed. On the west side of Frooton, near Hopewille, the crops are looking splendid. We noticed that the crops in Lower Amaranth and Luther are not looking so well. In West Wellington the crops generally are very good in appearance. In Garrafraxa they have suffered from the dry weather, but they had a fine shower on Sunday evening. Haying is pretty general just now.

THE PIC-NIC AT KINNETLES.

The Reform demonstration at Kinnetles near Fergus, on Saturday last was a great success, and was attended by between eight and ten thousand persons. The Premier, Hon. Mr. McKenzie, was most enthusiastically received at Guelph, Elora and at the Pic-Nic where addresses were presented to him. Fergus was dressed in ever greens, and many flags were displayed. Among those present were Hon. Alex. Mackenzie, Hon. J. K. Cartwright, Hon. L. S. Huntington, Hon. D. Mills, D. Guthrie, M.P., Dr. Landarkin, M.P. for South Grey, James Young, M.P., E. Irving, M.P., I. E. Bowman, M.P., Col. Clarke, M.P., &c. Col. Clarke occupied the chair. Col. Clarke made a short address, and then introduced Mr. Cartwright, the Finance Minister, who spoke for over two hours on the fiscal policy of the present Government. He was followed by Hon. Mr. Mills, who discussed the question of Agricultural protection; and he by Mr. Mackenzie, who devoted his time to a further vindication of himself and the Government. Hon. Mr. Huntington, owing to a slight accident with which he met at Guelph, did not feel well enough to speak. The speeches were listened to with great attention and frequently interrupted with cheers. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed.

SOUTH GREY REGISTRY OFFICE.

On Monday last the Building Committee of the South Grey Registry Office met at Durham and opened the Tenders for the new building. The following tenders were received:

James Bennet.....	\$4710.00
Alex. Ross.....	4129.00
John Grier.....	3978.00
R. B. Bell.....	3950.00
Grange & Linn.....	3900.00
R. Clarke & J. Grant.....	3855.00
Chas. Bodley.....	3187.00

The contract was awarded to Mr. Bodley at amount of his tender, this being nearly \$6,000 less than the North Grey Registry Office cost. Great credit is due to the Committee for their persistent and successful efforts to get the building put up on an economical plan. To save expense an Executive Committee of three was appointed to superintend the erection, to grant orders to the amount of 75 per cent in monthly certificates, etc., composed of the chairman, J. J. Middleton, Esq.; H. McGhee, Esq., Warden, and Gilbert McKenzie, Esq., Reeve of Durham. David McNicol, Esq., Reeve of Bentinck, was appointed to inspect the material and workmanship and to make monthly reports.

VERY COOL.

We notice that in an editorial note at the foot of Mr. J. J. Middleton's letter in the *Markdale Expositor* of last week, that it first set up Mr. Middleton as Editor of the *Globe*, and then abuses him in his reported position. That is certainly a novel way of dealing with one who has been assailed in its columns. As regards Mr. Middleton being editor of this paper, we shall only say that he has no more to do with editing the paper than any other man, and we think it a piece of cool impudence on the part of any editor especially to nominate an editor for the *GUIDE* without some foundation for so doing. As regards the editor's "disinterestedness" we leave the public to judge.

Local and Other Items.

Another lot of those fine large 60c Parasols to hand, at D. Davidson's, Dundalk.

JEREMIAH TAYLOR's house in Thornbury was struck by lightning on Tuesday the 9th inst., about 11 a.m.

NEPENTHE BITTERS, a real cure for Liver complaint, Indigestion, and Dyspepsia at the Medical Hall, Dundalk.

IF Graham is selling the celebrated brand of tea, called the "Fire Queen," for 40 cents per lb. It astonishes every person.

THE ROAD-work on Mr. Gray's beat, Dundalk, was done this week, and some of the streets have a much better appearance in consequence.

I saw R. E. Hall & Bro., of Priceville, selling Oxford Shirtings at 10c per yard. Where can they have got it? Others charge 20c for it.

BLOWN DOWN.—We are informed that during the storm on Sunday evening a new large frame R. C. church at Midway which was ready for shingling, was blown down.—Confederate.

FALL ASSIZES.—The Fall Assizes for this County will be held before Mr. Justice Patterson in Owen Sound, on Monday, Oct. 8th, and in the County of Bruce at Walkerton on the 22nd October before the same Justice.

MR. JOHN NICKLE desires to inform the public generally that he has resigned the agency for Dr. Clark Johnson's Indian Blood Syrup in favor of Mr. N. P. Carter, of the Medical Hall, Dundalk, who will for the future, keep on hand a constant supply of that valuable preparation.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.—During the storm on Sunday evening last Mr. Alex. Davidson, of Egremont, had a very fine young horse killed by lightning. Mr. D. was attending divine service, in this place, and upon his arrival home was astonished to see the animal lying on the ground dead. As the horse was the most valuable of Mr. D's stock he will lose considerable.—Confederate.

GOOD NEWS TO FARMERS.—Mr. W. L. Marshall, of Dundalk, is selling the celebrated Noxon Reapers on next year's terms, or extending the time of payment to suit purchasers. Any one intending to purchase a machine next year can make it pay its own payments by purchasing from Mr. Marshall. Such bargains have never been offered to the farmers in this section before. Combined machines are warranted to give satisfaction in either reaping or mowing. Call and examine prices and terms.

BUTTER FOR THUNDER BAY.

To show the extent to which the trade of Dundalk is extending, we may mention that Mr. Geo. R. Middleton has received an order to ship several packets of butter every week to Prince Arthur's Landing, Thunder Bay. May abundant success attend this enterprise.

A DEBATE took place in the Dundalk Division, Sons of Temperance, on Tuesday evening last. J. Townsend and G. Rutherford, leaders. W. E. Noble, assisted by Mrs. T. Hanbury, and Mrs. A. G. Hunter were appointed a Committee to decide which side did best, and gave their decision in favor of J. Townsend's side.

A CHANGE has taken place in the proprietorship of the Guelph Herald, Mr. Marsh having retired, who is succeeded by Mr. Burrows, its late editor. The style of the new firm is C. Acton Burrows & Co. We understand that Mr. Wright, late of the *Stratford Herald*, has assumed the editorial management of the Guelph daily.

We notice that several of our citizens are going in for the unusual extravagance in this village of having brick chimneys erected in place of the stove-pipes recently sticking through the roofs. This all comes about of having a brick-yard near Dundalk. We expect the next thing some of the villagers will be building brick houses to some of the chimneys!

FATAL RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.—On Thursday last, Mr. James McGowan, and wife of East Garrafraxa, were at Douglas, when from some cause or other his horse ran away, throwing Mrs. McGowan out of the buggy. The unfortunate lady received such injuries that she died on Friday morning. The funeral took place last Saturday and was largely attended.

MR. W. McLEARY, of the 4th line of Euphrasia, east of lot 27, having about six weeks ago observed his gobbler manifest a strong desire to set, satisfied his curiosity by placing sixteen turkey eggs under him. And a few days ago the process of incubation was fully accomplished. And now his gobblerhood protests and manifests all the enthusiasm for the infant turkey a mother usually does.—This is a freak rarely ever heard of.—*Thornbury Standard*.

DOWN UP BROWN.—A citizen of a certain hamlet in this immediate neighbourhood, went the other morning, gun in hand, to see if he could hunt up some game, and after perambulating the bush for a short time across his quarry—a hare for certain! Of course the gun was brought up to his shoulder in double quick, a flash, and then—well, said citizen got round to the stern of the animal, and it pouncing down upon it was just about to lag his game when, whee! whoop!! and before he could scarcely tell what had happened he was several yards away from the hare, and making rapidly for his domicile. But here further trouble awaited him, for it is said his better half advised him to retreat and bury his clothes, or hang himself up to air a little, or do something of that kind before he could be allowed to enter. It is needless to add that our friend did not violate the game law.

Flesherton.

(From our own Correspondent.)
On Wednesday evening last, the following officers were elected in Flesherton Division No. 412, S. O. T. for the current quarter:—W. P. S. J. F. Sprout; W. A. M. E. Merriam; R. S. S. M. Cowper; A. R. S., Bro. R. Davis; F. S., Bro. J. W. Henderson; T. W. Bradley; Chap. W. M. Clarke; Con. G. Sprout; A. Con., S. C. Davis; I. S., Bro. J. C. Griffith; O. S., J. L. Payne; P. W. P., W. J. Bellamy.

The tenth anniversary of our Dominion in Flesherton was celebrated very quietly, the village being nearly deserted. Between thirty and forty persons attended the picnic at the Irish Lake, while numbers visited the various pic-nics at Meaford Road and Salem, all appearing to enjoy themselves immensely. In the evening the strawberry and ice-cream festival at Markdale proved quite an attraction, and was patronized by a large number of the young ladies and gentlemen of our village, who all manifested spent an agreeable and social time.

The coming twelfth, promises to be a gala day in this village, as it has been chosen to be the centre, where this district shall meet, and celebrate the immortal Battle of the Boyne. As yet nothing further than the ordinary procession and festivities are announced, but the Orange-men in general anticipate a good time. Your correspondent disdains to make any reply whatever to "Polestriam's" article in the *Markdale Expositor* of last week, considering it beneath him to reply to any article so scurrilous in its nature.

Referring to the present highly protective tariff of the country, the New York *Evening Post* says:—"Another proof of the gravity of the disease with which our tariff and shipping laws have afflicted our commercial interests has come to our knowledge. We have been informed that the Baring Brothers, the English bankers, have decided to establish a steamship line from New Orleans to South America, to be run in connection with another line which is to be established between St. Louis and New Orleans. That is to say, while American capital is begging in our markets for employment at low rates of interest, a foreign firm penetrates to the very centre of our territory and captures the traffic which shameful trade laws in the interest of a few shipbuilders have prevented us from grasping. It is not often that the evils of our shipping laws appear in so vivid and startling a light as in this case, and if our tariff makers have a particle of the sense of shame left the circumstance ought to be, in the words of the countrywoman, 'a huckle-berry to much.'" If American enterprise and American intelligence are not adequate to the abatement of such a disgrace as our present laws are, it is time that we abated our boasts of national progress.

Myrand, the inshoremaid deck-hand of the Ottawa river steamer *Queen Victoria*, has been sentenced to two weeks' imprisonment for disobeying orders on the occasion of the disturbance respecting the replacing of the Union Jack by the *Papal Zonaves' flag*. Cousineau, the other prisoner, was discharged.

The temperance movement in Brantford is receiving a fresh impetus. Prohibition has been organized, and Mr. Rine has commenced his labours in that city. With the assistance of the clergy and the leading local temperance men, who have promised their hearty co-operation, he will doubtless meet with encouraging success. A temperance movement has also been inaugurated in London.

The War and the Belligerents

The slow progress of the Russians and the capacity of resistance displayed by the Turks is creating a good deal of surprise, and leading many who thought Russia had an easy task before her to doubt seriously whether the Balkans will be so easily won. It seems utterly incomprehensible how a nation so misgoverned as Turkey has been, and which has been apparently declining year by year during the quarter of a century which has elapsed since the last invasion, can resist for any length of time a nation so powerful as Russia is supposed to be. The mystery may be partly explained on the supposition of bad generalship, but even that will not suffice. The conviction is evidently spreading that the Russian Empire is not so strong as it seems, and that when the time for a concerted effort comes the nervous energy dissipated throughout its remote extremities is incapable of making one until the opportunity is lost. A country so large as Russia, and possessed of the qualities necessary to sustain a uniformly dense population, would find its size a serious obstacle to concentration and prompt action. But Russia is far from being thickly populated, and her climate is an almost insuperable obstacle in the way of her becoming a great military nation. She can with difficulty produce the necessary supplies for her forces, and when they are obtained they can only be transported with great difficulty to the scene of action. An invading army coming under such conditions can always be annoyed and frequently baffled.

The great difficulty, for instance, felt by the Russians just now on the Danube is their distance from their base of supplies. Were they subject to no delays on this account they would soon, in all probability, reach the Balkans, and even cross them. But Bulgaria has been laid waste in front of them, and a river controlled, in so far as men-of-war are concerned, by the Turks lies between those who have crossed and the district from which their supplies must be obtained. It is all very well for Prince Gortschakoff to say that Russia is prepared for a more powerful resistance than she had met with. The facts appear to be against him, and if they are not the question is inevitable: Why does Russia, if she is prepared to encounter a more dangerous resistance, take so long to overcome the one she has had to deal with? The Prince is of opinion that if the Bulgarians succeed in a decisive battle in Bulgaria their task will be completed in a short time. This is very much like saying that if they succeed they will be successful. The question is not how long the war will last after a decisive battle in Bulgaria, but whether there will be a decisive battle at all, and whether the Russians will gain it if there is. It may be that the reduction of the fortresses which make up the Turkish Quadrilateral are and are found at other points on the northern slope of the Balkans will occupy the Russian troops till the malaria of the lower and the snow of the upper districts interpose between them and Constantinople a more insuperable obstacle than a line of Turkish troops or even one of the Turkish redoubts. This seems to be admitted even by Gortschakoff when he says:—"If Turkey retires into the Balkans we shall have annoyances for days, because of their excellent positions for defence. Then will commence our difficulty in provisioning our army." If the real difficulties of the campaign are only to begin when the Balkan line of defence is reached, the Russians have a singular habit of pausing over preliminaries.—*Globe*.

Severe Thunder Storms.

On Monday morning about five o'clock a severe thunder storm passed over the County from Galt to Hamilton, which caused considerable damage. A despatch from Galt on Monday says:—"A disastrous thunder storm, accompanied by violent wind, rain, and hail, passed over this town about five o'clock this morning, doing a great deal of damage to buildings and fruit trees. Several private dwellings and St. Andrew's Church were unroofed. Thomson & Co.'s woolen factory had the roof knocked in by the blowing over of a large one hundred-foot brick chimney, entailing a loss of about \$500. The smoke-stacking on Barber's cabinet factory and Hogg & Ford's saw mill were also razed to the ground. Warnock's hardware store had part of the roof taken off. A private dwelling was entered by lightning, which did considerable damage to the furniture and scorching things generally. The inmates escaped unharmed. Trees were literally torn out of the ground by the roots. The storm lasted only about ten or fifteen minutes, and was seemingly confined to an area of about a square mile in the body of the town."

On Sunday last severe storms occurred in many parts of the United States. A despatch from Pensacola, Wis., says a terrible whirl-wind struck the town on Sunday night, leaving but three houses standing. The Gardner House, a large hotel, was demolished. Residences, saw-mills, trees, fences, &c., were swept away. Eight persons were killed and twenty wounded. Five persons are missing, including some guests at the hotel. The losses are heavy.

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Melancthon Council.

The Council met at the Hotel of Mr. Jennings, in the village of Shelburne, on Monday, the 18th day of June, 1877, pursuant to adjournment. Members present, Robert McGhee, Esq., Reeve; William Jelly, Esq., Deputy- Reeve; Messrs. Doyle, August, and Ostrander, Councillors.

The Reeve in the chair.
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

An account from George Raines was presented and read; also a communication from the Police Trustees of the village of Shelburne relative to the rate to be levied on the village of Shelburne for the year 1877 was presented and read.

Moved by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. August, that the Treasurer be authorized to receive the sum of \$10.80 of arrears of taxes charged against the east half of lot 29, in the second Concession, O. S., for the year 1875, and have the same erased.—Carried.

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Division 3, Mr. Doyle..... 400.00
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REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GRAVEL ROADS.

The Special Committee appointed to superintend and expend the grant of \$1400.00 on the line between the 2nd and 3rd concessions, Old Survey, extending from the gravel road to No. 10 side line; and also the grant of \$800 on No. 10 between Mill's corner and Masonville beg leave to

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