

the year of 741 members. All the church are in advance of last notwithstanding the hard times, paid from all sources for the super fund last year was \$30,920—this shows a very gratifying advance. Missionary income is also nearly in advance of the past year. In every branch of the work progress is evident.

The Conference will be held in the Port Hope, on the second Wednesday, June 1st.

From Manitoba.

—, of Dundalk, has kindly sent us to publish the following interesting letter from Mr. Jas. Colgan, who emigrated to the Prairie Province, and sends his impressions of the and the result of his observations at arrival there—

Emerson, Manitoba, June 1st.

FRIENDS.—Your esteemed epistle has come to hand. I am very glad you took my name and request I was not to open correspondence. I would write sooner had I known about it. Your good wishes and kind words are thoroughly understood and appreciated by me, and I assure you our ship is a mutual one; and now have started scribbling I will try to justice to the undertaking, and a plain, reliable information as far as possible. On the whole I am exceedingly pleased with the country and prospects. I believe the North-West has superior advantages to any other part of the Dominion for the poor man, if he is willing to push and persevere. Certainly we have many drawbacks after, but more than we experience in any new country—they can all be overcome in a short time. The land here is dirt; I don't think there is any in the world. There is about three feet of black muck on the surface, rising of a blue clay. I saw a ground that has been under cultivation for over sixty years, by Indians and French, and the last is forty bushels wheat to the acre, manure. With regard to wood it is very scarce. None to be had in the river banks—*sand-dunes*—in travel twenty, thirty, and far know, a hundred miles, and not much wood as would kindle your fire; although, I am told, there is enough up the Roseau River to last for a hundred years. It can cost a dollar per acre. My place is a mile and a half of the River, and distance from the proposed railway. No one buys wood here yet knowledge; they don't know it down. I have not heard of any scarcity, excepting in a very dry season. As can be had by digging twelve to feet, and sometimes less. The well water appears to me to be the same as in Ontario. The soil is very sandy, but when it is as healthy as any for use, improvements are very high-breaking at \$3.50 to \$4 per acre, and fencing comes very expensive, for a party here who paid fifteen dollars for an improved fence lot. My place has a little improvements—no need. It's trouble to this country once you get a land is, as easily worked. You ought for a week and not strike stone. Stock raising will be very labore. Cattle are as fat here than ever seen them in the fall. I much more as splendid. Once here have this spring an account of immigration. They sell from one hundred to two hundred dollars horses don't generally sell unless they get great care, paying first-class if a man has a pretty good stock, is easily. The great trouble is sowing. In most cases you would be hard to find a man who would plant if a man has a good crop, he would be favourable to a duty; but if it is shown to him that he would lose ten times the increase in price it is into this matter, and from what we can learn have come to the conclusion that the *Citizen's* statement does not represent the facts in their proper light. The contract, we are informed, was obtained by Mr. Kavanagh, of Ottawa, who was backed up by certain persons from New York, who failed to "come to terms" when required. At the request of Mr. Kavanagh the contract was taken off him by Mr. Murphy, of Ottawa, who we understand, is a Reformer, and Mr. Uppercase, who is one of the stanchest Conservatives in this city, or in the Province. Mr. Hart's connection with the contract is simply as a surety of Mr. Uppercase. As far as we can learn, nothing has nothing to do with the case—nor the Kingston contest. The price was not fixed by them, but by the collective markets of the world; whatever nation was the purchaser paid the duty themselves imposed; and the Americans, in taxing grain they required to import, were only taking so much money out of the pockets of their own consumers. With regard to corn, no doubt if it were shown to a man who had corn to sell that a duty would increase its price, he would be favourable to a duty; but if it is shown to him that he would lose five cents, or even three cents, it was under the "national policy" of 1870, not five cents, as probably would be—but—ten cents a bushel; assuming also that that would give them ten cents a bushel more for their corn than they receive now, they would then have an additional \$10,000 a year to divide among the 30,000 old farmers of that county, as their reward for acting in defiance of all sound principles of political economy, and in opposition to the principles of common honesty. That would be equivalent to \$3 a year apiece. In other words, they would receive \$10,000 and contribute \$130,000; they would pay \$13 for every dollar they got. It was difficult to see what advantage they would have in those circumstances. Now, what was the effect of this upon trade in the country? During the past four years and a half we imported 33,949,463 bushels of corn, and exported 20,259,466, retaining 13,188,969 bushels for home consumption. We bought our imports for \$18,233,418, or 53 cents per bushel, and sold our exports for \$13,225,514, or 65 cents per bushel, making a profit of 12 cents on every bushel exported; Canada's profit in the shape of freights and commissions was \$2,500,000. That did not hurt the country. I would prefer setting Minnesota if I could not stay in this Province. Enclosed a sample of spring wheat grown very hands to the acre. I am a specimen of our men—thought they would show to

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The Grain Question.

At a large gathering of the electors of Norfolk, Mr. Charlton, M. P., addressed the meeting. Speaking of the importation of grain he said:—

Of ours we imported during the last four years and a half 3,347,612 bushels, for which we paid \$1,144,306; while we exported 12,567,794 bushels, for which we received \$5,568,726. We thus exported 9,220,182 bushels more than we imported, and received \$4,864,420 more than we paid. We had an annual surplus of 2,019,911 bushels and an annual profit of \$369,871. In other words, the average cost per bushel of our imports was thirty-four cents, and the average price received for our exports forty-three and three-quarters cents, being a gain in freights and commissions of 9½ cents per bushel. Much of the American corn brought into Canada was converted into oatmeal for exportation, and a lucrative trade was done in that respect. During the last six months of 1877 we exported no less than \$25,412 worth of oatmeal, and wherever an oatmeal mill was established it tended to raise the price of oats. Of peas, during the last four years and a half we exported 11,209,764 bushels, for which we received \$9,698,193, or 86 cents a bushel; we imported none. What would be the use of a duty on that article? With regard to barley, the impression prevailed that the American duty of 15 per cent. upon it affected the price. Suppose it did; the Canadian Government did not impose the duty and could not remove it. Even as matters stood, we exported 48 bushels for every one we imported, and received 76 times as much for the barley we sold as we paid for the barley we brought. (Cheers.) During the last four years and a half we only imported 767,153 bushels, while our exports amounted to 37,251,323 bushels; for the former we paid \$374,876, while we received for the latter \$28,732,253; the average price of our imports being 483 cents per bushel, and our exports 77 cents. Last year our imports of the same article amounted to 369,801 bushels, at an average price of 401 cents, while our exports amounted to 6,587,480, at an average price of 71 cents. Some of the imported barley we very likely mixed with our white barley, and resold it to the Yankees for 314 cents a bushel more than we paid them for it, besides leaving them to pay their own duty upon it. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) The American duty on barley had nothing to do with the price of it. We had sold barley to the Americans both during the twelve years of the existence of the Reciprocity Treaty, when it was admitted free, and during the eleven years since its abrogation. The Charlesbourg business is still fresh in the public mind, and now that so great an effort is to be put forth against Sir John Macdonald in Kingston, it is reasonable of course that Macdonald & Co. & Co. will be excluded, but to do this no advantage should be taken of the gentleman whose tender was lowest, or who was induced by false representations to partially agree to withdraw from his contract.

Moved by D. McGillivray, seconded by Thos. Strachan,

That this convention heartily approves of the course pursued by the Dominion and Ontario Governments under the representation of Hon. Alexander Mackenzie and Hon. Oliver Mowat.

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The Pembina Branch.

The Ottawa Citizen of last evening says:—

"We have received particulars with reference to the letting of the Pembina Branch contract, and if what our informant states is true, it is evident that an injustice has been done to the people here. Hon. Alexander Mackenzie and Hon. Oliver Mowat."

With commendable energy the firm have decided to commence the manufacture of various designs of cooking and other stoves on an extensive scale, and ten patterns have already been placed in the hands of the moulder, of whom they employ several. Work will be inaugurated in the moulding shops to-day.

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Temperance Convention.

The North Grey Temperance Board have made arrangements for holding a County Temperance Convention on Dominion Day at Flesherton, for considering and discussing the various phases of the Duckin Act, Crooks Act, and Scott Permissive Act, recently passed by the Legislature, and for the transaction of other important business connected with the temperance question in this County. Temperance Societies of all kinds, Evangelical congregations of all denominations, Young Men's Christian Association, Young Men's Conservative Association, and other organizations, who propose to attend to the suppression of the liquor traffic, and other untemperate practices imposed; and the Americans, in taxing grain they required to import, were only taking so much money out of the pockets of their own consumers. With regard to corn, no doubt if it were shown to a man who had corn to sell that a duty would increase its price, he would be favourable to a duty; but if it is shown to him that he would lose five cents, or even three cents, it was under the "national policy" of 1870, not five cents, as probably would be—but—ten cents a bushel; assuming also that that would give them ten cents a bushel more for their corn than they receive now, they would then have an additional \$10,000 a year to divide among the 30,000 old farmers of that county, as their reward for acting in defiance of all sound principles of political economy, and in opposition to the principles of common honesty. That would be equivalent to \$3 a year apiece. In other words, they would receive \$10,000 and contribute \$130,000; they would pay \$13 for every dollar they got. It was difficult to see what advantage they would have in those circumstances. Now, what was the effect of this upon trade in the country?

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CANADIAN ITEMS.

There are 100 Paris Communists residing in Montreal.

Great meetings continue to be held in the Guelph temperance tent.

A new Presbyterian church, to cost \$22,000, is to be erected in Winnipeg this summer.

Wm. Vaughan, the Little River murderer, was hanged at St. John, N. B., on Saturday, after making a full confession.

John Shannon was tried at Cobourg for shooting Bertha Wynn, a pupil of his, and sentenced to a term of ten years in the penitentiary.

Some stone-throwing occurred at Montreal last Monday night on the occasion of the concert given in honour of the Hamilton Orange band. One man was seriously injured.

During a drunken brawl at Hagersville last Monday night, one herd stalled a farmer named Calver in the abdomen, causing almost instantaneous death. Herd succeeded in making his escape.

At a meeting of the Kincardine Reform Association, held the other evening, steps were taken with a view of having the Hon. Alex. Mackenzie, Premier of the Dominion, visit Kincardine some time about the middle of July, and address a public meeting.

The Englishman Bishop, charged at Metz with attempting to obtain plans of German fortresses, has been sentenced to two and a half years' imprisonment.

The U. S. House of Representatives on Thursday last Mr. John Green, of Guelph was returning to that town from the Fergus Fair, when his horse took fright, and his buggy coming into collision with another buggy, on the road about two miles from Guelph, was thrown out, falling head first on the gravel, and sustaining such injuries that he died next morning. The deceased, who was over sixty years of age, lived in Graxford at one time, and leaves a wife and ten children.

Dufferin County Lodge, U. T. O.—At the meeting of the above Lodge, held in the Hall of Wreath of Promise Lodge, No. 224, Shelburne on Monday, June 3rd, 1878, the following were elected as officers of above County Lodge for the ensuing year:—Co. President, Bro. John S. Spence; Co. Vice-President, Bro. Jennie Ford; Co. Secretary, Bro. Robert Murray; Co. Treasurer, Bro. William Johnstone; Co. Senior Counsellor, Bro. Lena Myers; Junior Counsellor, Bro. Simeon Myers; Dep. Marshall, Bro. Robert Murray; Dep. Marshal, Bro. Jennie Ford; Co. Trustee, Bro. George C. Spence; Financier, Bro. Simeon Myers; Trustee, Bro. John S. Spence; Co. Trustee, Bro. Jennie Ford; Co. Trustee, Bro. George C. Spence; Financier, Bro. Simeon Myers; Trustee, Bro. John S. Spence.

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