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FLLOUR, GRAIN, PROVISIONS, ASHES, LEATHER, &c. CONSIGNMENTS solicited. Highest prices realized, and returns promptly made. Every possible information as to the various consignments in reference to the Markets, Packing, of Pork, Manufacture, &c., as required.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co., MONTREAL. Kirkwood, Livingstone & More, HALIFAX.

ADVANCES. DRAFTS authorized against Consignments to Montreal and Halifax may be made at the option of Consignors, on either City. Cash advances on Consignments to our Correspondents in Foreign Markets.

FISH, OILS, &c. ORDERS for Fish, Oils, or West India produce carefully and promptly executed.

THE BARCLAY SEWING MACHINE. WITHOUT any exception, the Barclay Sewing Machine, manufactured by the British American Sewing Machine Co., is the best in the world.

STORE for SALE In the Village of Stirton. A GOOD STORE for general business, with commodious Dwelling House attached, and Stable in rear. Also, a BLACKSMITH SHOP with two forges.

MIDWIFERY. MRS MORRIS, Midwife. Residence, Essex Street, half way between the Market Square and Hamilton's Brewery, first house east of Mr. Min-

BRITISH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COLLEGE. PRIZE PENMANSHIP! Superior Advantages Offered!

THE attention of young men looking forward to mercantile life is earnestly requested to the internal arrangements of this College, which afford every possible advantage and facility for acquiring a thorough practical knowledge of business life and business habits.

TO ADVERTISERS. At this season of the year it is very important to the business man that his advertisement should receive the greatest possible publicity.

MUSGROVE & WRIGHT, Toronto, 6th Dec, 1867. dw Toronto.

Medical Dispensary. JUST received at the Medical Dispensary, large supply of

Tooth, Nail and Hair Brushes! TOILET SOAPS, &c.

COAL OIL. of the best quality always on hand.

E. HARVEY. Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-st, Guelph, Ontario. dw

PRESENTS FOR CHRISTMAS. To the Inhabitants of Guelph and surrounding Country.

FANCY GOODS. And Christmas Presents call

At SHEWAN'S Bookstore. Next door to Hugh Walker's Grocery Store.

JOHN HARRIS, CONFECTIONER, and BISCUIT Manufacturer.

Wholesale and Retail!

Wholesale Purchasers. Goods as cheap, if not cheaper, than any other house in the trade.

JOHN HARRIS, Market Square, Guelph dw

LLOYD'S Double MAP! of EUROPE and AMERICA.

THESE Maps are newly issued, are large and beautifully finished, and mounted on rollers, so that no expense has been spared to make them the best Maps ever brought before the public.

ANOTHER DOUBLE MAP. The Subscriber has also for sale a Double Map of America on one side, and Canada and the United States on the other.

WM. P. TOLTON, Paoline, Agent for the South and Centre Ridings of the County of Wellington.

Four Corners' Hotel, BRAMOSA ROAD.

JOHN ANDERSON, Proprietor. The best of accommodation for travellers. First-class liquors and cigars. Good stone stabling and attentive hostler.

HAY IN TRUSSES. Constantly on hand. Also Straw for beds

TERMS CASH.

NEW LAW OFFICE. FREEMAN & FREEMAN

SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY, CONVEYANCERS, &c. Office over Berr's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph, 4th December, 1867. dw

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TO ADVERTISERS. At this season of the year it is very important to the business man that his advertisement should receive the greatest possible publicity.

HARPER'S BAZAR for Saturday, the 18th inst., is to be held at Day's bookstore, opposite the Market.

CHURCH OPENING.—It is expected, that the new Congregational Church, in Guelph, will be opened on Wednesday, the 15th inst.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE for the WEST WARD.—We are requested to state that Dr. McGuire is a candidate for the office of Trustee for the West Ward.

SENT TO THE PENITENTIARY.—Pugh, the confidence man, who so extensively played the swindler at Toronto, has been sentenced to imprisonment for two years and a half in the penitentiary.

THE VOTING TO-MORROW.—The ratepayers will remember that there is only one day's polling for School Trustees. The poll opens at 9 a. m. and closes at 5 p. m.

PRESENTATION.—The editor and proprietor of the Barrie Examiner was tendered an invitation to a supper on New Year's eve, by several of his friends and supporters, on which occasion he was presented with a New Year's gift, in the shape of a purse of sixty-one dollars, as a slight appreciation of his efforts in the cause of reform and progress.

CHARIVARI.—The Free Press says: A wedding being celebrated at the residence of Mr. John Grievs, Westminster, on Wednesday night last, a crowd of young men gathered on the outside, and began to beat pans, blow horns, and make other hideous noises.

SUCH IS LIFE.—The Hamilton Times says that among the recipients of the bounty of St. George's Benevolent Society, on Tuesday evening, was an old lady, who, in other times, was wont to ride about this same city in her carriage, at the holiday season, searching out the needy and dispensing charity with a lavish hand, and who was noted as among the most active in good works.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.—The retiring Common School Trustees are: in the North Ward, Mr. Mair, in the South, Mr. Fraser, in the East, Mr. Pirie, and in the West, Mr. Howard. Mr. Mair having left Town of course a new Trustee will have to be elected.

Mr. Stevenson was an active, useful member when in the Board before, and served with great credit to himself and advantage to the educational interests of the town.

Mr. Pirie will again be a candidate most probably without opposition; and in the West Ward, Mr. Howard may or may not present himself for re-election, as he has at present thoughts of retiring.

His course will probably be determined by his opinion of the eligibility of the person

Town Council. The Town Council met on Monday night, 5th Dec., at the residence of Mr. Herod, Messrs. Holliday, Mitchell, Peterson, Day, Hoffmann, Thomson, Galbraith, Massie, Melvin, Sayers, Chadwick, McCurry and Harvey.

Mr. Thomson read a petition from Chief Constable Kelly, asking that he should be paid the \$20 offered as a reward by the Council for the conviction of any person who had broken a street lamp, as he had lately apprehended Mathew Sheehy for such offence, and the Police Magistrate convicted him.

Mr. Hoffmann read a petition from Robert Howard praying for the refunding of taxes on a certain lot, the same having been paid by Mr. Knowles who was the agent. Mr. Hoffmann read a petition from T. V. Cooper praying for the refunding of a dog tax, he having been twice assessed.

Thomson read a petition from Wm Stevenson for the refunding of \$2 dog tax, as there had been an error in his assessment. Mr. Chadwick read a petition from John Andrews of Elora, who had lately been fined before the police magistrate \$20 and expenses for having published a lottery in Elora, and as none of the articles to be drawn were worth less than the price of a ticket, he prayed for the refunding of one half of the fine.

Mr. Thomson read a petition from G. A. Fraser praying for the refunding of \$14.33 on a lot which he had bought at Sherri's sale, out of which he was unable to procure a deed. Mr. Peterson read a petition from Wm. Dyson, showing that he had with much difficulty paid the full amount of his taxes; he had also been assessed for some vacant premises.

Mr. Ward, and prayed the Council to refund him as much as they could.

The foregoing petitions were referred to appropriate Committees, and that of Chief Constable Kelly was referred to Mr. Thomson.

Mr. Massie was appointed the Finance Committee, and they would recommend that a petition of a similar nature be granted to Jas. Henderson. They recommended the refunding of \$3.75 to the dog tax, and \$5 to W. Marshall, who was twice assessed, but they could not recommend a reduction of taxes to Jas. Massie & Co., nor to Jas. O'Neil, Charles Thain or C. J. Buckland.

They recommended that \$25 be refunded Jno. McCrae, as \$2000 personal property belonging to Jas. Whitelaw has been charged to him as real property which is a mistake; that the petition of Chas. Whitelaw to be relieved of taxes be granted, as he only used the premises referred to in his petition while his grain was in transit from Elora to Paris, and was obliged to make use of them on account of insufficient railway accommodation, but could not recommend a reduction to P. McCurry. They recommended the refunding of \$7.50 to E. Newton, who had been assessed on a lot not his own, but no remission of income tax to Geo. Hynd, but that he be refunded fifty two cents as a proper proportion due him for vacant houses. Also that 62¢ be refunded Jas. McDonald as his \$5.00 proportion for vacant houses, that \$2.50 be refunded Wm Mitchell for vacant houses, that no reduction be made in the income tax of Drs. Orton & Clarke, that the Court of Revision, which on motion afterwards made and seconded was adopted, and the Clerk was instructed to carry out its requirements. The report was as follows:—The Committee having ascertained that a gross and manifest error had been made in the assessment of Messrs. Denis on the York Road, belonging to Denis Coffee, have caused the required alterations to be made. This arrangement leaves Mr. Coffee assessed for lot No. 1, in the second Range, and part of broken lot No. 4, in Division F, being 40 acres, at \$40 per acre, they would recommend the refunding to Mr. Coffee of \$13.75. They further recommend that a reduction of \$400 be made in the assessment of Geo. McGuinn, but cannot recommend any alterations in the cases of Messrs. Howie, Smith and McLean.

Mr. Chadwick read the report of the Market House Committee. They recommended that they be empowered to receive tenders for, and to purchase fifty cords of wood for the use of the Market House.

Mr. Day read the report of the Fire and Water Committee, and they would recommend the expenditure on account of contingents, not estimated, to the amount of \$50. They recommended the following accounts to be paid:—Galbraith & Beattie, for repairing hose \$24; Wm. Brownlow, for ladder, \$3; John A. Wood, pails, \$1.80; J. H. Water, gas \$5; Thomas Lowrie, repairs to wagon \$1.874; G. H. Jacomb, repairs to lamp \$16.30; W. A. Bruce, repairs to engine \$12.874; G. & A. Hadden \$1.28, being a total of \$82.83.

Mr. Melvin read a petition from J. H. Dewitt, asking that taxes be refunded for a dog which he had killed.—Referred to Finance Committee.

Mr. Peterson read the report of the Special Committee, to whom had been referred the communication of the Church Wardens, Messrs. John Horsman and James Davis, of 30th April, 1867, to endeavour to obtain a settlement of claims for compensation for that portion of the church lot, appropriated by the corporation under by-law 68. It was as follows:—Your Committee have had several conferences with the Church Wardens and with the town, and they have suggested to them the desirability, and indeed necessity, before deciding in any way, of having a carefully stated survey made and sketch drawn of the lot and all the parts so taken by the said by-law, which was done by T. W. Cooper, Esq., procuring the exact description of Church lot by notes and bounds as shown in original Canada Company's deed of St. George's Church, in possession of the Rector, Mr. Palmer. This and the surveyor's description are herewith submitted, having been examined by the Church Wardens. The fence was several years ago placed somewhat at random, and the ground now trespasses five feet on the

corner on which the School house stands remains unchanged, and the only parts of lot altered are the corners at the north and east angles, which have been rounded off. Nor indeed have these been done exactly according to by-law, the fence being considerably extended outside the curves mentioned in the by-law. It was some slight discrepancies existed between the descriptions in the by-law, and the notice published preceding its passage, but your committee believe that if any such exist they are of so trivial a nature as to be really unworthy serious dispute either way, and about which no disagreement can take place. Your committee explained to the Church Wardens that they were unable to see how the Council could properly alter the solemn acts of its predecessors established ten years ago, and confirmed by lapse of time and undisturbed ever since. They think the Council would not be unwilling to meet the Church Wardens in every spirit of fairness, and if they do not longer find it necessary or convenient to adhere to the condition attached to the £100 mentioned, viz. the building with it of the wall referred to, the condition in truth being proposed by way of inducement as between the Council and the Church in 1857, as full compensation for all the land appropriated under the by-law, nor was it or it worth any more. Adopted.

Mr. Day read the report of the Tree Planting Committee. They had expended the following amounts:—F. H. Maddock, making boxes \$130.50, Wm. Stevenson planting \$100. Adopted.

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The Council adjourned for twenty minutes, and having resumed, the Mayor in the chair, it was moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that the Rev. Mr. Ball be re-elected Grammar School trustee for Guelph. Carried.

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Paslinch Township Council. The Municipal Council of Paslinch met in the Town Hall, on Monday, 30th Dec. Members all present.—The Reeve in the chair. The minutes of preceding session were read and confirmed. Moved by Mr. McFarlane, sec. by Mr. Spreunchar, that the account of Messrs McLagan & Innes, for printing, amounting to \$8.90, be paid, and that the Reeve grant his order for the same to Geo. Hynd, but that he be refunded fifty two cents as a proper proportion due him for vacant houses. Also that 62¢ be refunded Jas. McDonald as his \$5.00 proportion for vacant houses, that \$2.50 be refunded Wm Mitchell for vacant houses, that no reduction be made in the income tax of Drs. Orton & Clarke, that the Court of Revision, which on motion afterwards made and seconded was adopted, and the Clerk was instructed to carry out its requirements. The report was as follows:—The Committee having ascertained that a gross and manifest error had been made in the assessment of Messrs. Denis on the York Road, belonging to Denis Coffee, have caused the required alterations to be made. This arrangement leaves Mr. Coffee assessed for lot No. 1, in the second Range, and part of broken lot No. 4, in Division F, being 40 acres, at \$40 per acre, they would recommend the refunding to Mr. Coffee of \$13.75. They further recommend that a reduction of \$400 be made in the assessment of Geo. McGuinn, but cannot recommend any alterations in the cases of Messrs. Howie, Smith and McLean.

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American Despatches. Galveston, Texas, Jan. 6.—The business portion of Indiana was destroyed by fire on the 3rd inst. Loss \$100,000.

Augusta, Maine, Jan. 6th.—The loss by the burning of the military asylum is estimated at \$150,000. One of the patients froze to death while being removed here.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 6.—The clothing house of Bowman & Strool was burned to-night. Loss \$30,000.

New York, Jan. 6.—The Tribune's special says of the destruction of the United States military hospital, near Augusta, Maine, by fire.—The patients had all retired when the fire was discovered, but every effort was made by the men and his assistants to arouse them. "ud get those who were sick to a place of safety. Unfortunately a barrel of whiskey, that was rolled out and ordered to be destroyed, was taken by some soldiers, and nearly every soldier who could hobble about was in a state of drunkenness in a short time. Fights took place between one-armed and one-legged men, and the scene in the laundry building was fearful to witness. Men fought each other with the fury of demons; they were so crazed by the liquor that they obeyed nothing.—Many of them lay dead drunk in the snow and could not be aroused, and one of these intemperate beings while being conveyed to Augusta, died from the effects of the cold—absolutely frozen to death.

It Gives Satisfaction, does that excellent Tea sold for 62c. per lb. by JAS. MURPHY, No. 1, Upper Wyndham-st., Guelph. dw

WEST WARD.—We are requested to state that Mr. Caleb Chase will be a candidate for School Trustee for the West Ward.

TEMPERANCE LECTURE.—We are requested to state that Rev. G. Wood will lecture in the Temperance Hall this evening, to commence at half-past seven o'clock.

THE KING AND QUEEN OF GREECE.—It appears from reports received at Washington that the joint visit of the King and Queen of Greece from Vienna to Venice, and hence to Corfu, was marked by a series of brilliant demonstrations, the Grecian ladies who reside at Venice, turning out en masse to pay homage to their Queen; and the Greeks at Trieste assembled to a similar purpose at the junction of the Trieste and Venice railroad station. The extensive preparations made at Corfu for the reception of Grecian soil were suspended, in compliance with the request of the King and Queen, that all funds appropriated for that purpose be expended for the relief of the Cretans. The effect of this decision was made the reception more enthusiastic, though unattended with display. Some of the most illustrious ladies of the Russian Court accompanied the Queen to Athens, where excitement of the population heightened by the continued heroic resistance of their Cretan compatriots, is said to run as high as it did at the time of the expulsion of the Turks from Greece proper.

HEROISM.—An instance of great heroism on the part of a young man, Captain Wm. Johnson, is related in the Newfoundlandian, and having occurred at Labrador during the violent hurricane of Oct. 6th, of which we have before spoken. So extraordinary is the story that were it not vouched for by the best authority it would appear incredible. A vessel called the Sea Skipper had struck on a reef near a place called Spotted Islands, Labrador, at which were no residents. The young man, Capt. Jackson, being providentially in the neighborhood, witnessed the vessel's striking, saw her fall under, with a number of persons on her deck rigging—twenty-seven, as it afterwards appeared. To save some of these poor creatures, Mr. Jackson cast himself into the sea, and swam to the wreck, a distance of one hundred fathoms or more from the shore. The hurricane, at this time, was at its height, accompanied by snow—Eleven times did this heroic man swim between ship and shore, each time bringing a man from the wreck and placing him in safety. By this time persons from a neighboring settlement had arrived with ropes. Sixteen trips more did the noble sailor make, conducting all the survivors in safety to the shore. It seldom falls to our lot to relate more heroic conduct.

The Irish Reform League has ceased to exist. It is said that most of its members have joined the Reform League.

LIFE OF JEFFERSON DAVIS. The Caxton Publishing House of Cincinnati, Ohio, announces in our advertising columns a forthcoming Life of Jefferson Davis, President of the late Confederacy, by Frank H. Alfriend, of Richmond, Va., formerly editor of the "Southern Literary Messenger," and known during the war as a writer of distinction on the Richmond Press. In the collection of materials the author has had the cooperation and assistance of prominent officials in the late Confederacy, and has enjoyed facilities unsurpassed by any writer upon the subject of the war, for obtaining information from original sources. The work is promised to be a full, complete, and authentic biography of Mr. Davis, embracing the whole period of his life, and will shed much needed light upon many important subjects connected with the late war, which has never been understood—or, at best, but imperfectly so—because the facts necessary to their elucidation have remained inaccessible to all previous writers. Such a work will be looked for with eager interest, and it is certain to prove one of the most rapidly selling books ever published.

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