

## The Grey Review.

DURHAM, APRIL 18th, 1895.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS,

On Saturday next—J. Woodland,  
Floor Paints—J. A. Hunter.  
Sect. H.—W. Laidlaw.

The very exciting election in Haldimand this week is the eighth in many years. Some of them have not been complimentary to Haldimand.

There are few to congratulate the local house on the voting down of the resolution abolishing railway passes, as long at least as mileage is allowed.

The Czar has decided that his nation shall be celebrated in Moscow, the ancient capital, next August, when there will be great rejoicing.

A McCarthy club has been formed in Thorburn, which is to act as a centre of missionary enterprise in forming similar clubs throughout the County of Grey.

Rumored that John Dillon, M. P. for East Mayo was offered the position of Secretary of state for Ireland, after the last election. His brother, an editor in Chicago says he would never accept office, except from an Irish Parliament.

A young Vietnamese student has discovered the secret of the cause of the poisoning and inflamed weeping. He has also found the antidote. The remedy is also beneficial in Diphtheria.

The treaty of peace between Japan and China is reported signed. The terms are—China independent, Japan to keep all conquered places and territory east of the Line, get Formosa permanently. A money indemnity of \$100,000,000 and last, (and curious) an offensive and defensive alliance between China and Japan.

Detective Murray, who has figured largely in many government cases lately has been made chief Inspector of a new department in Justice circles to be called the "Ontario Criminal Investigation Department." Detectives are now to be called "Inspectors," the name we presume having less the suggestion of a sneak than the other.

Very creditable is the position taken by Mr. Beatty M. P. P. of Parry Sound district. He was elected a Conservative, but according to interview he has been seen in newspapers supporting the government in the hope that they will in return give grants to colonization roads in his constituency which is masking very light of his principles, if true.

Mr. Oulmet, minister of Public Works in the Dominion Government, explained at a recent meeting of Verchères that the reason for the attitude of the Administration in regard to the Manitoba schools lay in the fact that the government was "between the devil and the deep blue sea." A picturesque description of the mind of Mr. Oulmet and his friends, to say the least, but can the use of such language on the public platform be justified?

Now is the time to make good selections of fruit trees for the spring planting. There are many reliable nursery men in the Province, and many varieties eminently suited to this soil. We would mention Mr. Sanders' Firma, a variety originated by the well-known Ontario Fruit culturist Mr. Sanders, hardy, tree from black knot, a good cropper, tree a medium size and of a bright yellow colour. Also the Ripe Pear, a hardy variety, a good bearer, brought to the notice of shareholders by Mr. Wellington of the firm of Stone & Wellington, of Toronto.

William Gault Gally, born in London in 1835 has been elected speaker of the British House of Commons. He is a lawyer by profession, and since 1886 has sat for Carlisle, member of the House. In politics he belongs to the Liberal Party, and has supported Mr. Gladstone's Irish policy. His candidature for the office of speaker was severely criticized by Mr. Bulwer, the leader of the opposition, on the ground that he was unknown as regards work of the House, having taken no part in its debates nor served upon any of its committees. This however may in itself be a recommendation, than others, for he has shown no very active part in the discussions, and may possibly above extreme party bias, and so fill the chair of the presiding officer of the House with the greater acceptance to all parties.

Canadians have had good reason to lament over the deplorable condition of public roads in Canada, but let us thankful that our legislators have not yet reached the depths of degradation which are said to be the normal condition of many congressmen in Washington. The popular member of Congress for Alberta, Mr. Howard, writes to the *Montreal Gazette*, who encloses a copy of the speech he made in the hall of Congress and have passed the men whom the people have trusted, and instead of a government by the people, a *government by a minority*. That is the best definition of the House of Commons in Ottawa. But the writer proceeds, "On the day that the session closed, Sabbath in the Capitol campaign flowed like water. Committee rooms became temporary lodges, and all the great political leaders of the country sought shelter in the restaurants and hotel lobbies in the capital, while the members of Congress were still in session. Well may the writer then say, that if reform is to be had, the people must scourge the Shylocks from the Capital, and unfeeling servants who have made the great Capital building a veritable den of thieves."

The election contest now going on in Haldimand, waxes more and more personal and bitter as it proceeds. The Government candidate is Dr. Montague, who appears to be the author of the majority of portfolios at Ottawa, Sir George Grey of State. The opposing candidate is Mr. Jeff. McCarthy a McCarthyite in name as well as in political beliefs. The straight Liberals have no candidate in the riding, the nomination on his part. Wednesday, April 10th was held when Mr. Dalton addressed a large gathering in behalf of his candidate. His text was the Manitoba School question on which he held the orthodox view that the party was in the right, and that in so far as to their own affairs and in such a way as to them may seem best. Any interference by outsiders would be repugnant to the patriotism of a free and enlightened people. Dr. Montague argued strongly for the right and the justice of the remedial legislation attempted by the Ottawa Government.

### THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

The House of Assembly, for the most part, has been engaged during the week in considering the estimated appropriation bill, as might be expected, tried its hand in moving amendments which were crude without point, and which were evidently brought forward for the purpose of embarrassing the Government. The final effort of strength occurred upon the question of employment of prison labour, the policy of the Government being, that the prison should be so employed as to help to defray the cost of maintenance, and to interfere with the industries as far as possible. The House voted to abolish the products of prison labour to the bottom, irrespective of other considerations.

The House sustained this policy by a majority of 100 to 98, all the Patrons by the way, going with the opposition. Mr. Dryden's bill to prevent fraud in packing fruit—by grafting fruit, and second by uniting two fruits in a single head over a year with the exception of that portion of the bill which provides that it will be jacked so that the "little apples will not be uniformly placed at the bottom."

The great effort however was put forth by the opposition when the appropriation for educational purposes was voted before the House. Mr. Whitehead of the opposition moved an amendment, which in effect set forth, that the High Schools were bolstered up the expense of the Public Schools. No facts, no figures, still less of argument could sustain the claim of this contention. The minister of Education in his reply, showed that in the last ten years the grants to Public Schools had increased 167 percent, and in the same period, the grant to High Schools had only been increased 30 percent, while the High School bill had increased 186 percent. Not only so, but previous to the radical changes effected in school matters by Mr. Ross, High Schools were entirely under the control of the public, whereas now they contribute largely towards their expenditure—the amount of fees paid by pupils attending High Schools during the last year amounted to \$15,676. The amendment was carried by a majority of 13, the Patrons who do not share the will of the good work done by the Public Schools, curiously, voting with the opposition. After the attorney general's law reform bill was read a third time and certain of other routine matters had been disposed of, the House marked the close of its session by a vote of adjournment.

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We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Middagh, of Paris, to our village as residents. Mr. Middagh is a son of Mr. Middagh of Durham.

We understand that Mr. Hicks of the South Line, Glenig, has purchased the late "Sanderson" farm near his residence containing 50 acres at a good figure.

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