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HOLLIS STREET, HALIFAX, N.S.

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Halifax, 12th August. dw3m

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JOHN BUNYAN begs to inform his friends and the public that he has leased the above Hotel, in the BRICK HOUSE, MACDONNEL-ST., a few doors above Higinbotham's Drug Store, and immediately opposite Messrs. Sharpe's Seedstore. There is a good stable attached to the house, with good and commodious stabling. Every attention will be paid to customers in order to secure their comfort and convenience. The best of liquors and cigars always kept at the bar. Good accommodation for Boarders by the week at reasonable rates.
Guelph, July 13th. dwly

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October 20. d1m Agent for Guelph

NO RESERVE.
IMPORTANT
Auction Sale.

W. S. G. KNOWLES has been instructed by the subscriber to sell by Public Auction, at his farm near Guelph,

ON FRIDAY THE 30th OCTOBER,

At twelve o'clock, noon, the whole of his valuable Stock and Implements:—2 horses, 2 mares (6 and 8 years old) in foal to 'St. Lawrence,' 1 one year colt and a foal by the same Horse, 2 grade cows, Durham steer, 1 Galloway heifer, 15 pigs (Essex and Berkshire breeds). 1 iron-axle waggon, 1 box do., 2 ploughs, 3 harrows, 3 scuffers, prize cultivator, prize double mould-board plough made by Thain, 1 turnip sower, 1 roller, 1 stone boat, 1 new furnace, 2 hay racks, 2 sheep racks, 1 fanning mill, hay and manure forks, harness, and numerous other articles. There will be no reserve, as the proprietor is about to close his business and leave the Province.
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Anglo-American Hotel.
Guelph, October 5th. ddtdw3t

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DENIS BUNYAN.
Guelph, 17th October. d

OATS DOWN
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Market Square, Guelph, Oct. 13th. d

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For 50 cents, worth 65 cents

VERY CHOICE HYSON,
For 75 cents, worth 87 cents

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All kinds of GROCERIES at very Low Rates.
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Guelph, September 23rd. d

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GUELPH, ONTARIO.

H. MARRIOTT

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Wines, Liquors & Cigars

And the table with all the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

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Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock.

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Etc Dinner and Supper parties provided short notice, at reasonable charges.
JOHN MILLER,
Proprietor.
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GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.
Guelph Jan. 29, 1868. do

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W. WARNER CLARK,
Market Square, Guelph.
Guelph, Oct. 13. daw tf

FUNERALS

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The subscriber intimates that he is prepaedr t attend

FUNERALS

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WM. BROWNLOW
March 20 1868. dawA

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CHARLES HEATH

HAS opened a Lumber and Wood Yard on

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Where Lumber of all kinds can be had in lots to suit purchasers.

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CHARLES HEATH.
Guelph, May 14, 1868.

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MISS L. REEMMIE begs to announce to the ladies of Guelph and vicinity that she will be ready to receive pupils for the above accomplishments on the 15th of SEPTEMBER, 1868, at her residence, Waterloo Road.
Guelph, Sept. 11th, 1868. do tf

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Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-St
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FOR SALE.

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JAMES O'NEIL, Proprietor.
Guelph, Aug. 29. dawtf

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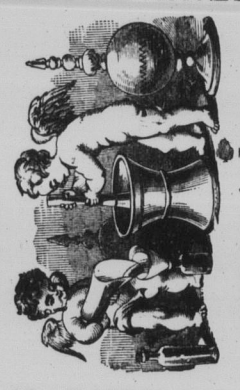

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W WARNER CLARK,
July 16th Patentee Guelph, Ont

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET

THURSDAY EV'NG, OCT. 22, 1868.

Local and Miscellaneous

Spain endured Isabella exactly 35 yrs.

Edinburgh has given its freedom to John Bright.

☞ The Montreal Telegraph Company have opened an office at Preston, which is now open for business.

The contract for supplying the iron for the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway has been awarded to Mr. John Proctor, of Hamilton.

Waterloo County Poor House will be finished by the 15th of December, and be ready within a short time thereafter for the reception of the destitute.

THE GREAT BOAT RACE.—In the boat race at Springfield, Mass., yesterday, the St. John's, New Brunswick crew, beat the Wards' four-oared crew in a six mile race forty lengths. Time, 39 min. 28¼ sec.

The farmers in the vicinity of Brancton are much annoyed by raids, which the young men of Galt make on their chestnut trees and orchards on Sunday evenings. The depredators are in troops, and they waste and destroy more than they eat.

A by-law of the village of Brampton makes it imperative on apothecaries and druggists in that town to take out a tavern license before they can sell wines or spirits. A few days since one firm was fined $20 for selling a bottle of wine to a boy who asked it in their shop, stating that the Reeve, Mr. Elliott was ill and required it.

Two spans of heavy draught horses were sent from Galt, on Wednesday, where they had been purchased for a gentleman engaged in the lumbering business in Michigan. One splendid matched bay team had been bought of Mr. Goldie, Guelph, the other from Mr. Hamill, of Beverly. The two teams cost together $575.

One of the royal generals in Spain recently condemned a child only five years old to be shot as the son of a rebel. The child, not understanding the situation, moved about, and by extraordinary luck was not touched. The general then coolly threw it an orange, and while stooping to pick it up, a second volley stretched it dead.

It may not be generally known that New York horses chew tobacco, but they sometimes do. On the ferry boats for instance, it is not unusual to see men giving their horses a "quid," which the animals not only chew, but swallow, and there is a popular idea that the stimulant is good for their wind.

THE WICKEDEST MAN AGAIN.—Alas for the conversion of the wickedest man! He was brought up before the Police Court in New York on Saturday, charged with keeping a disorderly house. He promised earnestly to have nothing to do with politics (whatever politics may mean) in future if he was let go, and was accordingly held in bail for the sum of $500 to appear at the special sessions.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—There is to be a convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec held in Toronto on the 28th and 29th days of this month. The convention is to assemble in the Bond street Congregational church on Wednesday the 28th, at 2 p.m., for organization. The Welcome Meeting will be held in Richmond street Wesleyan Church, at 7:30 p. m., and the Farewell meeting in Knox Church on Thursday Evening at the same hour.

FOUND GUILTY OF RAPE. — At the Hamilton Assizes on Wednesday, Chas. Camp was charged with having on the 13th day of May last, committed a rape on the person of Dorothy Lewis, a married woman, whose husband is a teamster. The parties live in the township of Beverly. Mr. Freeman conducted the case for the crown, and the prisoner was defended by Mr. Sadleir. The judge charged strongly against the prisoner. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty with a recommendation to mercy. Prisoner is a married man, in but poor circumstances, and with five children.

THE REVIVAL IN GALT.—The revival meetings are still being held in Galt. In alluding to the subject the *Reformer* has the following remarks: The longer these meetings continue the more wonderful the movement appears to be. The addresses are not characterized by any display of profound learning or brilliant oratory, on the contrary, the Word is preached with plainness, but with a power and earnestness which never fails to command attention. That it carries conviction with it is evident, and although many of the opinions enunciated by the speakers may and do meet with objections, we believe these Evangelistic labours in Galt have been fruitful of much good, and caused a more widespread and anxious searching after the truths of the Gospel.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY.—The November number of the *Atlantic* has been received from the publishers, Messrs. Ticknor & Fields, Boston. The contents are:—Co-operative Housekeeping; What Five Years will do; My Darlings; Foreign Faces; My Visit to the Gorilla; Sculpture in the United States; The Face in the Glass; Bacon; Sea-Gulls; The Traditional Policy of Russia; Calico-Printing in France; Maydenvally, Spinsterland; The Land of Paoli; The Harvester; Kentucky's Ghost; Reviews and Literary Notices—Hale's If, Yes, and Perhaps, Bartlett's Familier Quotations, Wilson's Ever-victorious Army, The Opium-Habit, Miss McGregor's John Ward's Governess, Parton's Smoking and Drinking, Richardson's Personal History of Ulysses S. Grant, Mrs. Calhoun's Modern Women, The Story of the Kearsarge and Alabama. The same publishers have also sent us *Our Young Folks*. As its name indicates it is specially adapted for young people. It is both amusing and instructive. For sale at the bookstores.

Erin Council.

The Erin Township Council met at the Town Hall, Erin Village, on the 1st of October, 1868, at 10 o'clock. Reeve in the chair. Members all present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Mr Gibson moved, Mr C McMillan seconded, That the bill presented by W. Young, for plank for a bridge, be paid.—Carried. Mr. C. McMillan moved, Mr. Gibson seconded, That a further grant of $15 be made to Gooseberry Hill, the other grant being insufficient.—Carried. Mr. D. McMillan moved, and Mr. Berry seconded, That Duncan Robertson be appointed a Commissioner to have the bridge on lots 10 and 11 on the first line repaired.—Carried. Moved by Mr. C McMillan, seconded by Mr. Gibson, That the Collector be instructed to receive all silver paid to him as taxes, at a discount of four per cent. in the dollar, and sums under twenty five cents at par, and all the taxes to be collected by the 16th of December next.—Cd. Mr. C. McMillan moved, Mr. D. McMillan seconded, That the claims of Elias Porter, James Long and John Leitch, for damage done to sheep by dogs be paid.—Carried. Moved by Mr. C. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Berry, That the Council go into committee of the whole on by-law No. 8, which was read a first and second time last meeting of Council.—Carried. The Council in Committee. Mr. C. McMillan in the chair. By-law filled up. Committee rose and Council resumed business. Moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. D. McMillan, That By-law No. 8 be read a third a time and passed. It was read and passed. Moved by Mr. D. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Berry, That the sum of $10 be expended on the approach to the Guelph Road, on the third line, and Malcolm Leitch be appointed to expend the same.—Carried. Mr. C. McMillan moved, Mr. Gibson seconded, That Geo. Long be instructed to place his fence on the line between fifteen and sixteen in the 7th concession, according to the survey of T. W. Cooper, P.L.S. Moved by Mr. C. McMillan, seconded by Mr. D. McMillan, That the sum of $15 be received from Wm. Mathews in full of back taxes due on village lot thirteen, in ninth concession. On motion the Finance Committee met and brought in the following report: Your Committee would recommend that the following indigent persons be paid the following sums, Betsey McFarlane, $3; Widow McLean, $3; Alex. Fraser, $4; Wm. Cox and wife, $4; Arthur Atkinson, $3; Geo. Brown, $4; Wm. Hall, $2; Widow Neville, $4; James Clarke, blind man, sixteen weeks board at Geo. Gibbs, $32; Joshua Ashley, for keeping a poor boy, $6. All which is respectfully submitted. WM. COCHRANE, Chairman. The report was adopted and payments made. Moved by Mr. D. McMillan, seconded by Mr. C. McMillan, That the west half of lot nine, and the west quarter of lot ten, in the seventh concession be taken from school section four, and added to school section seven. Leave having been granted a by-law was introduced granting the removal of the above lots from section four to section seven, which on motion was read a first and second time. Moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. D. McMillan, That the east half of lot eight in the sixth concession be taken from school section seven, and added to school section four, and that the clerk give notice to the trustees of school section seven, of the proposed change.—Carried. Moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Gibson, That the Council go into committee of the whole on by-law No. 11, granting the removal of certain lots from school section four to school section seven. Council in committee. Mr. D. McMillan in the chair. The By-law was filled up. Committee rose. Council resumed business, and on motion by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Gibson, By-law No. 11 was read a third time and passed. Moved by Mr. D. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Berry, That a store license be granted to Messrs. Carbery & Crozier, of Erin village, and that they pay the sum of $11.25 for the balance of the year.—Carried. Moved by Mr. C. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Berry, That leave be granted to bring in a By-law to invest all the streets in the villages, in the township, in the municipality, and that it be read a first and second time. Moved in amendment by Mr. D. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Gibson, That the above motion in reference to introducing the by-law be laid over for further consideration. The Reeve approved of letting the motion stand over. The amendment carried. On motion the Council then adjourned to meet again on Monday, the 16th day of November. WM. TYLER, Clerk.

County Ploughing Match.

The annual ploughing match of the South Riding and Guelph Township Agricultural Societies was held on a field of sod on the farm of Thomas McCrae, Esq., yesterday The day was wet and uncomfortable, and the ploughing match of the Rockwood Union Society being held the same day, there was not a large turn out. There were nine entries in the first class, seven in the second and three in the third. The field was well adapted for the purpose, and the ploughing generally was very good. The ploughmen, officers, judges and others were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. McCrae during the day. The judges were Messrs. Isaac Simpson, Thomas Waters and Charles McIntosh. The prizes were awarded as follows:

FIRST CLASS—Thos. Arkell (Stephenson plough); 2nd Henry McLaren (Gilles plough); 3rd Chas. G. Cockburn; 4th Thos Pritchard (McInnes plough); 5th Jno McRobbie (Stephenson plough).

SECOND CLASS. — Benjamin Tolton (Stephenson plough), 2d A. T. Day (do plough) 3d, Thos. Bolton (do. plough); 4th, Wm C Elliott, (McInnes plough.)

THIRD CLASS—John Bradley (Stephenson plough); 2nd James Cowan (McInnes plough); 3rd William Hawes (McInnes plough).

TURNED UP AGAIN.—Wm. Connell Jewett the famous peace negotiator during the American war, arrived from Europe in the *Moravian*, and is now at Ottawa *en route* for the United States. He announces that the purpose of his return is to test his vote in the coming presidential election, and to further arrangements for the organization of an international land bureau for the sale of Southern, Western and Canadian lands in Europe, to promote emigration. It is understood Mr. Jewett made a proposition to-day for the co-operation of the Dominion and local Governments, through which to secure to Canada a portion of the emigration.

Holland will soon abolish capital punishment.

BY TELEGRAPH
PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

PARIS, 21st.—Gen. Serrano has written a letter to the editor of the *Gaulois* declaring in favor of a monarchy as best suited to the state of Spain. He says, however, that the leaders of the revolution have resolved to act entirely in accordance with the voice of the people as to what form of government shall be adopted for the country. It is reported that Ferdinand has accepted a proposal to come forward as a candidate for the throne of Spain.

LONDON, 21st.—The Alabama claim matter has been referred to the King of Prussia and not the Emperor of Russia.

American Despatches

Terrible Earthquake in San Francisco City.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21.

A heavy shock of an earthquake was felt here at 7:50 this morning. Several buildings were thrown down, and a considerable number badly damaged. The ground settled which threw buildings out of line, and at present no estimate can be made. Several heavy shocks have followed, which have caused great alarm. At San Jose, a number of buildings were considerably injured.

SECOND DESPATCH—A survey of the city shows that the principal damage is confined to the lower portion of the city, among the old buildings. Business is suspended. Several lives were lost. The damage done will not exceed a million. At Oakland the ground opened in several places, and a strong sulphurous smell was noticed after the shock. From various parts of the country near San Francisco the shock is reported as severe, and in many places the earth opened and water gushed forth.

THIRD DESPATCH — Twelve shocks were felt during the day. At the corner of Market and First streets the ground opened several inches wide and about fifty feet long. Four lives were lost and many seriously wounded. All the public buildings are a complete wreck. The shock was felt aboard the shipping in the harbor as if the vessels had struck upon a rock, although the water was smooth at the time of the shock.

Rivalry of Toronto and Hamilton.

The Toronto correspondent of the Montreal *Witness* draws the following picture of the feeling which subsists between the Provincial capital and the "Ambitious City." He says: "It is difficult to imagine by any one who has not actually experienced it the intensely bitter jealous feelings of rivalry with which the people of Hamilton regard those of Toronto. The Torontonian in their eyes is the very incarnation of municipal greed and selfishness, whose main object, next to his own advancement, is the infliction of injury on Hamilton, from motives of pure spite and malice. Even the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway is supported mainly on this ground, and in order to divert from its natural channel the trade which should flow from the North West into Hamilton, and thus gratify the enemity of Toronto, as well as her grasping and insatiate avarice. Toronto would make the entire Province tributary to its schemes for aggrandizement; and narrow-gauge railways, Georgian Bay Canal, and all such projects are started purely and solely with a view to Toronto interests and without a thought of benefiting any other locality. The cool and contemptuous allusions to Hamilton in the Toronto press, and the under-estimation of the importance of their city, apparently is a source of intense aggravation to the irritable Hamiltonians who had worked themselves up in a fury at the success of the railway schemes, and are now prportionately exhilarated at the result of the Normanby vote, giving Toronto a temporary check. The sentiments entertained by the ancient Carthaginians towards their rivals of Rome, differed probably rather in degree than kind from the estimation in which Toronto is held by the denizens of the Ambitious City, who speak of us much as if we were semi-civilized foreigners, not quite free from a suspicion of occasionally indulging in cannibalism or idolatry, rather than enlightened fellow-subjects of Victoria."

More accidents have occurred on Lake Michigan this year than in any previous similar period.

The Rhine is alive with workmen erecting new forts, yet peace is everywhere promised.

The soundings on the coast of south America since the last earthquake, are much shallower.

The insurgents at Madrid have stuck notices on the royal palace, advertising "This house to let."

Madame Moore, English, has walked 50 miles in ten hours and quarter, but she put the breeches on to do it.

One hundred and seventy-four candidates for Parliament, ninety-three of them liberals, have no opponents.

The *Great Eastern* came into the Medway on the 3d inst in readiness for receiving on board the new Atlantic cable which is to be laid between France and the United States.

A meeting was lately held in Edinburgh having for its object the promotion of Lord Stanley's election as representative of the city; the Foreign Secretary, however, declined the honor of representing any Scotch constituency.

The Pope, on receiving news of the Spanish revolution and the flight of Isabella, sent his corvette *Conceigoine*, to convey the ex-Queen to Rome, where several members of the Bourbon family are living. A month ago Isabella was offering aid to his Holiness. The tables are turned now.

A certain registrar in a certain town is unfortunately very deaf. One day lately a woman went to register the birth of her child, and had to answer the usual questions, To the one—"Were you present at the birth?" the astonished woman answered, "I'm the mother o' the bairn." "But that is not an answer to my question," replied the registrar; "Were you present at the birth?" "Yes, of course," she said, "I was there."