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Business Cards.

OLIVER, MACDONALD & OSLER, Barristers and Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors, Notaries Public, &c. Office—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, up stairs, Guelph, Ont. (dw

DR. BROCK,
OFFICE AND RESIDENCE
Directly opposite Chalmer's Church,
QUEBEC STREET. d

FREDERICK BISCOE, Barrister and Attorney at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Conveyancer, &c. Guelph. Office, corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets. dw

AUSTIN C. CHADWICK, Barrister at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, &c., Market Place, Guelph. Office entrance—next door to the Queen's Hotel. dw

STEPHEN ROULT, Architect, Contractor and Builder. Planing Mill, and every kind of Joiner's Work prepared for the rade and the public. The Factory is on Quebec street, Guelph. dw

CARVER & HATHERLY, Contractors, Well Sinkers and General Jobbers. Excavations of all kinds undertaken by the day or job. dw

WILLIAM J. PATERSON,
Official Assignee for the County of Wellington.
Office—Opposite Town Hall, Guelph. dw

THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH, remodelled and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers. Free omnibus to and from all trains. First-class Livery in connection.
May 14 dwtf JAS. A. THORP, Proprietor

D. W. GINGRICH, Architect, Guelph, Ont., is prepared to execute all kinds of plans for Buildings, Churches, Bridges, &c., and make specifications. He is also ready to superintend Buildings, &c., while in course of erection. All work done with neatness and at short notice. Terms moderate. Give him a call. Office with Mr. Hatch, where specimens may be seen and orders received. dc12-d

LEMON & PETERSON,
Barristers and Attorneys at Law,
Solicitors in Chancery,
Conveyancers and Notaries Public.
Office, over the Bank of Commerce, Guelph.
A. LEMON, H. W. PETERSON,
CHAS. LEMON. | County Crown Attorney

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,
Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law,
Solicitors in Chancery,
GUELPH, ONTARIO.
GUTHRIE, J WATT, W H CUTTEN.
Guelph, March 1, 1871 dwy

F. STURDY,
House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter
GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.
Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. dw

JOHN KIRKHAM,
Silver Plater and Brass Finisher
Orders promptly attended to.
Shop—opposite Chalmer's Church, Quebec Street, Guelph dwy

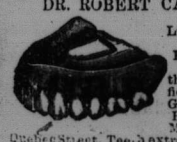
NEW COAL YARD.

The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of
Hard and Soft Coal
At moderate prices. Orders left at the store of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham Street, will be promptly attended to.
GEO MURTON,
Guelph, Nov. 1, 1872 dy

DOMINION SALOON.

FRESH OYSTERS
IN EVERY STYLE
to be had at this saloon.
The best Liquors and Cigars always in stock.
DENIS BUNYAN,
Guelph, Sept. 30, 1872 d

J. MARRIOTT,
Veterinary Surgeon,
M.R.C.V.S., L., H.F.V.M.A.,
Having lately arrived in Guelph from England, and taken up his residence here, intends continuing the practice of his profession. Orders left at the MERCURY Office, or at H. A. Kirkland's, Paisley Street, opposite Howard's new foundry, will be promptly attended to.
Having had great experience in all diseases of Horses and Cattle, all cases placed under his treatment will receive the greatest attention. Charges moderate.
Guelph, Oct. 19, 1872. dwtf

PRIZE DENTISTRY.
DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL

Licentiate of Dental Surgery.
Established 1864.
Office next door to the "Advertiser" Office, Wyndham-st., Guelph.
Residence opposite Mr. Boult's Factory Quebec Street. Teeth extracted without pain.
References, Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph. Drs. Buchanan and Phillips, Toronto Drs. Elliot, & Meyers, Dentists Toronto. dw

W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S.,
SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH.

Office over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham and Macdonell-sts. Guelph.
☞ Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) administered for the extraction of teeth without pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable.
References kindly permitted to Drs. Herod, McGregor, Guelph; W. K. Graham, Dentist, Brampton. dw

HOTEL CARD.
The Right Man in the Right Place.
THOMAS WARD, late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has acquired possession of the Victoria Hotel, next door to the Post Office, where he hopes by courtesy, attention, and good accommodation, to merit a fair share of public patronage, both from old and new friends. The best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars, &c., constantly on hand. A good hostler always in attendance. Remember the spot—next door to the Post Office.
THOMAS WARD,
(Late of Crown Hotel),
Proprietor.
Guelph, Dec. 19th, 1872.

New Advertisements.

BOOK-KEEPER WANTED.—Wanted an experienced Book-keeper. Address Box 50, P.O. d3

TWO GENTLEMEN WANTED — As Boarders in a private family. Apply at this office. 10 dtf

CORN FOR SALE.—For sale, 10,000 bushels of corn. Apply to
A. R. DAVIES,
n20-dawtf On the Market.

TO LET—A Shop in Upper Wyndham Street, better known as Gowdy & Stewart's Lumber Office. For particulars, apply at Stewart's Planing Mill. Possession given on first January. 3d

MEN WANTED—Wanted a few good laboring men to work at a Saw Mill and Stave Factory. Steady employment and good wages. Apply to Robert McKim, Parkin, Peel Township. n18d6w3

TO LET — The large room over the MERCURY OFFICE, formerly used as a Temperance Hall. Suitable for an office or for any light manufacturing purpose. Enquire at the Mercury Office. ndd

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.—All parties indebted to the subscriber by Note or Book Account, are respectfully requested to settle up on or before the 31st inst.
WM. TAWSE,
Dominion Boot and Shoe Store, Guelph
Dec. 16, 1872. dwtj

NOTICE.—All parties indebted to the undersigned are requested to pay up on or before the 31st inst. All accounts unpaid after that date will be placed in Court for collection. CHARLES FIRESTINE,
Guelph, Dec. 23rd, 1872. 5d

SCHOOL TEACHERS WANTED for the Harriston Common School. — Two assistant Female Teachers, holding third-class certificates. Applicants to state salary and give references. Address to Alex. Meikiejohn, Sec. Treas, Harriston. d23-d6w2

NEW BUTCHER SHOP.
The public are respectfully informed that the undersigned will open a Meat Shop, in Hatch's Block, to-morrow (Saturday) and will supply customers with meat of the best quality, at the lowest rates. Meat delivered in any part of the Town.
CHAS. FENNELL.
Guelph, Dec. 20, 1872. dtf

CITY WOOD YARD.—The subscriber has opened a Wood Yard, next to the new English Church, where he will keep at all times, and for sale, cut and split, and will deliver it in quantities to suit purchasers, in any part of the town. Orders can be left at Mrs. Fergusson's shop, opposite Chace's Hotel, Clerk st. Hay and Straw kept on hand. THOS. KERR.
Guelph, Nov. 28, 1872 4wd

NOTICE!
DR. BROCK has placed his accounts in the hands of Messrs. Hart & Spiers, who are empowered to collect the same and give receipts therefore. All parties owing will please call at their office, No. 4, Day's Block, and settle at once.
DR. L. BROCK.
Guelph, Dec. 24th, 1872. 12td-3w

TO THE FREE AND INDEPENDENT ELECTORS OF
THE WEST WARD.
The undersigned has been requested by a number of influential ratepayers to offer himself for the Office of Councillor. He would therefore respectfully solicit the suffrages of the Voters at the ensuing election.
JOHN TYSON,
Dec. 21st, 1872. d11 Guelph.

NUBIAS.
Scarlet Nubias,
White Nubias,
Grey Nubias.
Canadian Nubias,
English Nubias,
American Nubias.
JOHN MACDONALD & CO.
TORONTO.

FINAL NOTICE.
The subscribers being about to dissolve partnership, beg to notify all parties indebted to them that the amounts due must be paid to them on or before the 24th inst., as the business of the firm must be settled by that date; otherwise they will have to be paid into Court with costs.
All parties having claims against the firm, will please call and get their money at once.
GOWDY & STEWART.
Guelph, Dec. 9, 1872. dwtd

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.—For sale the house and lot on Surrey street, near Mr. William Allan's residence. The lot is of the ordinary size, and in the garden are a number of fruit trees. The house is of stone, containing 4 rooms, kitchen, cellar and pantry, with waterlime floor, stable and woodshed, 14x24, also frame building 24 feet square, now used for a carpenter's shop. It is only five minutes walk from the Market House. For terms and other particulars, apply to JAS. DOBBIE, on the premises. Dec. 18, '72. dtf.

DUIGNAN'S PUBLIC CAB.
The Subscriber begs to inform the people of Guelph that he has purchased a handsome and commodious Cab, which will always be at their service.
He will be at the Railway Stations on the arrival of all trains.
Parties wishing to hire by the hour or otherwise will be charged the most reasonable rates.
As he will make it his study to see to the comfort of all passengers he hopes to receive a share of public patronage.
Orders left at the Express Office, Mr. Hugh Walker's, and at the Post Office will be promptly attended to.
Sept. 4, 1871. do JOHN DUIGNAN

NEW MUSIC STORE,
Quebec St., Guelph.
F. C. Whiting, Importer of all kinds of Musical Instruments, Fittings Strings English Music, V. Novello's Music, Instruction Books, &c., wholesale and retail.
Melodeons, Flutinas, Concertinas, Accordeons, &c., tuned and repaired. Tuning done for the Trade. Agent for Nordheimer & Co's Pianos and Organs. Also, Agent for Virtue & Yorston, publishers. s25d3m

W. ARMSTRONG & SONS
CARRIAGE FACTORY
Subscribers beg to inform their friends and the public that they have now in stock a number of
BUGGIES
WACCONS, &c.,
all made of the best material and finished in first class style.
Those requiring anything in our line should give us a call, and inspect our stock, as we feel sure in giving them satisfaction.
Ordered Work turned out Promptly
Repairing, re-painting and re-trimming done the best manner and on short notice.
W. ARMSTRONG & SONS,
Woolwich-st, near the Court House
Guelph, April 22 wtf

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.—Winter Arrangement—On after Monday, 4th November:

Grand Trunk Railway

Trains leave Guelph as follows:

WEST
2:17 a.m.; 9.45 a.m.; 1:50 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.;* 8:33 p.m.‡.
*To London, Goderich, and Detroit. ‡To Berlin.

EAST
3:05 a.m; 7:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 4:12 p.m. and 8:33 p.m.

Great Western---Guelph Branch.

Going South—6.50 a.m., 12.35 p.m 1.05 p.m for Hamilton; 4.55 p.m.
Going North—11.45 a.m. for Clifford; mixed 1.15 p.m. for Clifford; 4.55 p.m. for Fergus; 9.05 p.m. for Fergus.

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BIBLES. — ANDERSON, *as usual, at this Season of the Year, has in stock a large assortment of Cheap Bibles, Family and Pew Bibles, Pocket Bibles, Pew Testaments, Pocket Testaments, Psalm Books, Hymn Books, Church Services in Elegant and Ivory Bindings, and Psalm Books for the vest Pocket. All the above have been imported direct, and customers are to have a benefit during this week. Don't wait until the end of the week, as the best will be sure to be gone.*

THE MAYORALTY.

Mr. Robertson's General Committee
MEETS
This (Thursday) Evening
IN THORP'S HOTEL,
AT 7:30 O'CLOCK.
A full attendance is requested.

Town and County News.

THE REEVESHIP.—Mr. Hatch requests us to say that he is not a candidate for the Reeveship.

CHRISTMAS.—Christmas day was duly observed in Guelph. Services were held in the Episcopal, Methodist and Catholic Churches. Owing to the stormy nature of the day, very few people were out of doors.

SOIREE.—The anniversary meeting of the Wesleyan Methodist Sabbath School will be held in the church this evening. There will no doubt be a large turn out of young people, and a very pleasant time may be anticipated.

THE WEATHER.—We have had, for the last few days, intense cold and heavy falls of snow, with considerable drifting. Not a few of the country roads are blocked up, and the trains on all the railroads are behind time. The winter so far has been very severe.

Y. M. C. A.—This evening being the last Thursday and last meeting for the year of the Young Men's Christian Association, a devotional meeting will be held, at which it is to be hoped a large number of the members will be present. The public, as usual, cordially invited.

ERIN AND THE CREDIT VALLEY RAILWAY.—We notice that the friends of the Credit Valley Railway scheme intend to hold meetings in Erin as follows, to agitate for a bonus in aid of the road:—Hillsburg, to-night, at 7 p. m.; Mimosa, on the 27th, at 10 a. m.; Ospringe, the same day, at 7 p. m.; Erin Village, 28th, at 10 a. m.

THE SUN.—This is the name of a new paper just issued in Toronto by Mr. E. K. Dodds. It is a nice, lively little sheet, contains a large amount of reading matter, looks well, is well got up, and we hope will become a permanent institution in the metropolis; as there is plenty of room for a good, live evening paper there.

GOOD TEMPLARS' ENTERTAINMENT.—The promoters are making laudable and active exertions to produce to their patrons the great temperance drama, "Aunt Dinah's Pledge," for the third of their Saturday evening series, and from all we can learn their efforts both in the way of performance and patronage are likely to be eminently successful. It has been resolved to make no distinction as regards admission, ladies and gentlemen being alike charged, and not as heretofore gentlemen only. The advertisement in connection with the entertainment will appear to-morrow.

PRESENTATION.—On Tuesday evening, the 24th inst., the ladies of St. Andrew's Church assembled at the manse and presented their respected pastor, the Rev. Dr. Hogg, with an exceedingly handsome cutter and Robe. The ladies requested the Rev. Alex. Sutherland, of Toronto, at present on a visit to his sister, Mrs. John Hogg, to be the interpreter of their sentiments in connection with the gift, and in discharging its agreeable duties, did so in that happy vein characteristic of the practised speaker and at the same time conveying to the reverend recipient the full significance of the fair donors feelings. Dr. Hogg suitably acknowledged this additional proof of his congregation's affection and esteem; and, for ourselves desire to add that the worthy pastor may long be spared to enjoy the pleasurable comforts of his winter travelling equipments in the arduous duties of his congregational visiting during this not infrequently boisterous season of the year. The cutter, which was obtained at the celebrated establishment of Messrs. J. B. Armstrong & Co., embraces all the characteristic style and finish of one of their first class "Excelsiors," and has in addition a reversible hind seat thus enabling the traveller to sit with his back to the wind which ever direction it blows, from. The robe is a tiger skin, fox tails, a valuable one.

A Paris professor who does not believe there is a God, has been serenaded by 3,000 French students. The French are nothing if not windy.

A man employed in the Montreal rolling mills had an ear jerked off on Saturday.

THE horse disease has reached the North West.

Mr. Morris has been formally sworn in as Governor of Manitoba.

Fatal Accident at the Great Western Station.

A BRAKESMAN KILLED.

A young man named Robert Mooney, brakesman on the W. G. & B. Railway, was killed at the Great Western Station here on Tuesday night. He was brakesman on number 4 passenger train from Fergus to Harrisburg. The train reached Guelph about 7 o'clock, being two hours late. In shunting off two freight cars from the train, Mooney was in the act of uncoupling the car next the tender, when it is supposed his foot caught in the frog of the switch, and his boots being laced he could not free his foot in time. The engine was backing slowly at the rate of two miles an hour, and the hind wheel of the tender caught the unfortunate man's foot, and throwing him over ran up his leg to the body, crushing it in a most frightful manner, and actually disembowelling him. The driver, who was looking out from the cab on the side where Mooney was, noticed the lamp fall, put on brakes immediately and he and his fireman jumped down to see if anything was the matter, when they found Mooney lying under the wheels, quite dead, death having been instantaneous. The night was dark, it was snowing at the time, and the accident occurred in such a short time that no blame is attached to the driver or any one connected with the train. The body was conveyed into the station house, and Dr. Herod, coroner, notified, who held an inquest at Newton's Hotel on Wednesday afternoon. After the facts given above were elicited in evidence, the jury returned a verdict that his death was purely accidental, and that no blame was attached to any of the employees. Mooney was about 22 years of age, and had been on the road about 18 months. He does not belong to this part of the country, but is said to have come from the city of Quebec, where he has friends. The Great Western Company procured a coffin for the body, and had it decently interred on Wednesday.

POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., P. M.

Thursday, 26th.

George Washington (coloured) was charged by his wife Catherine with assault, in having seized her by the hair to the painful injury of the scalp and the loss of an handful of its ornamentation. The case was really as well as figuratively a *cat* and dog one, the dispute having arisen from the great President's namesake being anxious to know who had been so extremely cruel at this freezing season of the year, (when every one is so liable to catch colds) as to duck his pussy in a pail of water. The result of his inquiries not being sufficiently satisfactory a hairy *cat*-astrophe ensued, and hence the present case, which Catherina did not appear to further prosecute. Consequently the case was dismissed with costs, against her, which, of course, the modern father of his country will have to disgorge on behalf of his better half.

Local and Other Items.

Manitoba is looking up. They are building new school-houses, and actually holding teacher's examinations.

LAST Saturday evening Mr. John Coulson, residing near the Muskoka Road, about three miles north of this village, shot a wolf in his pig pen.

THE Carleton County Council have adopted a petition to the Dominion and Provincial authorities for the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Dr. Bessey, of Montreal, in an article in the "Canada Medical Record," opposes the use of alcohol in the treatment of disease. He states that the use of alcoholic remedies is common in that city, and is in practice in the General Hospital, whose last annual report gives the mortality rate of the cases of typhoid fever as 40 per cent., while the average rate is about 20 per cent., and in the Glasgow hospitals, where the stimulating plan has been abandoned, it has fallen from 17 to 10 per cent.

NEW INLAND REVENUE DISTRICT.—A new inspection district, under the Revenue Department, is ordered to be called Windsor District, and is to comprise the Inlond Revenue Divisions of Windsor, Lambton and Goderich. The Inspection District of London will now comprise the Inland Revenue Divisions of London, Paris, Guelph, St Catherines and Hamilton, and the Inspection district of Toronto is to be composed of the Inland Revenue Districts of Algoma, Collingwood, Toronto, Cobourg, Peterboro' and Belleville.

THE ERIE SETTLEMENT WITH JAY GOULD.—The settlement of the suits between the Erie Railroad and Jay Gould by the payment of nine million dollars by the ex-President, created quite a sensation in London as well as on our own market, and the stock rose rapidly, although declining a trifle a little later in the day. The general impression prevailed that Mr. Gould would make a large profit out of the transaction through the rise in the stock, and his settlement was pronounced one of the greatest financial *coups* ever accomplished, and as casting the great Northwestern corner into the shade. One excited broker declared that the American operator would clear twelve millions by the transaction. As all parties thus seem to be benefited, we do not see why the settlement should not be pronounced a good thing all round.—*New York Herald.*

THE PACIFIC RAILWAY.—It is stated in the Montreal *Herald* that Sir Hugh Allan will be president of the Pacific Railway Company, to be incorporated by special charter, and Mr. D. McCarter, and Messrs. D. McInnes of Hamilton, John Shedden of Toronto, Major Walker of London,—Traverse of Nova Scotia, E. R. Burpee of St. John, N. B., Dr. Hamilton of British Columbia directors. The deposit of $1,000,000, being the first instalment of ten per cent., is to be obtained from the banks. As a certificate of deposit by one of the chartered banks is likely to meet the case, the operation is doubtless expected to be merely a pledge of credit. The funds for the building of the line will be sought in the English market, where it is said bonds to the amount of $180,000,000 will be offered, based on the land and money grant and the road itself when built. This amount of bonds would be equal to $60,000 a mile for 3,000 miles of road. It is reported that Senator McPherson and his party, who are left out in the above programme, will obtain the contract.

Elora Correspondence.

On Thursday evening last, the Rev. Mr Guttery, editor of the Toronto *Christian Journal*, delivered a lecture in Bethel Church, Pilkington, to about a hundred persons, taking for his subject George Peabody, "The American Philanthrophist." The lecture was one of the most instructive and interesting to which we have listened this season, and places Mr Guttery in the foremost ranks of lecturers.

Between nine and ten o'clock, on the evening of Saturday last, James Craven, for many years a resident in Elora, and whose occupation was that of a barber, died suddenly, but not unexpectedly. It appears that he had been drinking hard for the past five or six months, and finally succumbed to the monster evil, intemperance. On Monday morning at ten o'clock an inquest was held before Dr. Middleton, coroner, when several witnesses were examined. The following evidence gives all the necessary particulars respecting his illness and death:

EPHRAIM LAND, sworn.—I was at Craven's shop about day-light on Saturday morning; I took him down beef tea; I then made a fire; I thought he was very unwell, and asked him if I should send for the doctor; he said no that he should get better; he drank the tea I took him; I remained with him about an hour; I saw him between eight and nine o'clock the same morning; he was still unwell, but refused to have the doctor; I asked Jonas Checkley to stop with Craven on Friday night, as I would see him paid; he was poorly and could not go, but promised to attend in the morning; I went for John W. Hele the same evening, and we got over the fence back of the house and Craven let us in; this was about half-past ten o'clock; we made a fire and told Craven that Checkley would come over in the morning; Checkley came over about ten o'clock on Saturday morning, and I told him to cut a few sticks of wood, as Craven said that he had some wood there; Mr. J. G. Somers said that the wood was his and prevented Checkley from taking it; about seven o'clock on Saturday evening the Reeve, Mr. H. Hamilton, ordered a cord of wood from Somers, and got a portion of it cut; I went for Dr. Paget; he came in half an hour; the doctor said that he did not think he could live, as the bronchial tubes were filled with mucus; he prescribed a medicine for him and returned again at ten o'clock; he opened the door of the barber's shop, called and got no answer; the house was dark; I then went with the doctor to the shop, lit a candle, and the doctor pronounced him dead; he drank a great deal since June last, and often saw him the worse of liquor.

HUGH HAMILTON, sworn.—I was in Craven's shop about eight o'clock on Saturday morning, as I heard that he was in a perilous condition, and found it so; he did not think a doctor should be sent for; ordered a cord of wood about ten o'clock on Saturday morning, and got a person to clean up the house, as it was in a filthy state; cannot say whether Craven was the worse of liquor or not; while I was looking for a person to clean the house I saw him coming home with a jug of beer; Mrs. Combs cleaned the place and made things comfortable; I called the same evening, between six and seven, with Mr. Land; Craven was in bed; I asked him how he felt, and he said much better.

DR. PAGET, sworn.—I saw Craven about seven o'clock on Saturday evening last; I was called by Ephriam Land; I found Craven dangerously ill, suffering from an attack of acute inflammation of the bronchial tubes, accompanied with congestion of the lungs; I ordered stimulants to be given every two or three hours; Mr. Land administered whiskey to him then and there; he gave him about a good tablespoonful; he was partly rational, and the worse of liquor; he had slight symptoms of *delirium tremens*; he sat up with some difficulty and drank the whiskey; I ordered beef tea, and some one to be constantly with him; he was left alone while Mr. Land was looking for a nurse; I also ordered a mustard plaster to be put on the chest; I saw him again about ten o'clock, and found him dead, lying on the side of the bed; I think intemperance brought on the disease and was the principal cause of death.

VERDICT.—"That the deceased James Craven came to his death by acute inflammation of the bronchial tubes and congestion of the lungs, induced by long-continued intemperance and debility."

On Saturday evening last, which was fearfully cold and stormy, Mr. Henry Connell, of Elora, was unfortunate enough to have both hands so badly frozen that amputation of eight fingers, in all human probability, will have to be resorted to. From particulars gleaned by your correspondent, it would appear that he was returning from McKim's saw mill, and when a few miles from Alma, collided with a sleigh, breaking his cutter, and rendering it useless. He rode from Alma to Salem with a beer pedlar from Fergus, when the sleigh upset, throwing them and the load out upon the road. In assisting to reload poor Connell met with the terrible occurrence referred to. The trip cost him a broken cutter, a lost horse, harness, and watch, frozen hands, partially frozen ear and toe. Enough of trouble, in all conscience, for one day.

The children attending the public schools of this village had their Christmas tree in the Drill Shed, on Monday evening. It was a sight to soften the heart of the most inveterate old bachelor to witness the beaming countenances of the rising generation, when they beheld the tree laden with every imaginable toy, together with various useful and ornamental articles. The chair was occupied by our popular member, Charles Clarke, M.P.P. The presents were distributed by the teachers, assisted by a number of gentlemen, after which short addresses were delivered, and the happy children after singing the National Anthem retired to their respective homes.

On Thursday last, in the Township of Nichol, a man, whose name I was unable to learn, met with an accident. He was driving the horses at a threshing, when his foot slipped into the horse-power, and his leg was fearfully mangled. Assistance was procured and bandages made ready with all haste. The poor fellow was extricated, when it was found that the only injury he sustained was the loss of a well-known wooden leg. He had a narrow escape indeed.

The weather during the past few days has been exceedingly cold, and business if dull in consequence. Very little pork is coming in, and prices rule from $4.50 to $5 per hundred. Hay, of which there is a good supply offered, is worth from $14 to $15 per ton. Cordwood is plentiful at from $2.75 to $3. Geese are worth from 35c. to 40c., according to quality.

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

Emperor of Russia Ill.

The Emancipation Bill.

Several Railway Accidents.

A Number of Persons Killed and Wounded.

The Wreck of the "Germany."

London, Dec. 24.—The vessel wrecked at the mouth of the River Gironde on Saturday, reported in a Paris despatch yesterday as the Liverpool packet "Germania," was the Allan line steamer "Germany," which sailed from Liverpool on the 17th inst., for Havana and New Orleans, with leave to call at Corunna and Santander. No particulars have yet come to hand in addition to those received already.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—It was officially announced to-day that the Czar which has been ill since the 19th Nov., and his malady is becoming serious. On the 19th instant it was pronounced a case of typhus fever, accompanied by an affection of the abdomen, which the physicians considered of a grave character. The bulletin issued this morning says a sleepless yet tranquil night was passed. The fever has not yet abated, but his condition continues about the same.

Madrid, Dec. 26.—The Bill for the emancipation of slaves in Porto Rico was read in the Lower Branch of the Cortes on Tuesday. All slaves are to be free within four months after the promulgation of the passage of the Bill. Slave owners are to be indemnified for their loss. Many of the Deputies expressed their approval of the Bill by cheers. After its reading the Government agents announced that the reforms in Cuba were postponed in consequence of the insurrection on that island.

Corry, Pa., Dec. 26—By the accident on the Buffalo, Corry & Pittsburg Railway, on Tuesday night, of the killed, 21 have been recovered, and 16 are so charred as to be unknown. Among the severely wounded is John Dundas, of Hamilton, Ont. There are yet from three to five bodies under the ruins, reduced to ashes and distinguishable only by the pieces of skulls and bones.

Indianapolis, Dec. 26.—The rear car of the Chicago express train, on the Indianapolis, Peru, and Chicago Railway, was thrown from the track the night before last, by a broken Rail, about eighteen miles north of this city. Twenty persons were more or less injured, and, it is thought, three fatally.

St. Louis, Dec. 26.—A passenger train on the Atcheson, Topeka & Santa Fee Railway, while stuck in a snow bank, 12 miles west of Newton, Kansas, was run into by a freight train, and had two cars telescoped. The conductor and another man were killed, and four or five others wounded.

WESTFIELD, N. Y., Dec. 24, 8:30 p. m.—A fearful accident occurred on the Crossent road at three p. m., at a point known as Prospect station. The train was in charge of Conductor Flanders, and was due at Brockton at four o'clock to connect with the day express of the Lake Shore road. The train on crossing a trestle bridge was, with the exception of the engine, overturned off the bridge into the ravine, a distance of thirty-five feet. It is supposed at this time that the accident was caused by a broken wheel, as the engine parted from the train and passed over in safety. It is estimated that between 70 and 80 passengers were in the two cars, and of this number not half-a-dozen escaped death or serious injury. The wreck, taking fire from the passenger car stove, literally roasted alive many that were wounded before they could be removed. The death list, including those killed outright and those burned to death, will exceed forty-five. Three women have been taken from the scene of the disaster, but are unrecognizable.

Public Schools.

List of prizes distributed to the pupils in Alex Anderson's division, North Ward School.

SENIOR CLASS.—Isabella Hunter, 1st prize fourth reader and regular attendance. Catherine Simpson, 1st prize grammar and geography. Harriet Hillen, 2nd do. Mary Morrison and John Inglis, for arithmetic. Hedley Morrison, 1st prize writing. Mary McMaster, 2nd do. Mary Tindal, for general proficiency. Lititia Parker, 2nd do.

JUNIOR CLASS.—Sandford Mills, 1st prize third reader and geography. John Glass, 2nd do. and grammar. Margaret Robertson, 1st prize grammar. Clara Stevenson, 1st prize writing and general proficiency. Rachel Sunley, 2nd do., writing. John Billing, good conduct and industry. Hannah Billing, good conduct. Mary Cunningham, general proficiency. (The last prize given by teacher.)

MISS SMITH'S DIVISION—SAME SCHOOL.—Reading and spelling, Margaret Brown, 2nd, Robert Inglis; 3rd, Bertha Ansley; 4th, David Cameron. Writing, Margaret Brown. Arithmetic, Cora Wood. Geography, John Higmbotham. Good conduct, Margaret Brown, Bertha Ansley, and Freddie Spragg. Attendance, Robert Hackney and Bertha Ansley. Highest number of honor cards, Cora Bell Wood. General diligence, Jane Dowser, Frank and Ashbury Smith, and Emma Kirk.

PRESENTATION.—On Friday, 20th inst., the pupils of the first department of Milton Public School presented the head master, Mr. McLean, with a very handsome Christmas gift, consisting of a superbly gilt parlor edition of "Longfellow's Complete Political Works," "Cassell's Illustrated Magazine," "One Thousand and One Gems from British Poets," and a massive Lion Bronze Inkstand. The present was accompanied by a suitable address, expressive of kind regards and affection.