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GUELPH, ONT., CANADA, SATURDAY EVENING, AUGUST 1, 1868.

PRICE ONE PENNY

Dominion Store!

FANCY GOODS!

JUST RECEIVED, a large addition to the already splendid stock of
Nail Heads, Portmanteaus, Satchels, Albums, Combs, Rings, Brooches, Wool, and a general assortment of Small Stationery. A large quantity of Ink for sale by the pint, quart, or furnished with bottle or without.
For the above mentioned Goods, or any fancy articles in stock, SILVER will be taken at par.
The largest and best assortment of PIPES in Guelph are to be had at
Mrs. Robinson's,
Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph,
Guelph, July 29th, 1868. dw

CLARK'S EXCELSTOR

Washing Composition!

The best and Rarest Discovery of the Age, for Washing Purposes,
Worth Twenty Dollars a Year
In a family of eight or ten persons.

It will wash in hard or soft water. Clothes require no rubbing. The dirt is boiled out in ten minutes, and the washing may be on the line before breakfast. It is warranted not to injure or discolor the clothes, and will also remove paint, grease, or stains of all kinds. Give it a fair trial and you will never be without it. "Family Rights," containing full directions for making and using the Composition, \$1 each. Sold at the Patentee's Music Store, and at A. B. PETHIE'S Drug Store, W. WARDEN CLARK, Patente, Guelph, Ont. July 16th. dw

ARRIVED.

JUST ARRIVED
AT JOHN A. WOOD'S

50 White Granite Toilets
25 Printed do do
Fancy Stone and Parian Water Jugs
Butter Dishes, with Strainers
Bird Fountains, Seed Boxes & Baths
Corn Starch and Jelly Moulds
Engraved Bar Bottles
Sherry Cobler Tubes
100 dozen New Pattern Tumblers and Wine Glasses
25 dozen Lager Beer Jugs
Glass Bowls, Cream Jugs, Water Jugs
Tea Sets in China, White, and Coloured Ware.

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.
Guelph, July 15th, 1868. dw

2, DAY'S BLOCK.

FRESH ARRIVALS OF

SUGARS

For the Preserving Season, viz:
Porto Rico
Yellow Refined
Crushed A
Dry Crushed
Ground
Extra Crushed, &c

At reduced prices, for Two Months. Also, a large assortment of Preservative Jars of the newest styles.

AT E. CARROLL & CO'S

No. 2, GUELPH.
Guelph, July 15. dw

LUMBER & WOOD YARD.

CHARLES HEATH
HAS opened a Lumber and Wood Yard on
Quebec St. West of English Church,

CORDWOOD

For sale by the cord, half-cord and quarter-cord, and delivered in any part of the Town.
FLOUR & FEED
Also for sale, Flour and Feed, delivered in any part of the Town according to order.
All orders from Town or Country will be promptly attended to.
CHARLES HEATH, dw
Guelph, May 14, 1868.

Second Hand Clothes

SECOND-HAND CLOTHING bought and sold. Clothes made to order for Men and Boys. Farmers' work made up cheap and strong. Clothing Cleaned and Repaired.

MARTIN GILL,
Upper Wyndham Street, nearly opposite the Wellington Hotel.
Guelph, 14th May, 1868. dw-3m

FREEMAN & FREEMAN

SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY,
CONVEYANCERS, & C.
S. B. FREEMAN, Q. C. | C. O. FREEMAN
Chatham, 20th May, 1868. dw

ALBION HOTEL!

St. Paul's, MONTREAL.
MR. DECKER would say that having resumed the management of the Albion, he hopes by personal attention to merit a continuance of the patronage so liberally bestowed upon him during the last 12 years.
L. W. DECKER, d
Montreal 31th March, 1868.

BACHELOR'S HAIR DYE.

THIS splendid Hair Dye is the best in the world. The only true and perfect Dye—Harmless. Reliable, instantaneous. No disappointment. No ridiculous tints. Remedies the effects of bad dye. Invigorates and leaves the hair soft and beautiful brown or black. Sold by all Druggists and Perfumers, and properly applied at Bachelors' Wig Factory, No. 16, Bond St., N. Y. dw

HALL'S VEGETABLE SILICIAN HAIR RENEWER.

RENEW THE HAIR TO ITS ORIGINAL COLOR WHEN GRAY.
Renews the nutritive matter which nourishes the hair.
RENEW THE CROWNS OF THE HAIR WHEN BALD.
Renews the brash, wiry hair to silky softness.— Beautiful hair dressing.
One bottle shows its effects.
R. P. HALL & Co. Nassau, N. H. P. opistors.
For sale by all druggists. Jul. 14. dw

HARVEST.

A large variety of Scythes, Scyth handles, Cradles, Forks, Stones, Rakes, Grindstones, and other articles suitable to the season. Also Brass and Enamelled Preserving Kettles.
JOHN HORSMAN, Guelph.

Notice to the Public.

Silver Question.

The merchants and business men of the Town of Guelph, as well as those of Province generally, having deemed it desirable to receive and pay out American Silver at a discount only, we hereby give notice that on and after Saturday, August 1st Silver Coin, in amounts over Five Cents, will be accepted and paid by us at the following values:—
Half Dollars 48 cents
Quarter Dollars 24 " "
English Shillings 24 " "
Dimes 9 " "
Two Half Dimes 9 " "
Silver tendered in payment of all outstanding accounts due this Office will be received at the above discount after August 1st.
McLAGAN & INNES,
Mercury Office, Guelph, July 28, 1868.

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET.
SATURDAY EV'G, AUGUST 1, 1868.

An effort is making in Elora to establish a Co-operative Society.

The midge is doing considerable damage to the spring wheat in Peel and Maryboro.

The merchants of Halton, with a few exceptions, have adopted the Toronto silver scheme. Thus from east to west, north and south, the ball keeps rolling.

ON DIT.—The Brampton Times says that it is currently reported in well informed circles that the Hon. J. C. Aikens will take a seat in the Coalition Cabinet, as President of the Council.

HOLLIN FAIR.—The Maple Leaf says that the fair will not be held at Hollin on Monday, as the Drayton fair has not been discontinued.

Glenallan is ripe for revolution on the silver question. The bond will likely soon be signed there, and probably also in Hollin, Elmira and other villages in that section of country.

MUNICIPAL DIVISION.—Application will be made by Garafraxa at the next session of Parliament for a division of the township into two municipalities—the west division being composed of the first eight concessions, and the east of the remainder of the township.

FIRE.—On Wednesday afternoon last, the frame building known as the "Black Horse Hotel," on the Durham Road, near Walkerton, occupied by George Hobson, was totally destroyed by fire, together with the large stables, and other property belonging to peddlars who were stopping at the house at the time.

BASE BALL.—A match between the "Young Canadians" of Woodstock, and the "Tecumseh" club of London was played on the grounds of the former on Wednesday last. The Champions scored 89, and the Londoners 46, that is, the Woodstock men could have almost played two such clubs as the Tecumseh. We know where there is a club that they can't beat so bad as that.

NEW CHURCH IN GARAFRAXA.—Yesterday the corner stone of the new Congregational Church, near Douglas, Garafraxa, was laid with imposing ceremonies. Amongst those present was the Rev. W. F. Clarke, who conducted the ceremony, and Mr. Robert Thompson of Guelph. The day was very fine and the turn out of people large. There were a number of clergymen also present, representing all the denominations in the locality. In the afternoon excellent refreshments were served out by the ladies of the vicinity when a handsome sum was netted to the building fund.

FIRE.—The woods are on fire in many parts of the country. We have heard that an awful conflagration had spread round Riversdale, and encroaching on the village had consumed a hotel, and that a commercial traveller who was staying there had lost goods to a considerable amount. He narrowly saved the lives of his horses. About three miles west of Glenallan the crops, and even the soil itself on two farms have been burnt up, and fires are raging in Mornington.

Love, Seduction, Abortion and Death.

A case of the above description has just been tried before Dr. Swan, Coroner, Woodstock. A young lady named Safety Fuller, and a gentleman named David Edwards, both respectfully connected were the parties concerned. Edwards it appears had been paying his attentions to Miss Fuller for a number of years "with a view to matrimony." The regard on both sides appears to have been mutual. Mr. Edwards had got everything ready to commence housekeeping, as was proved at the inquest, then went and asked the consent of the "stern parents" but was not accepted. The lover's pleadings were in vain; her parents were inflexible. Being thus refused, their clandestine interviews led to illegal intimacy, the result of which was that Miss Fuller became *en ciante*. Finding herself in this state she made known the fact to her mother, who at once rushed to a doctor for assistance; who to his credit be it said refused upon all points and warned her of the danger she would incur. Unheeding the advice thus given, and contrary to the desire of both Miss Fuller and Edwards, her parents assisted by Miss Karns, persevered and at last, by the assistance of a male catheter, purchased by the latter succeeded in accomplishing their hellish design. The patient lingered for about two weeks after, and as might be expected, death put an end to her sufferings, so cruelly inflicted by her heartless parents. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller, as well as some other members of the family, after giving their evidence at the first sitting of the inquest, left for parts unknown. This sad affair created quite a sensation in Woodstock, and the coroner is strongly condemned for his negligence, when he knew all the circumstances of the case, in allowing the guilty parties to slip through his fingers.

SISTERLY LOVE.—The Mitchell Advocate says: A battle between two young women, fought in usual womanly style, by the pulling of hair, calling naughty names, smushing parasols over each other's heads, &c., took place on Main street, on Tuesday, to the great amusement of the many who witnessed the scene. The combatants are sisters, and appeared to be well up in the business, each having fought with a determination to come out the victor. Constable Hillen, who is always on hand when required, stepping in between the pugilists, but on seeing a prospect whirled over his head by the senior fighter he retreated at double quick. The matter is likely to end in a law suit.

THE CROPS AROUND HARRISTON.—The Harriston correspondent of the Observer talks of the weather and the crops in that locality as follows:—The drought still continues, and is severely felt. The supply of water in wells, &c., is beginning to give way, and crops generally have suffered greatly. The pasture fields are becoming bare, and butter making has, in the meantime, almost come to an end. Fall Wheat.—Generally a fair crop, but comparatively little sown in the Township. Spring Wheat.—Early sown, badly destroyed by the midge; and late, very light. Oats.—Early sown, light; late, very short, but might be benefitted by an early rain. Peas.—Short, small, badly worm-eaten, and few pods to be found except on the first two joints of the stem. Potatoes.—Far behind. Rain will not yet give them a start, but they will not near be an average crop. Hay.—In some places light, but generally a fair crop, and will be saved. Turnips.—A general failure.

ARREST OF AN EX-CHIEF OF POLICE.—A warrant was issued on Friday afternoon by the Police Magistrate of Hamilton, at the instance of Matthew Howie, for the arrest of the ex-Chief of Police. The information embraces charges of perjury, and obtaining money on false pretences, based upon circumstances developed at the recent investigation. The case was to be examined at 4 o'clock this (Saturday) afternoon.

BAIL REFUSED.—Judge Logie has refused bail for Slater and Bastien, who are in gaol in Hamilton, the former for shooting P. Shaughnessy, the seducer of his sister, and the latter for aiding and abetting, on the ground that he had no jurisdiction on what might be considered a charge of murder. The judge stated that on the merits he would have admitted the parties to bail.

EXCURSION AND HOLIDAY.—It may be almost unnecessary to refer again to next Tuesday's being a holiday, and to the excursion to London on that day. The city, however, will scarcely be so attractive a focus as Woodstock, where the match for the silver ball and championship is to be played between the "Young Canadians" and "our boys." The fare is low, and there ought to be a big crowd for two reasons: first, to give encouragement to our players by the presence of friends; and secondly, because the Great Western Company is always generous and always ready to run an excursion train at reduced rates when asked to do so, and it would be only just for the people of Guelph to mark their appreciation of such kindness by a large turn-out. And then the larger the crowd the better the fun. We hope to see a good excursion, and to hear of the silver ball being brought from Woodstock.

BOUND FOR UTAH.—Six hundred emigrants bound for Salt Lake City passed through Hamilton on Thursday. It is stated that of the number 450 are English, 100 Welsh, and 50 Scotch.

The late Rev. W. C. Burns.

A few days ago information reached this country of the death of the Rev. William Chalmers Burns, the senior missionary in China of the English Presbyterian Church. Mr. Burns was son of the late Dr. William Burns, of Kilsyth, Scotland. He was born in the manse of Dun, Forfarshire, in 1815, before the removal of his father to the parish of Kilsyth. After receiving his elementary education at home, he entered the University of Glasgow, where he passed through the usual curriculum in the Philosophy classes. He was placed for some time in the office of a lawyer in Edinburgh, but the employment was not congenial to his taste, and abandoning it he devoted himself to theological studies, in preparation for the ministry of the Gospel. In the year 1838 he was licensed as a preacher by the Presbytery of Glasgow, and immediately ordered upon his labors as assistant to the late Mr. McCheyne in Dundee, whose place he filled during the absence of that accomplished and excellent man on the mission of enquiry to the Jews. Scarcely had Mr. Burns entered on his work in St. Peter's when his power as a preacher began to be felt. Gifted with a solid and vigorous understanding, possessed of a voice of vast compass and power—unsurpassed even by that of Mr. Spurgeon—and withal fired with an ardent so intense and an energy so exhaustless that nothing could damp or resist it, Mr. Burns wielded an influence over the masses whom he addressed which was almost without parallel since the days of Wesley and Whitefield. Crowds flocked to St. Peter's from all the country round; and the strength of the preacher seemed to grow with the incessant demands made upon it. Wherever Mr. Burns preached, a deep impression was produced on his audience. Only a few months after commencing his ministry in St. Peter's, Mr. Burns visited the home of his youth, and a sermon which he preached at Kilsyth was followed by a remarkable awakening in the congregation. Those present were so deeply affected that they refused to depart, and hours were spent in addresses and devotional exercises. Persons under anxiety of mind repaired in great numbers to the manse at Kilsyth, and once over them, he assumed the Chinese dress and conformed to their social habits. His Bible was constantly in his hand; and he became known not only in the villages which he visited but in Pekin itself, as the "Man of the Book." About twelve or fourteen years ago, Mr. Burns visited Scotland and many parts of Canada, and was welcomed wherever he appeared by vast assemblages of his old friends and admirers. Returning to the scene of his missionary labors in China, he continued to preach the Gospel by voice and by pen until he was attacked by fatal illness about the beginning of the present year. His death took place at Newchang, Manchouria, on the 4th of April. Mr. Burns was brother to the Rev. Islay Burns, one of the professors in the Free Church College of Glasgow.

THE FAKIR'S LAST NIGHT.—To-night is positively the last entertainment the Fakir of Vishnu will give in this town. The leading prize this evening will be a capital silver-cased hunting watch. The bureau was taken last night by Miss McElderry. Many other prizes were also given out. The slight-of-hand performances were, in some respects, excellent.

RAIN.—At last we have been blest with rain. The windows of heaven have been opened, and genial showers have refreshed the dry and parched ground. In some parts there have been fearful showers, as well as hurricanes, tearing down fences and doing other damages.

THE SILVER QUESTION, so long and so ardently discussed, came into operation in Guelph to-day, and as far as we have been able to ascertain the new system works satisfactorily.

We hear that there was nearly a fire at Mrs. Williams', on the Waterloo Road, last night of this morning, in consequence of an ash box getting in a blaze. The flames would soon have communicated with a wooden kitchen or cook-house, but fortunately some person saw the fire and threw two or three pails of water on it.

ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.—On the 18th of August an eclipse of the sun will take place, which will be of great interest. The sun being very near its apogee on that day, its diameter will appear comparatively small, while the moon, at the same time, is in its perigee, and therefore has a very large apparent diameter. The moon being besides in its ascending node, its cone of shadow will move over the equator, whereby the time of the total eclipse will be much prolonged. It results from the coincidence of all these favorable circumstances that the total eclipse will occupy an area of two thousand miles in length and thirty miles in width, and it will last six minutes and fifty seconds, a longer time than in any of the eclipses observed during the three or four thousand years of historical knowledge, and longer than the duration of all eclipses which are calculated in advance for the next three or four centuries.

EDITORIAL CHIT-CHAT.

What is fame? A six line puff in a newspaper.
Jerusalem has twenty-two thousand inhabitants.

An editor at the South has purchased a racer at the expense of two thousand dollars for the purpose of catching his runaway subscribers.

The Township Council of Wallace have resolved to petition the Commissioner of Crown Lands for time for payment of Crown lands.

A million and forty thousand yards of calico were printed in North Adams in March—pieces long enough to reach from Massachusetts Bay to Lake Michigan.

Daniel Drew and Isaac Rich each gave \$100,000 to the Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., at its late commencement. What a pity Canada has not a number of such men.

The American population of New York City is rapidly dying off, so says a New York correspondent to a Western newspaper, and adds: "The census lists are filled by the Germans and Irish that pour in from the heathen countries of Europe."

Louis Rickschen thus advertises his delinquent wife, in a Chicago paper: "My wife Barbara Rickschen, nee Roelsers, has either run away from me or been stolen. I shall smash the head of the person who brings her back to me. As I do not pay my own debts, it is probable that I shall pay hers."

The principal and, we might say, only newspaper support of the Atlantic cable comes from America. The sums paid for cable messages for a year, show that the American press paid exactly ten times the amount accredited to the English press, the latter publishing only the briefest and most meagre items of news from this side, and the former indulging in full reports of public proceedings from every port in Europe.

Stevens calls Greeley a "scarecrow." Greeley calls Stevens a blackleg. Forney calls Cameron an old villain, and Cameron declares Forney is a rascal.

Wm. B. Astor, of New York, is reported to be worth one hundred and twenty millions of dollars. He pays a tax on one-half of that sum, and his real estate is worth double its assessed value.

An open buggy, weighing 125 pounds, whose body is made of one piece of rubber one-eighth of an inch thick, has just been made at Bridgeport, Conn., and \$2,000 has been offered and refused for it. The running gear is of wood, but the next carriage made will be entirely of rubber.

A tippy loafer mistook a globe lamp with letters on it for the queen of night. "I'm blessed," said he, "if somebody hadn't stuck an advertisement on the moon."

From June to July the national debt of the States rose from \$2,007,937,842 to \$2,650,853,392, being an increase of more than fifty-three millions of dollars in one month.

The essays for which the Cobden Club offer the prize medal this year are to be written on "The best way of developing improved political and commercial relations between Great Britain and the United States."

The first Presbyterian Church in Chicago have called the Rev. Newman Hall, of London; salary \$10,000 in gold and a parsonage. Considerable hope is felt that he will accept.

The Maine election is approaching, and we have, as a consequence, fearful accounts of the doings of the Ku-Klux-Klan in the South.

The Stratford Beacon notices with pleasure that building is very brisk, there being no less than three large churches going up, ranging in cost from \$25,000 to \$7000; and a great number of private residences.

The Sea.—The sea is the largest of all cemeteries, and its slumbers sleep without monuments. All other graveyards, in all other lands, show some distinction between the great and the small, the rich and the poor; but in the ocean cemetery, the king and the clown, the Prince and the peasant, are alike distinguished. The same waters roll over them all—the same requiem by the minstrels of the ocean is sung to their honor. Over their remains the same storm beats with the same sun shines, and there unmarked, the weak and powerful, the plumed and unadorned, will sleep on until awakened by the same trumpet.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate.

SATURDAY, 1st.—Thos. Croft, a farmer in Eramosa, was charged this morning by Mr. N. Higinbotham with breach of the Highway Act. The Mayor was driving in his buggy near Allan's bridge when he met the defendant with his team and wagon. The former was about a foot from the wall on his side, there was a space of five feet between the opposite wall and the off wheels of the wagon of the latter. Result a collision, and the smashing of one of the plaintiff's buggy wheels. Defendant pleaded that in consequence of a turn in the road he could not see the plaintiff in time to avert the accident; and his Worship before he decided went to see the place, and on his return gave judgment against Croft, who he believed might have seen the plaintiff approaching if he had been as observant as a teamster ought to be. He was fined \$1 and costs, and is besides liable for the damage done the buggy.

James Gay, made a terrible rumpus on the Market Square they say, and acted in a manner altogether unbecoming his poetical character. In fact the poet was drunk and pugnacious, and took to beating a married daughter who lives next door, and misbehaving himself generally. For these infractions of the rules of propriety James was taken to the lock-up by the Chief Constable, from which he emerged this morning with a most useful countenance, and evidently a bad headache. The prosecutors did not appear, and he was dismissed to home and happiness. Henceforth, O! James, woo the muse, and never mind paying your devotions to Bacchus.

Wm. Johnston, a sturdy, one-armed vagrant, who has lately got out of gaol, kicked up a row in the Court room, and was locked up for safe keeping.

SABBATH SCHOOL PICNIC.—The school in connection with the Congregational church will hold their annual picnic on the grounds of Mr. Robert Thompson, on Thursday next, the 6th inst., at 2 p. m.—Tea will be served to visitors from 5 to 7.

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

Dublin, 31st.—All the persons who were arrested under the suspension of the writ of Habeas Corpus in Ireland, and detained without trial, have been discharged from custody.

Paris, 31st.—The Senate was to-day prorogued by the Emperor. The Patrie has an editorial to-day strongly urging the joint intervention of France, Great Britain and the United States for the restoration of peace between Paraguay and the allied South American Powers.

London, 31st.—This was the last day of Goodwood Races. The Nassau stakes was won by Loine, Athens was second and Virtue third. The Duke of Richmond Plate was won by Vespasians XI.; being second and Courrier third. Eight started. The Chesterfield Cup, a dash of one and a quarter miles, was won by Dhaswood, the Palmer second, and Mercury third.

Shanghai, July 4, via London, July 31st.—News has just been received from Japan which indicates that the civil war in that country is drawing to a close.

London, 31st.—The Session Parliament was prorogued to-day. The Queen was not present, and her speech was made by Royal Commission, and read as usual by the Lord High Chancellor. The cessation of attempt at rebellion in Ireland renders the further use of the exceptional powers granted by the two Houses needless. The speech also announces that a dissolution of Parliament will soon take place, in order that the people may reap the advantages of the more extended system of representation recently provided, confident of their fitness for their new duties, and that their voice will be for the perpetuation of that civil and religious freedom which are secured by the institutions of the nation and the settlement of the realm. In the House of Commons previous to the prorogation, the Speaker said he had received through the United States Legation a letter from the Hon. Wm. H. Seward, accompanying which was a splendid copy of the book entitled "A tribute of the nation to the memory of Abraham Lincoln"—a present from the Congress of the United States to the House of Commons. Lord Stanley moved that the thanks of the House be sent to Congress, through Mr. Seward, and that the book be placed in the library of the House. The motion was carried *nem con*. The Times of to-day, in a leading editorial says of the session of Parliament that time only will show if the leaders shall retain their status in the change from the old to the new body. Mr. Bright will find the new House of Commons a more congenial audience than in the days of Palmerston—or of Gladstone, whose popularity may yet reach on to a House elected by one constituency and doomed to satisfy the requirements of another. The House may be satisfied in spite of all shortcomings with such work as the abolition of Church rates, the punishment of electoral corruption, and the condemnation of political and church abuses.

American Despatches.

Memphis, July 31st.—Two horse-thieves named Bender and Whitfield were taken from constable Day last evening and hung to a tree.

New Orleans, July 31st.—Notice was given in the House to-day of the bill to authorize the Legislature to elect Presidential electors.

Chicago, July 31st.—During a thunder storm this evening three persons, in different parts of the city, were killed by lightning.

New York, Aug. 1st.—The steamer Ariel of the Bremen line, arrived yesterday at Quarantine with 864 passengers. A few days before her arrival the small pox broke out in the steerage. Proper measures were at once taken at the Quarantine to prevent the spread of the disease.

BOLD SWINDLING DODGE.—In our special despatch from Toronto last evening, it was mentioned that some farmers about Guelph had been swindled by bogus surveyors. The Hamilton Times of last evening supplies us with the particulars of the affair as follows:

A bold and decidedly original swindling dodge has just developed itself in the rural districts west of here, and been successful in deluding several farmers as far as heard from, out of considerable sums of money. Two sharpers have lately started out, pretending to be engineers engaged in the survey of a new railway line, whether a direct extension of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce to this city, or a side line of the Toronto narrow gauge, we are not informed; but the farmers along the 'proposed' route have been assured that the work is to be pushed immediately. These scientific gents were first heard of in the township of West Flamboro', and were pushing their enterprise vigorously. Their mode was to appear suddenly in the vicinity of a farmer's residence, and commence their engineering operations with as much uproar as possible, one carrying a guide-pole and the other some hundred yards off, with bogus apparatus, pretending to strike the line. The party whose premises were thus invaded without leave or explanation, made bold to inquire the objects of the movement, and was informed that the right of way was all secured, and that his dwelling would have to be removed just twenty feet on one side, and very shortly, to clear the line of the new railway. This startling piece of intelligence led to some arguments, resulting in the accommodating engineers proposing to run the line a few yards one side, by going back a mile or so to make the deviation, provided the farmer would consent to pay a small consideration for the trouble and delay, about twenty-five dollars being the demand. The trick was successfully practiced on three parties in the township named, on Wednesday, the imaginary railway line making some astonishing courses to 'take in' the different victims. Really, there is a degree of veridancy among the country people 'surpassing comprehension, and one would hardly believe that such a swindle could succeed in any community.

An officer is after the rascals, who are supposed to be pushing their 'survey' in the direction of Guelph.