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GUELPH, ONT., CANADA, MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 23, 1874.

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Business Cards.

STEPHEN BULL, Architect, Contractor and Builder, Planning Mill, and every kind of Joiner's Work prepared for the trade and the public. The Factory is on Quebec Street, Guelph.

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WILLIAM J. PATERSON, Official Assignee for the County of Wellington.

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New Advertisements.

SEWANT WANTED. To do general housework. Apply to Mrs. W. Pickard, Charles Street, or at the West End Grocery, Guelph, Feb. 23, 1874.

NOTES STOLEN. The public are hereby cautioned against receiving any notes payable to J. B. Armstrong & Co. or signed by them, as the same have been stolen from them.

NOTICE. Pork cuttings for sale at the Guelph Packing House, opposite the Grand Trunk Passenger Station, Guelph, Nov. 7, 1873.

TENDERS WANTED. Tenders wanted for building a two-story BRICK DWELLING. Plans and specifications may be seen at my office till the first of March. Not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting of the above Society will be held at HEBBERMAN'S ALBION HOTEL.

Monday Ev'g next, 23rd inst at 7.30 o'clock. Old and intending members are invited to attend.

TO LEASE. Tenders will be received by the undersigned until the 4th MARCH, prox., for five years occupation of the spare lands (about 14 acres) belonging to the Guelph Union Cemetery.

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and their usual assortment of

HARDWARE.

TO BUILDERS. Parties desirous of tendering for three stores to be built on Wyndham Street, Guelph, for John Hogg, may see the plans and specifications on and after 20th February instant at Mr. Hogg's office until Wednesday 25th instant, and at my office after that date until Wednesday, 4th March, ensuing, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

NEW Carriage and Waggon Shop! Cork-st., Guelph.

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To Business Men.

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Town and County News ENTERTAINMENT in the Primitive Methodist Church to-night.

Mr. A. B. Stewart, of Elora, leaves for Virginia, Nevada, this week.

Mr. W. T. Smith, hardware merchant, Elora, has sold out to his brothers, A. & P. Smith.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this society will be held at Hoffmann's Albion Hotel at 7.30 p.m. to-night.

A Dog belonging to Gilbert Williams, colored, bit Mr. Arch. Melvin in the leg a short time since. The wound was cauterized, and the dog was shot by magisterial order.

The Observer says that the coopers of Elora and Fergus are on the strike. The foreman of a cooper shop in Fergus discharged one man, and that caused the strike.

The New Hospital.—A meeting of the Hospital Board was held on Saturday afternoon, when it was decided to advertise for tenders for the construction of the new hospital building.

The Orangeville Advertiser complains that the liquor license law is not properly enforced in that town, and that the town council look at the matter from a financial instead of a moral point of view.

A Temperance meeting was held last week at Turner's school house, Arthur township, to organize a Division of the Sons of Temperance in that neighborhood. Chances good.

No CLUE YET.—The rascals who operated on Mr. Armstrong's safe appear to have got clear off, and to have left not the faintest clue by which they can be traced.

A blind woman named Dora Martin was charged with being drunk in the town hall on Friday.—Fined \$1 and costs, or twenty-one days.

SNEAK THIEVERY.—Coghlan's Union Hotel was robbed during Wednesday night by a well-dressed young man who arrived the previous day, and engaged a room. He got up during the night, and cleared out with a very nice watch from a boarder, (one of Bull's turners) a watch from the hostler, \$3.50 from the pockets of a servant girl's dress, a set of jewellery, and a few other minor articles.

ACCIDENTS IN PULSINCH.—While Peter Tracy was working on the gravel road at Strachan's Corners, some gravel fell upon him from the side of the gravel pit. A small portion of his scalp was taken off, and his head otherwise injured. Luke Mooney and John McCann each cut his foot pretty badly while chopping—the former at Pulsinch Plains, and the latter near the Rocks.

ACCIDENTS.—A boy about 12 years old, son of Mr. Wm. Dickson, Mount Forest, got badly hurt by a kick from one of his father's horses, a few days ago. He was struck on the face, and on one side of it, and his nose was severely cut. Some of the bones were fractured. His wounds were dressed by the doctor and he is now doing well.

THE BELLE CASE.—The Quebec Government have found Col. C. E. Belle not guilty of the charges brought against him in connection with the Government Immigration Home.

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lord asleep in his chair, the fire out, his feet still immersed in the water, over which a cake of ice was forming, and an empty tumbler on the chair beside him. His cold isn't a bit better.

OUR MANUFACTURERS.—A meeting of the manufacturers of Guelph was held in the Queen's Hotel on Saturday evening. Mr. David McCrae occupied the chair, and Mr. J. C. McLagan acted as Secretary.

After a brief conversation, the following resolution was passed, which explains the object of the meeting:—Moved by Mr. Geo. Hood, seconded by Mr. Levi Cossitt, that the several manufacturing industries in Guelph be represented at the meeting of Canadian manufacturers, to be held at the Rossin House, in Toronto, next Tuesday, and that in behalf of this meeting the following gentlemen be appointed as delegates, viz:—Chas. Raymond, J. H. Osborn, H. W. Metcalf, (of Messrs. Bell & Co.), John Jackson, David McCrae, (of Armstrong McCrae & Co.), John Inglis, (of Inglis & Hunter), J. B. Armstrong, Meyers, James Massey, Myron W. Burr, (of Burr & Skinner), Thomas Worswick, W. D. Hepburn.

NARROW ESCAPE.—On Saturday last, Mr. Samuel Barber, sen., who lives on the Waterloo Road, about two miles from Guelph, came very near being choked to death. He was taking his dinner, and when in the act of swallowing a piece of beef's heart, it stuck in his throat. His family at once resorted to the usual means to bring up the obstruction, but apparently without success, and a boy was sent to Mr. Charles Walker's residence, some little distance off, to ask his assistance. Mr. W. made all haste, and while on the way was met by another boy, who said Mr. Barber was dead. However, Mr. Walker went on, and had just got into the house when he found that the obstruction had been removed. After some time had elapsed Mr. Barber came to. It was certainly a very narrow escape, for the suffocation was so severe as to render Mr. Barber insensible for a time.

POLICE COURT. Monday, Feb. 23. (Before the Police Magistrate.)

Joseph Murray, teamster, Guelph, was charged by Constable Dooley with driving his team on the Woolwich-street sidewalk last Thursday. Mr. Guthrie appeared for defendant, and stated the defendant was not aware it was wrong to drive on the sidewalk when delivering his load. Case dismissed with a caution.

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Local and Other Items The five weeks' strike on the New Jersey Southern Railroad is at an end.

The Faraday, a steamship of 5,000 tons burthen, built for the special purpose of laying telegraph cables in the Atlantic, was launched at Newcastle on Friday.

The notorious and shameless woman Victoria Woodhull has been trying to lecture in Chicago, but has been unable to procure any place in which to speak.

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BY TELEGRAPH

United Kingdom Elections. More Appointments. Gladstone's Retirement. Starved to Death. Fighting in Spain. Coomassie Clean Captured. Other General News.

London, Feb. 21.—The correspondent of the Daily News on the Gold Coast writes, under date of the 29th ult., that there is much sickness among the troops of the Ashantee expedition. Half of the Hospital corps are prostrated with disease, but not of a deadly character.

The action of Mr. Disraeli, in limiting his Cabinet to twelve members, is generally approved by the press. Mr. Gladstone's Cabinet was composed of fifteen members.

Sir Charles Edward Trevelyan is to be made a baronet.

The following additional appointments under the new Government are announced:—Lord Sandon, Vice-President of the Council; Lord George Charles Lennox, Commissioner of Works; Mr. W. H. Smith, member of Parliament elected from Westminster, Financial Secretary of the Treasury.

The Times says a telegraphic despatch was received at Cape Coast Castle on the 28th January from the expeditionary force, announcing that Coomassie, the capital of Ashantee, had surrendered to General Sir Garnet Wolseley, and that the Mimico Farm, \$3,173, amounting to the interest accruing on the Municipal Loan Fund, \$23,951. On the other hand, the Crown Lands Revenue, chiefly under the heads of Woods and Forests, fell short of the estimate by a sum of \$156,362. The estimated income from this source was \$300,000, but the actual receipts were \$643,638. The amount of accruals remaining to be collected in the Crown Lands Department at the end of 1873 was \$372,000.

The receipts and expenditure for 1873 were as follows:—

Receipts..... \$3,314,506
Expenditure..... 2,602,215
Surplus..... \$ 712,291

The financial position of the Province at the end of 1873 was as follows:—

Invested Funds..... \$3,747,205
Deposits..... 1,648,729
Drainage Debentures..... 53,949
Cash in Bank..... 277,948
Total..... \$5,727,831

To this has to be added the reduced Municipal Loan Fund indebtedness, amounting to \$1,830,122, less the sum of \$556,292, to be written off from the obligations of Lanark, Renfrew, and other municipalities, in accordance with the plan for settling the Canada Central claim, leaving an asset of \$1,273,840, or, deducting 15 per cent. \$1,082,764, making a total surplus of \$5,909,195. But we are entitled to add to this the improved market value of the Dominion securities in the hands of the Treasurer, amounting to \$250,000, making the surplus \$6,059,195. Against this have to be placed the following liabilities:—

Standing to account of the Railway Aid Fund, \$1,100,572; the Railway Subsidy Fund for 1873 and 1874, amounting to \$200,000; the sums due under the Municipal Loan Fund Adjustment Act of last session, \$3,115,736; making a total of liabilities of \$4,416,308, leaving, at the end of 1874, irrespective of any balance from the revenue of the current year, and after providing for every existing liability, a surplus of \$1,642,887.

We have, however, in addition to this, a valuable asset in the shape of the Grammar School Common School, and Upper Canada Building Funds in the hands of the Dominion Government, amounting in value to \$2,699,407, and on which we receive interest annually amounting to \$149,694. We have, too, as a further asset, the rent charges accruing from the sums advanced to municipalities for drainage purposes, no less a sum having been so expended under Mr. Carling's Act than \$200,000, the works represented by which are now nearly completed.

Against these assets the Province will have to provide a further sum, as required by statute, for investment for drainage purposes, of \$350,000, and the present annual appropriation of \$100,000 per annum under the Railway Subsidy Act. If to this be added some possible and indefinite liability in regard to the Common School Land Funds, the precise amount of which has to be divided with Lower Canada, we have every conceivable liability that can be charged to the present time, or prospectively, against the Province.

The revenue for the current year the Treasurer estimates as follows:—

Cash in Bank..... \$ 277,948
Interest on Deposits and Investments..... 150,000
Crown Lands..... 684,288
Casual Revenue..... 25,000
Late &c..... 8,000
Algebra Taxes..... 5,000
Law Stamps..... 40,000
Education Department..... 50,000
Public Institutions..... 30,000
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The estimates of expenditures are as follows:—

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Whilst, however, Mr. Crooks, in order not to overstate his case, put his estimate of the revenue from several sources below the amounts they might reasonably be expected to realize, he expressed his opinion that the actual revenue would not fall short of \$3,000,000. After therefore, distributing amongst the Municipalities the large sum of \$3,116,

Ontario Legislative Assembly.

Toronto, Feb. 20. Hon. Mr. Crooks having moved the House into Committee of Supply, made his financial statement. He first referred to the estimates of 1873, as compared with the actual expenditure for that year, and which were as follows:—

Estimated expenditure..... \$2,944,001
Actual expenditure..... 2,460,215
Excess of estimates over expenditure..... \$ 483,786

The total sum unexpended was \$538,380, but some items had, as anticipated, exceeded the estimates in the aggregate by \$49,531, reducing the net amount unexpended to the sum above mentioned. The chief cause of this apparent saving is to be found under the head of Public Works, Public Buildings, the Maintenance of Public Institutions, Crown Lands, and Miscellaneous, the amount unexpended under these heads amounting to \$416,061.

The estimated revenue as compared with actual receipts was as follows:—

Estimated..... \$3,090,391
Actual..... 2,614,506
Excess over estimate..... \$ 475,885

The excess was caused, in part, by the measure of the Dominion Government for re-adjusting the public debt by assuming the surplus amounting to which Ontario and Quebec paid interest, the sum of \$155,833 having accrued from this source in July last, when the half-yearly payments of subsidies to the Provinces were made. In 1874 the full benefit of the remission will, of course, be felt. From the interest on investments, the revenue was expected to be \$290,000; it had amounted to \$255,040, or a gain of \$35,000. From licenses had been received in excess of the estimated income \$12,152; from Law Stamps \$55,000; from Casual Revenue, \$55,000; from the Education Department, \$1,481; from Public Institutions, \$7,181; from the Mimico Farm, \$3,173, amounting to the interest accruing on the Municipal Loan Fund, \$23,951. On the other hand, the Crown Lands Revenue, chiefly under the heads of Woods and Forests, fell short of the estimate by a sum of \$156,362. The estimated income from this source was \$300,000, but the actual receipts were \$643,638. The amount of accruals remaining to be collected in the Crown Lands Department at the end of 1873 was \$372,000.

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