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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

**JACOB HESPELER & SON**  
And now and in future selling their

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RETAIL DEALERS  
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Wholesale Prices and Terms

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**WARRANTED TO CURE**

**Rheumatic Pains of all kinds.**

**DRUGGISTS, merchants and others supplied at the lowest price.**

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**SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY,**  
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**THE SPRING TRADE.**

**Evening Mercury.**

**NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.**

**Country Merchants and Others.**

**ERIN QUARTERLY FAIR.**

**THE LATE FIRE AT STIRTON.**

**KILLED BY THE FALL OF A TREE.**

**A SMASH.—A team ran away on Tuesday from before Messrs. Carroll & Co's store and directed their course towards the Great Western Hotel.**

**A COMPLIMENT TO CANADIAN WHEAT GROWING.**

**FANCY GOODS.—Mrs. Hunter has received a large stock of Fancy Goods, consisting of everything that ladies fond of exercising themselves in ornamental needlework generally ask for.**

**WHAT IF IT SHOULD.—What if the feeling of independence which has marked the little colony in the west should spread to the Red River settlement, and they should declare themselves a people, with a governor, a policy and a parliament? More unlikely things have come to pass.**

**SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—The examination of School Sec. No. 5, Paisley Block, was held in the School-house on Friday of last week.**

**CRICKET.—The Detroit Post expatiated at length on the subject of cricket, and the pretensions of the Detroit Clubs in particular, a correspondent at Windsor takes exceptions to some of the editor's remarks, and asserts flatly that "an eleven could be selected in almost any part of Canada, particularly in Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton, or London, that could best any club in the United States with ease."**

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## Elora Correspondence.

To-day is Easter Fair. There is an immense crowd of people on the grounds. An astonishing number of cattle have changed hands; they are first class, and enough to tempt any vegetarian to desert his principles. The merchants to-day consider their hard work as a sort of relief from the wearisome dull work they have had for the last week or two. Little has occurred since my last letter to disturb the even tenor of our way. The continued very warm weather has entirely put a stop to sugar making.

Our friend the "Sawhorse" of the *Advertiser* has been a little too severe in his criticism on the Mechanics Institute of this place. He is mistaken in attributing the want of success attending the Institution to "lack of energy." The members all along have been very energetic. The secret lies in the fact that it has been next to impossible to get the public generally to take an interest in it. This I think is not only the case in Elora, but in other places as well. The committee of the Institute are busily arranging for a public reading, to be held on the evening of the 16th prox. They have already a large programme of both readings and music. A great part of the local amateur talent will be called into requisition for the occasion.

DELTA.  
Elora, March 31, 1868.

**SCHOOL EXAMINATION.**—On Friday the 20th March, the public examination of the pupils attending school in Section No. 4, Nichol, took place. Mr Talbot, the teacher in this section, has had an assistant for some time past, the attendance being so large as to be beyond the power of any one teacher. As we had the pleasure of attending Mr Talbot's examination in December last, we can speak confidently of the progress made by the pupils, since that time, under his able tuition. While the order, which was at that time subject of remark by all, was equally good now. This last feature makes it a pleasure to attend Mr Talbot's examinations. During the examination, which lasted from 10 o'clock a. m. till after 4 p. m., several of the classes had to be omitted for want of time. Those, however, that were examined bore ample testimony that neither they nor their teacher had been idle since last December. We took particular notice of several classes that had made rapid progress on the road to knowledge since last examination. Chief among these were the classes in English History, the senior classes in Arithmetic and English Grammar, and a large class in Geometry, the most of whom were examined as far as the end of the first book of Euclid. At the close of the examination the boys and girls, respectively, read an address and presented their teacher with handsome Bible and Album, when after a few brief and appropriate remarks had been made by Mr Fordyce, our worthy Superintendent, and others, the proceedings were postponed till 7 o'clock. At that hour the schoolroom was again filled, when a long programme of recitations and dialogues was gone through by the pupils. Not the least entertaining feature of this part of the proceedings was a number of our most popular pieces of music, sung at intervals throughout the evening, by a choir of the pupils. An abundance of refreshments were carried round by the pupils at intervals throughout the day and evening, to which ample justice was done. A very large number of parents and visitors was present, among the latter were several teachers, who assisted Mr Talbot during the day. The proceedings were finally terminated at half-past nine, by the singing of "God save the Queen," when all retired apparently highly gratified.—Com.

**ANOTHER SAVINGS BANK.**—It will be seen by advertisement, that a Savings Bank Department has been opened in connection with the Bank of Commerce. It offers some advantages superior to those of the Government Savings Bank. While in the latter, interest is allowed only from the first day of the calendar month next succeeding the deposit the former reckons it from the very day on which it is made, and while the rate for sums deposited for a short period is the same, money allowed to remain in the hands of the Bank for six months after the 3rd of June or the 31st December will draw five per cent. without reference to the amount. This also is a more generous offer than the Government Bank holds out, for five per cent. is allowed by them on no sums under \$100. The Bank of Commerce, through a new, is a powerful and flourishing institution, and depositors may be assured that their money will be perfectly safe in its keeping, and that their orders will be honored at the shortest possible notice. Those who have been laying up small sums against a rainy day will know where it can be kept secure, and where it will increase instead of suffering diminution.

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**ANOTHER STRIKE IN ENGLAND.**—At the present time there are 20,000 colliers of the St. Helena District on a strike against a proposed reduction of their wages. They are willing, it is said, to accept a reduction of ten per cent, but to this the masters refuse to assent.

## School Examinations.

During last week the quarterly examination of the Common Schools of the Municipality was made by the Local Superintendent, when all were found in good order and making good progress. Pupils were passed from the Primary to the higher schools as follows:

From the South Ward School, Nathan Glass, Peter Orms, Frank Frost, to Grammar School; James Scott to Senior Girls' School; Alfred Hales, Arch. McVicar, Jas. Humphreys, David Humphreys, John Kennedy, John Anderson, Robert Cuthbert, John Carter, James Howard, to Senior Primary School—13.

From the West Ward School, Charles Sockett, Charles Waldren, Thos. Graham, George Bruce, Eli Cunningham, James Pipe, John Newton, John Emalle, to Senior Primary School; Mary Dollan Senior Girls' School—9.

From the North Ward School to the Senior Primary School, Frank Packham, Matthew Parker, William McVeen, Wm. Hooper, Charles Goodvee, Joseph Pearson, Senior Girls' School, Annie Montgomery, Georgina Armstrong—8.

From East Ward School, Frederick A. Present, Alex. Mackenzie, George Hood, to Grammar School; Eliza Lawrence, Mary Ann Lawrence, to Senior Girls' School—5.

From Junior Girls' School, Elizabeth Hobson, Eliza Hamilton, Janet Simpson, Eliza Cross, Albert Croft—5.

Promotions from the Senior Primary to the Grammar School, take place at the Semi-Annual examinations only.

**Annual Horse Show.**

The Annual Horse Show was held on the lower Market Square, on Wednesday, beginning at 11 o'clock a. m. The General Purpose Horses were first called. Fourteen had been entered but one failed to put in an appearance. There cannot be a great deal in praise of a majority of the animals exhibited. None were excellent, a few were fair, and a number were indifferent. Superiority was not easily distinguishable, and the duties of the judges were difficult in the extreme. The horse that took the prize last year was not shown, and Mr. O'Neill's which took the second prize twelve months ago got nothing but not much more than a good one.

though not evidencing much breeding, seven years old and owned by David Lucas, Trafalgar.

In the class of Heavy Draught Horses there were five entries. With one exception they were all good. "Sampson," a compact built horse, of a dark brown colour, owned by Mr. Charles Buckland, took the first prize; the second was awarded the horse lately imported from England Mr. by F. W. Stone, a sorrel with a white mark on his face, and which is not distinguished by any particular cognomen.

The Country of Wellington should have been able to do more in heavy draught horses; and better in horses for general purposes.

The Judges were Messrs. Jas. Laidlaw, Elisha Loree, Erasmus, and John Reading Guelph, township.

## Parliament of Canada.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.  
OTTAWA, March 31.

Hon Mr. Carter introduced a Bill respecting the Militia and the defense of the Dominion of Canada.

The Bill which he has the honour to introduce to the House divided the militia into active and reserve militia. The active militia was to be composed of volunteers of the regular militia and of the marine militia. The reserve militia would be composed of the men who would not be called to serve in any one of these capacities. The militia in general would be composed of the male inhabitants of the Dominion between 18 and 60 years of age, who would all be liable to be called out in case of a levy en masse. The militia would be divided into four classes. The first would comprise all male inhabitants between the ages of 18 and 30, unmarried, or widowers without children; the 2nd class would comprise those from 30 to 45 unmarried or widowers without children; the 3rd class would comprise all male inhabitants from 18 to 45 married, or having children; the 4th class would comprise the respectable class consisting of male inhabitants from 45 to 60 years of age. The Bill permitted the organization of volunteers as under the existing laws. A certain time would be allowed within which volunteers might enrol themselves, and then if the number was not sufficient, he proposed for the filling up of service companies, so that the number of trained men throughout the Dominion should not be less than 40,000 while at the same time the officers of the reserve militia, or such a proportion of them as the Governor-General might fix should be obtained to train along with the service company men. If any regimental division did not furnish its quota of active service men by means of volunteering, then the necessary number of service men should be drawn by ballot from the regimental division. To make up the number to 40,000, Upper Canada would have to furnish 17,500; Lower Canada 18,500; New Brunswick 4,000, and Nova Scotia 5,000. The Bill he now introduced provided that the service companies enrolled for active service should serve for only two years, and that the volunteers should serve three years. The training to be exacted every year would be not less than eight days, and no more than sixteen, but any corps or company could drill on any days beyond this limit which might be agreeable to them, which might be directed by their commanding officer. He went on to express his opinion that the Imperial Government would be satisfied with the number which this bill provided should be trained for active service. He then enlarged on what might be accomplished by our 700,000 militia men. Looking at the way in which the four millions of Southern whites are furnishing 400,000 fighting men had defended their country for four years against twenty-four millions of the north, who had put into the field during the war 2,600,000. The military expenditure for the current year will amount to \$1,431,000.

Hon. J. S. McDonald alluded to the measure of 1863 as showing the distaste of the people of Canada to being coerced into military service. He believed that in the absence of danger the present or any other measure introduced would be lead letters as regarded the mass of the militia; but let danger once arise, and every man in Canada would be prepared to rush to arms in defence of his home and country.

Mr. Mackenzie said he had anticipated, from the known proclivities of the Minister of Militia, that he would have submitted a very different bill from that which had been actually presented to the House. As that hon. gentleman had frequently declared that he never regretted anything he did, he had expected we would have had the famous Lyons bill presented again. He supposed the people generally would not be sorry that this expectation had not been realized. (Hear.) But taking a cursory view of the scheme as presented, he thought it was either too little or too much. It appeared to him that the sum of money to be appropriated was far more than enough to accomplish the results sought to be obtained.

Hon Mr. Holton complained that no estimates were yet forthcoming. It was high time that this tariff policy, which they declared their intention of re-opening should be before the country.

Sir J. A. Macdonald replied that the Finance Minister was preparing his measures with as much speed as could be made with bills involving such a great amount of labour.

The House adjourned at 10 minutes to 2.

**Senior Girls' School.**

The following is a list of the pupils at the Senior Girls' School, who have obtained the highest number of diligence marks in their respective classes during the past quarter: 1st Grammar: A McLagan, P. Rowe, B. Wilkie, M. McKinnon, A. Sunley, 2nd Grammar: J. Graffley, S. Hayward, L. Stevenson, C. Taylor, I. Armstrong, 3rd Grammar: K. Findlay, S. Wilkinson, M. McNeil, H. Bruce, P. Barclay, 1st Geography: P. Rowe, A. McLagan, M. Stephenson, A. Sunley, M. McKinnon, 2nd Geography: S. Hayward, S. Wilkinson, J. Graffley, L. John, P. Barclay, 3rd Geography: M. McNeil, H. Bruce, K. Findlay, M. Hood, J. Galbraith, 1st Spelling: P. Rowe, M. Stevenson, A. McLagan, B. Wilkie, A. Sunley, L. Couch, 2nd Spelling: J. Findlay, A. Ellis, K. Findlay, E. Wilkie, Stevenson, A. Cooper, L. Stevenson, A. Sunley, P. Rowe, A. McLagan, A. Cooper, 2nd Derivations: M. Stevenson, A. Sunley, P. Rowe, A. McLagan, A. Cooper, 2nd Derivations: S. Wilkinson, P. Barclay, S. Hayward, K. Findlay, J. Findlay, 1st Scripture History: P. Rowe, A. McLagan, A. Sunley, L. Couch, L. Stevenson, 2nd Scripture History: K. Findlay, S. Wilkinson, Ancient History: P. Rowe, A. McLagan, M. Stevenson, A. Sunley, Natural Philosophy: P. Rowe, A. McLagan, A. Sunley, L. Stevenson, M. Stevenson, English History: P. Rowe, A. McLagan, A. Sunley, B. Wilkie, L. Green, Modern History: M. Stevenson, L. Stevenson, A. Cooper, L. Green, 4th Book Reading: A. Ellis, S. Hayward, J. Findlay, K. Findlay, J. Galbraith, 1st French: A. McLagan, B. Wilkie, S. Green, 2nd French: L. Stevenson, A. Graffley, J. Graffley, Attendance: A. McLagan, B. Wilkie, K. Findlay, J. Findlay, E. Wilkie, E. Ferguson.

The Provincial Government offer a reward of \$800 for the apprehension of the murderer of Sykes, the drover on the Grand Trunk Railway.

## BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

**BY ATLANTIC CABLE.**

**London, March 31.**—The debate in the House of Commons, last night, on the Irish Church, was the most important one which has taken place during the present session of Parliament.

**Florence, March 31.**—King Victor Emmanuel is confined to his bed by serious illness. A despatch from Rome says the Pope is sick; but the nature of his attack is not stated.

**London, March 31.**—Despatches from the Continent state that rumors have broken out in Gronoble. It is supposed they are occasioned by the enforcement of the new army law. No definite particulars have been received.

**American Despatches.**

**Buffalo, April 1.**—Nicholas Smith was arrested yesterday and confessed to having set fire to eighteen different buildings in this city, within the past few weeks.

**Indianapolis, March 31.**—J. J. Critton, a merchant of Greenfield, was robbed yesterday, at Richmond, of \$15,000.

**Philadelphia, March 31.**—Wm. Donovan was executed at York yesterday for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Squibb and their grand-daughter. He protested innocence to the last.

**San Francisco, March 31.**—The steamer *China* from Hong Kong, arrived yesterday. A heavy fallow occurred among the Chinese Customs banks, which was so bad there was no hope of foreigners recovering their losses, though the American and English Consuls had addressed the Viceroy on the subject. The United States consulate and all its archives, at Foo Chow, had been destroyed in a great fire there.

Advices from Yokohama state that Satsuma attacked the *Tycoon* at Oosae, and after four hours fighting, the *Tycoon* was driven to his ships and went to Yeddo. All the foreign Legations were pillaged and burned. The foreign Legations have all left Yeddo, being notified that a battle would take place in a few days. The Japanese town of Karagawa had been burned, with loss of two and a half million dollars. A large number of high officials had been beheaded for treason, and a great many on account of the *Tycoon's* misfortune had committed Harikari. The *Tycoon* had been declared an outlaw.

**New York, April 1.**—*Herald's* special says the financial exhibit that will be made by the public debt statement for the month, looks less encouraging than it did a week ago. From present appearances, instead of a small reduction of the debt, it is thought that a considerable increase will be shown.

The *Tribune's* special says the House has obtained possession of very important documents touching Mr. Johnson's opposition to the reconstruction measures of Congress. It is said that members have the original despatches which were sent by Mr. Johnson to prominent officials in the South, military and provisional governors, and others, urging them to use all the means in their power to defeat the legislation of Congress, all of which the managers will adduce on the trial.

**IMPORTANT TO MORMONISM.**—The Washington correspondent of the *Tribune* says:—The Committee on Elections have virtually decided the Utah delegate case today. Mr. Hooper will lose his seat on the general ground that Mormons are organized into a community hostile to the Government of the country. In the testimony which was taken yesterday morning, it was sworn that Hooper is an Elder in the Mormon Church, and that such officers are obliged to take what is termed the endowment oath. Affidavits were read of men who had taken the oath, showing that it requires those who take it to hate the United States Government, to do all in their power to overthrow it, to teach this sentiment to their children, and to in press it on their dying beds. Mr. Chanler of New York has been selected to draw up the report, and he is known to favor the uprooting of Mormon rule entirely.

**HIGHWAY ROBBERY.**—On the evening of the 25th inst., a Hotel keeper from Cobourg, named Michael Burke, who had been on a visit in Belleville, met with two or three well-known characters at a tavern convenient to the Market place. They drank pretty freely, and one of them, a notorious robber, who has been twice in the Penitentiary, and once in the State Prison, named James Labrashe, induced Burke to accompany him towards the Railway Station, and having crossed over Taylor's Hill, on arrival at a Jones some place, the ruffian knocker Burke down, robbed him of \$36 in bills, and then made his way towards Canfield. He was afterwards caught at Madoc, and the money being identified, when he was brought before the Police Magistrate at Belleville, and sent up for trial.

**DOWNTOWN HOUSE.**—Messrs. Kilgour & Till have opened a store under the above name in the village of Hillsburg. Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, and all other articles usually found in a first class general store will be found there in full stock and of the best quality. The proprietors will be found courteous and accommodating, and the opening of a store by such enterprising men will be of great advantage to the people of Hillsburg and vicinity.

**CHEAT FRUIT FOR THE SEASON.**—We would direct attention to the advertisement of Mr. Hugh Walker, whereby it will be seen that the best and cheapest fruit in the Dominion, is to be had at his store opposite the English Church, Wyndham street.

**VICTIMS.**—While the general purpose horses were showing on Wednesday one of them kicked out viciously, and struck one of the Judges, Mr. John Reading. The gentleman was hurt, but not so seriously as to incapacitate him from continuing his duties.

Upwards of 1000 refugees were brought to Athens in Russian vessels on the 7th of March, from Canada.