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Which has been built and fitted up expressly for his business, and that he has a large stock of the following Goods—

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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, MAGDON'S PLACE, a few doors above Higinbotham's Drug Store, and immediately opposite the Mercantile Bank, and has a grand stable attached to the house, with good and commodious stables. Every attention will be paid to everyone in order to secure their comfort and convenience. "Buck's" journals, cigars always kept at the bar. Good Scotch moida for the family at the week at reasonable rates. Guelph, July 13th. dw 1y

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OFFICE:.....MAGDONNELL STREET
SATURDAY EV'NG, DEC. 12TH, 1868.

Local and Miscellaneous

Auction Sale of Books, to-night, at Shewan's old stand.

The scaffold for the execution of Hoag, at Walkerton, is being erected inside the goal walls.

A new Episcopal Methodist Church is to be dedicated at Wellington Square on the 20th instant.

At a recent meeting of the Arthur township council claims to the amount of \$340 were presented for sheep killed by dogs.

There were about 100 head of cattle at the Elora fat cattle fair, a good many of them of ordinary quality, but some of them first class. Good beef sold at \$3.25 live weight.

Mr. Bernard Devlin and Mr. Notman have had an interview with the Minister of Justice, relative to young Notman, now in the Penitentiary, whose case was fully discussed.

A bill in chancery has been filed to annul the Toronto By-laws granting aid to the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway. The effect of this will, at least, be delay in the construction of that road.

ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday last, a young girl, daughter of Mr. John McBeth, of 4th con. of Peel, fell from a sled about 8 feet high, dislocating her shoulder. Dr. Brown, of Hollis, was called in, and the patient at last accounts was progressing favorably.

HEAVY CONTRIBUTION.—The Hamilton Times says that at the meeting held in that city on Tuesday last, of leading members of the Wesleyan denomination, the affairs of Victoria College, at Cobourg, were under consideration, and a contribution amounting to about \$7,300 was made for the benefit of the institution.

THRASHING MACHINE ACCIDENT.—On Thursday week, James, son of Widdow Garland, of Pilkington, in attempting to oil a thrashing machine, unfortunately got his right arm caught in the wheels and was so severely injured that amputation was necessary. The arm was taken off below the elbow, and the young man is progressing favourably under the care of Dr. Paget.

THE CHRISTMAS NUMBER OF THE LONDON SOCIETY has been received from the Canadian Agents, Messrs. W. C. Chevvett & Co. Toronto. It is a very entertaining number. It is a general favourite with business men, and is obtaining an immense circulation in Canada, the reading matter being peculiarly adapted for recreation after business hours. For sale at the bookstores.

It is said that in consequence of the change in the British Ministry, Sir G. E. Cartier and Mr. McDougall will return to Canada without having settled for the transfer of the North-west Territory. The journey to England will probably have to be repeated after next session of the Dominion Parliament; but in the meantime a basis of transfer will, if possible, be decided by correspondence.

CHANGE OF BUSINESS.—Our readers will notice by the card in today's paper that Messrs. Mitchell & Tovell have succeeded to the undertaking business so long carried on by Mr. N. Tovell. Mr. Mitchell is already favourably known, in connection with this business, and as the most prompt and careful attention will be given to all orders the new firm expect to receive a share of public patronage.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—On Saturday evening last, a young man by the name of J. Kippan, son of Mr. Kippan, of North Easthope, put a percussion cap upon the nipple of an old revolver which had not been used for a long time, for the purpose of breaking it, not thinking the pistol was loaded, when the pistol exploded shattering his hand in a dreadful manner. Dr. Shaver is attending the boy and says the limb can be saved.

AN official letter from Mississippi to the Agricultural Department says: "This has been the finest fall ever known for gathering cotton. But for this fact the cotton crop would have been short indeed. The cotton crop was much injured by the rains, and the principal turnout has been from the top, nearly every bale of which has opened during the beautiful weather. Many fields are still white with the precious staple, which will be still more plentiful next year."

MAGAZINES AT DAY'S.—Mr. Day has received the following magazines: *Good Words, Good Cheer*, (the latter being the holiday number of the former) *Good Words for the Young, and Sunday Magazine*. It is unnecessary to say that these periodicals are filled with excellent reading matter, which while it may in some places amuse, will also improve the mind and tend to engender or strengthen morality. Most of the engravings are splendid of their kind, and altogether an extraordinary effort in honour of Christmas is observable.

MASON & HAMLIN ORGANS.—Mr. W. W. Clark has now for sale at his music store, Market Square, some of these unrivalled cabinet organs, which were awarded a medal at the Paris Exposition. They are handsome, durable, low in price, and for quality of tone cannot be surpassed. Mason & Hamlin have labored long and assiduously to bring these instruments to perfection, and in virtue of various patents owned and used by them exclusively, they have been enabled to make them give forth tones remarkably rich and varied. They have also great depth and fullness of sound, and an intelligent appreciation of their merits is shown by their having at various times and places received no less than seventy prizes. Persons requiring instruments of this kind will do well to call at Mr. Clark's where they can see and hear the Mason & Hamlin organs, and judge for themselves whether their good qualities have been overrated. It is more than probable they will decide they have not.

Legislature of Ontario.

TORONTO, Dec. 10.

Mr. McDougall moved a resolution "That in the opinion of this House, steps should at once be taken by the Government to encourage settlement within the free grant territory, on such lots as are suitable for agricultural purposes."

Hon. Mr. Richards said that they had selected a tract in three or four townships adjoining Lanark for the opening up. In the fall the Government had determined on opening up the whole of the Muskoka district to the western boundary line of Lanark.

In the course of some discussion on the motion as to the quality of the free grant lands, Mr. McKim said that he was a resident of Wellington, one of the best farming counties, and could assure the House he never saw finer land in Wellington, Grey or Bruce than he saw back of the Sault. He was satisfied the land there was magnificent.

The resolution was subsequently withdrawn.

The bill for the better protection of game was read a third time and passed. The bill to amend the act to prevent the spread of Canada thistles was passed in committee. It provides that it shall not be lawful for any overseer of highways to enter upon any of the duties imposed by the existing law, without having first obtained authority from the Municipal Corporation of which he is an officer.

The bill to amend the thistle act was read a third time and passed.

A long discussion took place in committee of the whole on the mining bill.

Hon. Mr. Wood brought down a message from His Excellency, transmitting estimates of certain sums required for the public service for the year ending 31st December, 1869. Referred to committee of supply.

County Court and Quarter Sessions.

FRIDAY 11th.

In the case of the Queen vs. Allen, for shooting, the jury found the prisoner guilty of common assault. Mr. Peterson for the prosecution. Messrs. Guthrie and Duff for the defence.

In the case of Stone vs. the Co. of Wellington, the jury found a verdict of \$20 for the plaintiff. Mr. Palmer for plaintiff. Mr. Guthrie for defendant.

THE QUEEN vs. THOMAS BROWN.—The prisoner was charged with breaking into Mr. Rutherford's store and stealing a quantity of goods and a sum of money therefrom. To repeat the circumstances would be useless as we detailed them minutely at the time. Verdict guilty.

KEIL vs. MCKENZIE.—This action was brought by John Keil, of Salem, against John McKenzie formerly of Paisley, now of Ontario, for damages sustained by the former by reason of the servant of the latter leading his stallion in so negligent a manner that he kicked the plaintiff's horse, from the effects of which he died. The defendant denied the negligence complained of. The evidence showed that the defendant's brother was leading the "Young King Alfred" from Paisley to the Elora Fair on the 29th April, 1867.—On the road about six miles north of Guelph the "Young King Alfred" was overtaken by two teams, the latter of which was owned by the plaintiff. This team of the plaintiff's was composed of a gelding in the rear side and a stallion on the off side. The rear horse was the one kicked. Verdict for plaintiff \$100. Mr. Drew for plaintiff. Mr. Guthrie for defendant.

HIS Honor then pronounced sentences as follows: Joseph Allan, common assault, \$50 fine, \$16 of which is to go to witnesses, and costs \$41.30. Jas. Dunlop, who pleaded guilty to obtaining goods under false pretences, four months in the common goal at hard labour, and Thos. Brown, storebreaking, five years in the Penitentiary. This concluded the business.

The Refined Oil Business.

The *Free Press* of Friday says:—"It is well known to our readers that last August an agreement was made among the refiners of Canada to close their works till December, in order that the surplus stocks of burning oils might be consumed, and the trade placed on a more healthy basis. Concurrent with this arrangement, several Canadian and American refiners purchased large quantities of refined oil for a rise in the market, but owing to the quantity held by dealers in all parts of the Dominion, the operation did not, we hear, turn out a very lucrative one. Tempted by the rise in the price, several refiners were constructed by new firms—two at Petrolia, one at Wyoming, one at Sarnia, one at Dundas, during last fall, for the express purpose of competing with the older houses. It appeared as if the public would again benefit by the renewed competition of the trade, on the termination of the leases in December. But this expectation will not be realized, for, our information is correct, a renewal of the "monopoly" has taken place. We understand that every refinery in Ontario has been again leased on the "mutual" system, and that the combination will maintain, if not advance the present rates. The total capacity of all the refineries in the Province is about 5,000 barrels per week, while the consumption is not more than from 1,600 to 1,800 barrels per week, taking the average of the year. Rather than commence a new era of reckless and ruinous competition, the refiners have agreed to share the trade among themselves *pro rata*, according to the capacity of each, and keep the price to 35 cents per gallon wholesale. A convention of all the refiners in Canada will be held in London to-day, to perfect the arrangements for a renewal of the combination.

ONLY DRUNK.—Last night Mr. Higinbotham had reason to call at Mr. Massie's house, and he left his horse and cutter in front of the door. When he came out they were gone. He went home and found them safe, with a drunken fellow snugly wrapped up in the buffalo. The tipsy gent had put the horse in motion, and it instinctively made for its stable. The whip was missing but was afterwards recovered. The fellow was given in charge to a constable, and was brought before the P. M. this morning, but as Mr. Higinbotham did not prosecute he was dismissed.

The Emperor of Austria has issued a manifesto to the army, in which he declares his earnest desire for the maintenance of peace, and asserts that Hungary and Austria are now equally interested in the grandeur and security of the Empire.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

MADRID, Dec. 11.—The proposals of capitulation made by insurgents at Cadiz, are repelled. At the expiration of the armistice hostilities commenced, and a desperate conflict took place in which artillery was used by the troops and the insurgents. The loss in killed and wounded is heavy on both sides. The result of the battle is undecided. The insurgents still occupy the city hall and surrounding district. The rebels have retained within the city hall all foreign Consuls they could seize, and hope that by this means they will be able to prevent the threatened bombardment of that portion of the city by vessels of war lying in the harbour. Great political excitement prevails in Veraz, Malaga and Tarazona. General Prim is now on his way to the southern provinces. It is hoped his presence there will restore tranquility.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—The *Gaulois* asserts that the insurrectionary movement at Cadiz is instigated by agents of Queen Isabella.

LONDON, Dec. 11, evening.—In the House of Commons to-day the election of the Right Hon. Mr. Denison, as Speaker, was confirmed by the Crown. The Members of the House qualified themselves by taking the oath of office.

American Despatches

The Spanish Insurrection.

Times "Lively" at Cadiz.

New York, Dec. 12.—The *Herald's* London special says: "No news has yet been received of the bombardment of Cadiz, telegraphic communication being interrupted by Madrid. A despatch from Madrid dated Thursday, Dec. 10th, says: A large number of workmen employed by the municipality on public works yesterday armed themselves with carbines, and with bayonets fastened to a stick, assumed a threatening attitude which they still maintain. The national militia were ordered to proceed against them, and several battalions are preparing to march to the attack. Great efforts are being made to raise a revolt here and the citizens are much alarmed. Placards are posted in Estremadura threatening the assassination of all rich citizens who take part in the election for the Cortes. The armistice between the Government troops and insurgents at Cadiz has been prolonged until to-night, both parties consenting to await the arrival of the President of the Republican Committee of Seville, who will make an attempt at mediation. Should these negotiations fail the Government will recommence vigorous measures for the suppression of the insurrection."

More about Purchasing Cuba.

A *Tribune* special says: Hon. Caleb Cushing is on his way to Spain to arrange for the purchase of Cuba from the Spanish Government. It is understood he is vested with full power to close a bargain.

The "Rings" in the States.

The demoralization which has surrounded Mr. Johnson's administration, which has covered with taint nearly every man associated with him in office, seems to have spread over the whole country. These are truly evil days! Crime, and fraud, and speculation are permitted with indifference. The Government seems to have fallen into a combination of "rings." We have a Railroad "Ring," which has made a contract with the Government out of which its leaders amass enormous fortunes. We have a National Bank "Ring," in which we see broken banks doing a nominal business, and netting large profit out of construction of the Banking Law. We have Land "Rings"—combinations to seize upon immense tracts of territory under the pretext of Indian treaties, and to take possession of them by a virtual act of legislative confiscation. Then we have an Indian "Ring." This is the most terrible of all. The Railroad, and Land, and Whiskey thieves confine themselves to the mere acquisition of money by defrauding the Treasury, but the leaders of the Indian "Ring" speculate upon the blood of men, upon the honor of their Government, upon rapine, massacre, and shame! Gen. Sheridan is to-day carrying an army down into the heart of the Indian country simply to protect the white people from the results of the rapacity and perfidy of the Government agents.

And so go!—fraud in the service of the Government, among men in high station, among the agents of the revenues, Custom-House officers, excisemen, and over all an Administration which appears to give a tacit assent to these manifold crimes. The country seems to say: "Let fraud reign now; when Grant comes his reign will cease." But we do not choose to wait for Grant. *Congress must act immediately.* Above all things, it should pursue the investigation which President Johnson is supposed to have attempted in New York a few weeks ago, and discover why it is that a hundred million dollars of the national resources are stolen from one item of revenue alone.—N. Y. Tribune.

W. G. & B. RAILWAY.—A bill has passed the Legislature legalizing the transfer of Hamilton city stock in the G. W. Railway to the W., G. & B. Road. Thereupon the *Spectator* says: "The passage of this Bill sets at rest all doubts in relation to the right of the city to transfer the stock, if, indeed, any such doubts ever really existed; and removes the last difficulty in the way of an immediate commencement and rapid completion of the line. Some of our friends who were discouraged by the postponement of the suit at the late Chancery sittings, will now see that their discouragement was quite unwarranted. We congratulate the Company upon the removal of this last difficulty in the way of the progress of the work."

Jay Cooke heads a combination in Washington for the immediate resumption of specie payments. This measure is favored by General Grant. With specie payments would come a decline in the bonds, as it would be equivalent to a reduction of the rate of interest. It would also remove all dispute about the manner of the payment of the bonds, since paper would be equal to specie.