

The Proposed Duty on Flour.

ONE of the followers of the Free Trade Leader—a Mr. Brown—recently introduced a resolution authorizing the Free Trade Government to impose a duty upon flour.

"One would suppose from the speech of some gentlemen this was an Opposition resolution, instead of having emanated from Ministerialists. The time of the House was wasted in discussing a motion that would receive but few votes.

In the same debate Mr. Masson, Leader of the Quebec Conservatives, is reported to have said:—

"He would never consent to the imposition of a duty on flour, but would resist it, and he believed he represented the views of the Conservative party of Quebec. No duty should be imposed without giving a fair equivalent to the sections on which it would bear.

As regards the duty on flour—proposed by a Ministerialist—we may remark that we cannot quite understand how such a duty can possibly affect materially the price of flour or increase the cost of living in the Maritime Provinces—so long as the flour market is regulated in Free Trade England.

Mr. Shaw said that the clause relating to selling liquor to minors was a wise one, and should be, above all others, enforced. He could see no reasonable objection taken to the clauses specified, and he hoped the Board would not meddle with the present working of the Act.

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We notice that Messrs. Pope, Masson, and other leading Conservatives voted against the imposition of the duty on flour. In fact, it received very little support in the Commons. Whether the opposition to the tax proposed by our Free Trade (?) friends of the Ministerial benches was occasioned by mere detestation to a popular prejudice, or by a real fear that it would, if imposed, increase the cost of living in Canada, is not clear from the debate upon Mr. Brown's resolution, as reported by telegraph.

Legislative.

This afternoon the House of Assembly went into Committee on the Bill authorizing a levy under the "Assessment Act, 1877." The Leader of the Opposition is still unable, through sickness, to take his seat; but Messrs. Arseneaux and Hackett took strong ground against the Bill.

THE RESULT OF STANLEY'S AFRICAN DISCOVERIES.—The U. S. commercial agent at Gabon reports to Washington that the knowledge of the Congo river, derived from Stanley's discoveries, is already bearing practical fruit. English missionaries have followed the river as far as the first rapids, and are about to establish a missionary station.

The Reform Deputation.

On Wednesday evening a deputation from the Reform Club waited on the members of the Licensing Board, for the purpose of rebutting the objections to the new License Law, which were set forth by a deputation from the liquor dealers that waited on the Board a few days ago.

Mr. Dawson remarked that the Board was very glad to receive such a respectable deputation, and read the following objections of the liquor dealers to the Act:—

1st. To Section III., because it inflicts a loss on wholesale dealers who have a large quantity of pint flasks, and who are not allowed by the Act to sell less than three half-pints.

2nd. To Section IV and V, which enacts that "tavern licenses" shall be \$45; retail license \$55, and saloon license \$80—because these amounts are too high.

3rd. To section VII—which enacts that application must be made for license every year, as when first granted. They think the Board should grant renewals without the licensee having to appeal to the "Block."

4th. To section XV, regarding the sale of liquor to minors.

5th. To the rule with regard to parties voting for license.

6th. To section XVIII, because the hours for opening and closing Bars are too short. They think the time should be from 6 o'clock, a. m., to 10 p. m.

Mr. Millner said the Board should congratulate themselves on the judicious laws they have enacted. Five-sixths of the citizens would bear the Board out in all their actions. He thanked the Board, on behalf of the citizens, for the manner in which they transacted the business left to their charge; and he hoped they would not move in the present matter without an expression of public opinion.

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British Minister Thornton has officially expressed to the Secretary of the State the high sense of the Queen's Government entertained of the honor done to the Government of Canada and Her Majesty's representative, by the courtesy shown to the Governor General of Canada, Lord Dufferin, by the President on the occasion of his Lordship's recent visit to Washington.

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

THE SITUATION.

RESULT OF THE RECENT DISCUSSION.

Fourteen Thousand Men Sick.

(Special Despatch to Daily Examiner.) LONDON, April 10.

Though it is generally considered here that the Debate in Parliament on the Address, thanking the Queen for calling out the reserves, has placed the Government's policy in a clear light, Lord Derby's statement concerning the secret determination of the Cabinet which led him to resign, is the subject of much anxious curiosity.

The Russian officials of rank at Bucharest declare that they fully expect the English fleet to succeed in forcing its way into the Black Sea, in the event of war; hence their efforts to increase facilities for land transport over the lines not accessible to interruption from the fleet, and as far distant as possible from the Austrian frontier.

A despatch from Pera states that 14,000 are sick from San Stefano to Adrianople, nearly half of them with typhus fever, so that Russian officers regard their position as very unsatisfactory. The Times to-day says that it cannot but share Lord Hartington's regret that Sir Wilfred Lawson was not content with the debate in Parliament without going to a division on his amendment.

The speeches of Lord Beaconsfield and Salisbury are thought at Vienna to point to a probability of war and to hold out a small hope of a Burgess, which it is there believed is the only possible way of reaching a pacific solution.

GENERAL NEWS.

WINGHAM, Ont., April 6.

James Dorran died while under the influence of chloroform administered by a physician for the purpose of performing an operation on the hand.

St. CATHERINES, Ont., April 6.

George Carry, aged nineteen, was found this morning suspended by the neck in an outbuilding.

TORONTO, April 6.

Charlton, a Globe printer, took two ounces of laudanum from the effects of which he died. He was subject to melancholia.

LONDON, April 8.

A despatch from Cape Town confirms the report that there has been severe fighting. The British troops, in one action were forced to retreat before an overwhelming force. Secococeni's followers have killed some Europeans. Assistance is requested.

LONDON, April 6.

At Sydney, New South Wales, a letter dated the 28th of February, reports that a three years' drought in Australia has ended. Rains are general over the country, and there is a more buoyant feeling in commercial circles. The loss in 1876 was over £2,000,000 stg. It is expected that the losses during the past year were two or three times larger.

NEW YORK, April 8.

Twelve persons have been reported missing to the police, and seven dead bodies, taken from the rivers, have been conveyed to the morgue within a few days.

OTTAWA, April 5.

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WORSTED COATINGS—SUPERIOR FINISH! Spring Tweed—Newest Designs!

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C. ROBERTSON.

Ch'town, April 6—3m

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RESERVE your Spring Order, and get our Low Quotations—LOWER THAN EVER BEFORE.

CARVELL BROS., AGENTS.

Ch'town, March 23—sw pat's jour 21

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Ch'town, April 8—cod

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Ch'town, April 8—cod t may 1

Insolvent Act of 1875 and Amending Acts.

TENDERS will be received by the Assignee of the Estate of S. Keith and Co., for the whole Stock, Good Will and Trade of the above-named Insolvent, until twelve o'clock, noon, of SATURDAY, the 13th day of April, 1878; and the names of two responsible persons, willing to become bound for the amount, will be required to accompany each tender.

The Assignee does not bind himself to accept the highest or any tender.

C. V. MCGREGOR, Assignee.

Ch'town, April 6, 1878.—pat

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—FOR—

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Advertisements sent in before 10 o'clock will, if required, be inserted so as to be laid before our readers in Summerside, Souris, Georgetown and other outlying towns the same evening.

W. L. COTTON, Manager.

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CATTLE SHOW

ON TUESDAY, APRIL 16,

At Twelve o'clock.

THE Commissioners of the Stock Farm will offer the following Prizes for Fat Cattle on TUESDAY, April 16th, at 12 o'clock, noon:—

Table with 2 columns: Prize description and Amount. Includes Best animal on Exhibition (\$100), Best Fat Ox (900), 2nd best do. (700), Best Fat Steer, not over 3 years old (600), 2nd best do. (400), Best Fat Cow (800), 2nd best do. (600), Best Pair Sheep, Ewes or Wethers (500), 2nd best do. (300).

An entrance fee of 50 cents will be charged for each of the cattle, and 50 cents for each pair of sheep.

Entries to be made with the Secretary on or before Tuesday, the 16th April, at 11 o'clock.

SALE OF AYRSHIRE BULL.

The Services of the Ayrshire Bull will be sold at Auction immediately after the Cattle Show.

SIMON W. CRABBE,

Secretary to Stock Farm Comrs. April 6—3aw

CONCERT

BY THE CHARLOTTETOWN

Amateur Orchestral Club!

THE CLUB will give their Second Charlottetown Concert on

Thursday Ev'ng, April 11,

AT THE Y. M. C. A. HALL.

PLAN of the Seats can be seen at Apothecaries' Hall on Monday next, 8th inst. TICKETS 25 cents.

W. H. BRENNER, Secretary.

April 4, 1878—

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A SMALL STOCK of Vegetable and Flower Seeds, of Extra Superior Quality, for Hot Beds and Early Sowing, just received and for sale at

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