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CASH FOR WOOL, HIDES, SHEEP SKINS, CALF SKINS, AND WOLF PICKINGS.

The highest market price paid for the above at No. 4, Gordon Street, Day's old Block, Guelph.

Plasterers' hair constantly on hand for sale. **MOUNTON & BIRD**, Guelph, Jan. 1, 1874.

J. H. ROMAIN & Co., Successors to Nelles, Romain & Co., CANADA HOUSE, General Commission Merchants, AND SHIPPERS, 26, City National Bank Building, Chicago, Ill.

References: Sir John Rose, banker, London, England; F. W. Thomas, Esq., banker, Montreal; The Marine Company of Chicago, bankers; Hon. J. Carling, London, Ont.; Messrs. Gault Bros., merchants, Montreal; Senator F. Smith (Frank Smith & Co.) Toronto; J. M. Miller, Esq., Perth, Ont.; late of J. M. Miller & Co., commission merchants (Chicago); W. Watson, Esq., banker, New York; D. Butters, Esq., Montreal; J. Whitehead, Esq., M. P., Clinton, Ont.; C. Magill Esq., M. P. Hamilton, Ont.; T. C. Chisholm Esq., S. B. Foote, Esq., Toronto.

NEW COAL YARD. The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of

Hard and Soft Coal Accommodate prices. Orders left at the stores of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham Street, will be promptly attended to. **W. H. MURTON**, Guelph.

New Advertisements.

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

SQUARE UP. We extend the time for receiving payment for accounts until Saturday, Feb. 21st inst., when all must pay up without fail. **SHAW & MURTON**, Guelph, Feb. 11, 1874.

THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH—Re-modelled and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers. Free omnibus to and from all trains. First-class literary in connection. **JAS. A. THORP**, Proprietor, my 14 dwtf.

TENDERS WANTED. Tenders wanted for building a two-story Black Dwelling. Plans and specifications may be seen at my office till the first of March. Not bound to accept the lowest or any tender. **JOHN MCCREAE**, Guelph, Feb. 20, 1874.

NOTICE. All parties indebted to the undersigned either by Note or Book Account are requested to pay up on or before the 22nd of February. If not paid by that time they will be put in Court for collection. **ARCHIBALD MELVIN**, Guelph, Feb. 19, 1874.

TEA MEETING. The Members and Congregation of the B. M. E. Church, will hold a Tea Meeting in the Town Hall.

On Friday Ev'ng, 20th Inst. Tea will be served from 6 to 8 o'clock after which the Rev. S. C. Goodley, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, the Rev. Wm. Abbott, of London, Ont., with a number of the ministers of the town will address the meeting. Tickets, 25 cents each, can be purchased from members and others. Come one, come all, and help this struggling church. **REV. R. JOHNSTON**, Pastor, Guelph, Feb. 18, 1874.

TO LEASE. Cemetery Land. Tenders will be received by the undersigned until the 4th MARCH, prox., for five years occupation of the spare lands (about 14 acres) belonging to the Guelph Union Cemetery. The Committee do not bind themselves to accept the highest, or any other tender. **JAMES HOUGH**, Secretary Treasurer, Guelph, Feb. 17, 1874.

GUELPH GAS COMPANY. The annual meeting of the SHAREHOLDERS of the GUELPH GAS COMPANY will be held in THE TOWN HALL, on the afternoon of **Monday, 23rd Feb., 1874.** For the election of Directors, and the transaction of general business. The Chair to be taken at 3 o'clock. **D. GUTHRIE**, President. **J. C. McLAGAN**, Secretary and Treasurer, Guelph, Feb. 17, 1874.

John M. Bond & Co. OFFER FOR SALE Cut Nails, Wrought Nails, Boiled Linseed Oil, Raw Linseed Oil, Putty in Bladders, White Lead, Dry, White Lead, Paint, Colours of all kinds, and their usual assortment of **HARDWARE.**

TO BUILDERS. Parties desirous of tendering for three stores to be built on Wyndham Street, Guelph, for John Hogg, may see the plans and specifications on and after 20th February instant at Mr. Hogg's office until Wednesday 25th instant, and at my office, entering date until Wednesday, 4th March, ensuing, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. **VICTOR STEWART**, Architect, Brown's Buildings, Guelph, February 18th, 1874.

NEW Carriage and Waggon Shop! Cork-st., Guelph. The subscriber begs to announce to the public that he has purchased the business lately carried on by Mr. Wm. Smith, on Cork street, and is prepared to manufacture Carriages, Wagons and Cutters of every description. All kinds of repairing done on the shortest notice. Charges moderate. Having had long experience in the business he is confident that he can give entire satisfaction to those who may favor him with a call. **JOHN MCCONNELL**, Guelph, Feb. 11, 1874.

ENGRAVING. Gold and Silver Plating Office—Dundas Bridge. Orders left at either Messrs. Savage or Fringle's Jewellery Stores, Wyndham street, will be promptly attended to. **T. O. OLDHAM**, Guelph, Dec. 15, 1873.

NEW GOODS. Just received, a large and carefully selected stock of articles suitable **FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS** **BERLIN WOOLS** And all kinds of Fancy Goods in stock as usual. All orders promptly attended to. **MRS. WRIGHT**, Upper Wyndham St., next to the Wellington Hotel, Guelph, Dec. 24th, 1873.

To Business Men.

The circulation of the Mercury and Advertiser being nearly five times that of any other paper published in the County of Wellington, business men and others would study their own interests by advertising in the Mercury and Advertiser.

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Town and County News We are sorry to hear that Mr. Chance is rather worse, having passed a restless and delirious night.

The Fergus Brass Band has purchased from the maker, Mr. Leonard Allan, of East Garafraxa, the drum which was awarded first prize at the Provincial Exhibition held in London last year.

ACCIDENT at HARRISTON.—In the machine shops of Mr. R. G. Lambert, on Thursday, Donald Smith, one of the workmen, had one of his hands badly smashed by being caught in the machinery.

MOUNT FOREST CATTLE FAIR.—The organization for the proposed fair is progressing favorably, and an executive committee has been appointed, which will report to the Directors at a meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 18.

THE POULTRY SHOW.—The Poultry Association of Quebec have sent word to the President of the Guelph Association that they intend to send a deputation to the Show at Guelph next month. Our Guelph men have decided to give them a hearty reception.

GEORGETOWN ACADEMY.—The Literary Society of the Institute was reorganized on Friday evening last. Mr. C. Ross, was elected president and Mr. W. Small Secretary and Treasurer. The Society has been carried on successfully for the past two years by the students, and is now entered into with fresh vigor.

TOWN HALL TONIGHT.—We remind our readers of the annual tea-meeting of the British Methodist Episcopal church, to be held in the town hall to-night. A good tea will be provided, and ministers from Nova Scotia and London will address the meeting. The church needs support, and every visitor will help.

A serious accident happened on Saturday to Mr. Chisholm, of Rothsay. He was driving along the gravel road towards Harriston with another gentleman from the same place, when both were thrown out of the cutter. Mr. Chisholm received very severe injuries about the head and face, and for a time his life was despaired of. He is recovering slowly.

HONOUR AMONG CURLIERS.—It is a cardinal point in the curlier's creed to punctually fulfil all engagements. The Guelph Club justly complain that their brethren in Elora have not stood by theirs. They agreed to play the Guelph men here on Thursday, but telegraphed late on Wednesday night that they could not come, and that they would write and explain. But as yet no explanation has been received.

Y. M. C. A.—On Thursday evening last a general meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was held in their rooms. After the business had been transacted, Mr. Miller read an essay on "Total Abstinence."

As was anticipated by some, it proved to be a treat,—something entirely new, and nothing like the usual thread-bare speeches on this subject. The essay evinced careful study, and was entirely original to Mr. Miller, and was listened to with great attention. We are sorry that the attendance was not larger.

The death of Mr. Alexander Wilkie, of Fergus, is recorded in our obituary column. Deceased was an old settler in Fe. gas, and for many years carried on an extensive blacksmithing and waggon-making business. Upon the village being incorporated, he had the honor of first occupying the position of Reeve. He was also captain of the first fire brigade, and for a long time occupied a prominent position in all public undertakings of local interest.

TO BUILDERS.—In another column will be found an advertisement for tenders for the erection of three new stores on Upper Wyndham street, for Mr. John Hogg. We understand the stores are to be erected on the south side of the Alma Block, which property has been purchased by Mr. Hogg quite recently. A few good buildings between the Wellington Hotel and the Alma Block will add much to the appearance of that part of the town, and we hope soon to see the present tottering tenements give place to buildings that will be a credit as well to the town as to its leading street.

MAPLE SUGAR.—Now that during the warmer portions of the day the sap is beginning to ooze up into the trunks and branches of the greenwood tree, those who have maple trees and are accustomed each spring to make maple sugar and molasses are getting all the needed utensils and matters ready. The old man is sitting in the corner making "spiles" out of the hollow elderberry tree or other material, while the good woman of the house and her buxom daughters are scrubbing out the pails, kettles, etc., and the stout young men about the farm are "rigging" up the shanty in the woods, setting hogheads in their places, fixing up the furnace, making all the out-door preparations, and choosing the trees to be "tapped." A good yield is expected this year.

Some people who live on the 11th con. of Garafraxa were surprised and amused

on Sunday morning to see a farmer load up 21 bags of wheat, and start for the mill with it. Had the man been on any kind of good terms with his neighbors it is probable they would have told him about his mistake, but as it was they let him start off, and indeed regarded the whole affair as a good joke, and enjoyed it keenly. After the man had driven about a mile and a half an acquaintance told him that his journey would be in vain, as the mills neither grind nor take in grain on Sunday! This information reminded him that he had urgent business at home, and accordingly he turned like a shot, and made such time back that he was able to take his family to the morning service in church at Luther Village! Any one who wants to get knocked down now has only to ask the individual in question if he is going to the mill.—*Nees Record.*

THE BAPTIST CHURCH.—The regular monthly social of this Church was held on Thursday evening, in the roomy and cheerful-looking basement of the church, which was sufficiently well filled to make things look social. A few opening remarks were given by Dr. Davidson, the pastor, and a short programme was gone through, which comprised two pieces of part music by the Pickard family, a Welsh Hymn by Mr. Waters; songs, "Fading Away" Mrs. Warne, and "Loot or Saved" Miss I. Davidson; reading by Mr. S. Thomas and Mr. Slaker; trio, by Messrs. Patton Wicks, and Stump. At the intermission, folks drew round their chairs and formed little knots of sociable talkers. March 19 was fixed as the date of the next monthly social and at ten o'clock the meeting dispersed. We are informed that this Church has been making very gratifying progress of late, and that the number of regular members has doubled during the past six months. The congregation are now taking into use a new hymn book, the "Canada Baptist Hymn-book." This work has been lately compiled by a committee of five appointed by the Baptist Home Missionary Convention, of whom Dr. Davidson was one. We learn that twelve persons are to be immersed next Sunday after the morning service.

SOCIAL.—On Thursday evening the young people of the Congregational Church gave a social in the basement of the church, which was very handsomely decorated with evergreens. The object of the social was to clear off the remaining portion of debt on the upholstery; and the proceeds were \$25, which will more than clear off the debt. The audience was much larger than could have been expected on such a rainy evening. Proceedings were opened by a duet on the piano from Mrs. Badd and Mrs. Molton, a reading, "The Leper," by Mr. Wm. Blundell, and a song, "The Blind Boy," by Mr. Alchin. There was then fifteen minutes' intermission for refreshments, and for the examination of a number of books, views, scrap-books, and other interesting articles, including a collection of coins, which had been kindly lent to the committee for the occasion. The programme recommenced with a recitation from Mr. Goodlove, "The Gambler's Wife." Miss A. Foster sang "Stay, Angry Tide," very nicely and received an encore. Next came a dialogue, "Fortune Telling," by four young ladies, whose apparent earnestness created a great deal of amusement. Mr. Mailand sang "The Reaper and the Flower," which was heartily encored, and responded to by "A Thousand and a Year." Mr. Alchin gave a comic recitation, entitled "The Bachelor Young Man," which fairly brought down the house. After another intermission Mr. Jas. Clarke gave a reading and Mr. Alchin a song. The proceedings closed with the doxology and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Manchoe.

THE St. Lawrence Bank has opened a Branch at Markham village. There is a strike among cotton mill operatives near Philadelphia. There have been an attempted suicide and a stabbing case at Thorold.

A libel suit has been brought against the Montreal Witness by Mr. Mosseau, Q.C., M.P.

SERGEANT JOHN SHAW, No. 6 Company, Acton, has been promoted to be Ensign of that Company.

THE Rev. Mr. Rensselaer has received a call from the Presbyterian congregation in St. Mary's. It is not yet stated whether he will accept or not.

FRANK JAVITS is the champion skater of Canada. He won the Governor-General's gold medal at the Montreal tournament. He is the brother of a Sarnia man.

THE ratepayers of North Dumfries have decided that the amount coming to that Township under the Municipal Loan Fund Distribution Act be applied to paying liquidating the indebtedness of the township in connection with the Credit Valley Railway.

It is proposed to make a trial for six months of the plan of dispensing with corporal punishment in the Public Schools of Ottawa—that is to say, none to be inflicted during that period, except with the cognizance of the Inspector or Principal.

NOTICE TO MANUFACTURERS.—A meeting of manufacturers of the Province of Ontario will be held in the Rossin House, Toronto, on Tuesday next week, at 1.30 p.m., for the consideration of measures for the promotion of the manufacturing interests of the Dominion generally. All manufacturers are cordially invited.

A MEAN TRICK.—A gentleman in London bought a load of wood from a farmer, and had it driven into his yard. He paid him the money and started down town, leaving the man to unload. The scoundrel only took off two tiers of the wood and loaded the rest away, carrying away with him one-third of the load. He escaped with his ill-gotten gains, but will yet get snared.

BY TELEGRAPH

The New Cabinet.

The Seals of Office.

Irish Home Rule Members.

Employees on the Rampage.

New Planet Discovered.

The Women's Movement.

Annexation.—Fires.

London, Feb. 19.—The Times says the Earl of Derby is to receive the portfolio of Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and the Marquis of Salisbury is to be Secretary of State for India. It is probable that Mr. Disraeli will complete the Cabinet to-night. It is said the Marquis of Westminster is to be made a Duke.

Mr. Disraeli will go to Windsor tomorrow, and submit to the Queen the list of members of the new Ministry. The Queen will hold a Council of State on Saturday, at which the resignations of Mr. Gladstone and his colleagues will be formally accepted, and the seals of office conferred on the new Ministers.

Viscount Enfield will be summoned to the Chamber of Peers as Baron Stafford. Mr. Gladstone has advised the Queen to confer knighthood on Mr. Charles Reed, member of the late Parliament for Hackney.

Dr. Isaac Butt, member elect for Limerick, addressed a meeting of the Home Rule Association in Dublin to-night. He claimed that there would be 88 supporters of the Home Rule movement in the new Parliament. This number included 24 elected in England. He expressed the opinion that the Conservative Government would not last beyond three sessions of Parliament. The Irish Home Rule members elect will meet in conference in Dublin on the 2nd of March.

New York, Feb. 20.—A Middletown despatch says that a dozen of disaffected discharged employees of the Midland Railroad detained the trains between Ellenville and Middletown until four o'clock yesterday.

Chief Justice Waite was on the floor of the Senate yesterday. In the evening Secretary Delano gave a dinner to the Chief Justice; the President, the Cabinet, Judges of the Supreme Court, and Congressmen being present.

Dr. Peters, of Hamilton College, New York, telegraphs to Professor Henry that he has discovered a planet. Its position is eleven hours nineteen minutes right ascension, plus four degrees twenty-five minutes declination. The motion is parallel.

In a quarrel at Atlanta, Ga., yesterday, Chisholm, a gambler, shot and killed another named Bedell.

Prominent Brooklynites held another meeting last evening to further annexation with New York, and decided to circulate petitions to the Legislature.

Early this morning a fire broke out in 14 Day street, extending through to 10 and 12 Cortland street. Among the sufferers are Olfant Gas Co., N.Y. Rubber Company; T. Kroeber, clock importer; Lazarus & Morris, spectacle manufacturers; S. J. Marden, hardware merchant.

An Xenia, Ohio, despatch states that over 300 ladies were in the streets yesterday, and there was great excitement. The saloon keepers are opening their doors for the ladies to come in and pray. A band of little girls singing temperance songs were also in the streets.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 17.—The Dictator is coming up the harbor. All is right.

Curling Match.

In consequence of the Elora Curlers not having kept their engagement to play the Guelph Club on Thursday, the latter got up a match among themselves for an oyster supper. The following is the score:—

Dr. McGuire	Jas. Emelle
G. Queen	W. J. Hepburn
W. J. Emelle	J. Nichol
J. Dobbie	D. Kennedy, skip 20.
T. Dobbie, skip 21.	W. F. Clarke
Joe James	Geo. Murton
W. Popper	John Anderson
Jas. Anderson	J. Spaulding
Adam Robertson	A. Conington, skip 20.
C. Davidson, skip 15.	

HESLER.—The steam saw mill lately owned by A. Brydon has been purchased by Mr. Lewis Kribs, its former proprietor, who will no doubt be a large business.

BRAMPTON.—A concert was given in the Chisholm Hall on Wednesday evening by the Oddfellows of Brampton. The hall was crammed; the proceeds, amounting to upwards of \$150, were placed in the hands of the Mayor for distribution among the poor of the town.

BONUS.—At a meeting of the Waterloo Village Council on Saturday, the by-law for granting a bonus of \$5,000 to the Waterloo Manufacturing Company, was passed. One thousand dollars is to be paid next January, and one thousand per annum thereafter for four years more. The company is to bind itself to run for ten years, employing thirty hands, or failing that, to pay back a proportional amount of the bonus.—*Chronicle.*

FROZEN TO DEATH.—On Saturday morning last the body of a young woman named Elizabeth Murphy was found dead by the roadside in the township of North Burgess, about twelve miles from Perth, having been apparently frozen to death. She and her brother, Terence Murphy, came to Perth on Friday forenoon and started for their home again in Burgess in the evening—it is believed, somewhat intoxicated. Next morning the body of the girl was found. Her brother professes total ignorance as to what occurred, pleading an excess of intoxication. He says he has an indistinct recollection of the horses running away. But it seems that he was not so drunk as he endeavored to make it appear, and he has been arrested.

Ontario Legislative Assembly.

Thursday, Feb. 19. At the opening of the House Mr. Currie called attention to the necessity for some proper arrangements for the care of the Brook Monument at Queenston.

Mr. Currie moved the second reading of his Bill to limit actions and suits relating to mortgage sales, which was carried.

The Attorney-General then introduced certain amendments to the Bill he has before the House relating to the incorporation of Joint Stock Companies. He proposed to make the Bill somewhat more elastic than when it was first introduced.

At the request of Mr. Byrker, the consideration of the Amendments was deferred.

Mr. Crooks then moved that the report of the Committee of the Whole on the Assessment Act Amendment Bill be received.

Mr. McCall moved an amendment declaring that Bank Stocks, Building Societies' shares, bonds and mortgages should all be liable to assessment.

Mr. Currie, by figures he quoted, proved how very unpopular were taxes on personal property, and then went on to show the inequality and injustice of assessment of bank stock.

Mr. Byrker once more opposed the exemption of bank stock, and argued in favor of taxing mortgages.

Mr. Ardagh favored exemption, and declared the prosperity of the country largely depended upon it.

Mr. Meredith opposed the exemption in the interest of other holders of personal property. If they dealt with the subject at all, the Government should deal with the whole question of taxation.

Mr. Hardy in a forcible speech, advocated exemption. He supported the proposal of the Government in the interest of the agricultural classes. He stated that bank stock the banks would have to raise their rate of interest, and the farmers and producers would ultimately have to pay for it.

Mr. Craig (Glenagary), as a farmer and the representative of rural constituency, supported the exemption of the question at some length, leaning generally in favour of taxing bank stock.

After considerable discussion Mr. McCall's amendment was declared lost upon a division.

Mr. Ryker moved an amendment to expunge the exemption clause. This was lost on a division by yeas 14; nays, 49. The report was then received.

Mr. Crooks will make his financial statement this afternoon.

The funeral expenses of men killed in the Hoosac Tunnel, and paid by the contractors, have amounted to \$10,000 in five years.

Justice Haines of Chicago has decided that editors are professional men, and that their scissors, paste pot, &c., cannot be seized for debt.

A red granite company in New Brunswick is receiving extensive orders from New York and Boston for polished columns and monuments.

A young man from Providence went to work in Westport, where he was assaulted by a stranger, and in one month he was sick for breach of promise.

Samuel Leamons, who sloped from Webster, Mass., with a widow, tempered his meanness. He left a debt conveying all his property to his wife.

During a revival at Green Bay, a citizen is reported to have arisen and asked to be forgiven for having been a subscriber to the Chicago Times for nineteen years.

The Hoosiers like work when it is disguised as fun. The other day twenty of them handled over thirty-five cords of wood to get at a rabbit, which escaped after all.

During the past quarter eight vessels have been added to the English navy, and at the present time there are twenty-seven others in course of construction at the various Government yards and by private firms.

A Japanese official at Yokohama recently tried his hand at a proclamation in the English language, for the benefit of the English-speaking residents. The documents stated:—"The trees cutting, birds and beasts killing, and cows and horses setting in fire at the ground belonging to Government are prohibited." ("Signed) OKAMA FU."

This is what the New York Sun says about Nevada:—Nevada, a State of mines and desolation, whose only hope after its mineral work shall have been worked out is the agriculture of one or two valleys, is having its woods levelled by 3,000 sturdy axe men. In a few years it will be a commonwealth of sage brush.

Fox having struck his dog a Capt Mackenzie, of the Ross-shire (Scotland) militia, recently finished a boy in an ignominious cruel manner. The brave militiaman enticed the boy into his house in Dingwall, and, with caustic and iolaine, marked the word "dog" upon his forehead. Afterwards he deftly sketched whiskers and moustaches upon the youth's face, and finally held him before a fire until the caustic had sunk into his skin. A truly caustic revenge!

A farmer named John Keefe, of the 9th line in Amaranth, met with an accident lately which has endangered his life. He was upon a straw stack throwing down fodder to the cattle, and after getting through pitched down the fork, which stuck in the straw. He then jumped down and hit upon the handle of the fork, which entered his body, injuring him so severely that his recovery is uncertain.

A DEUL WITH PISTOLS.—There have been of late some corpse-raising transactions between the medical students of the Laval and McGill Universities, and a quarrel arose. One of the Montreals deemed it due to his offended honor to file of witnesses and a second, and challenged the Quebecer, who accepted. The belligerents met on the St. Foy road at half-past ten o'clock in the morning. On the word being given both fired. The Montrealer, shaken perhaps by his trip in the cold, fired into the snow, as Quebec lodged a bullet somewhere in the leg of the "pillgrimage" of Montreal. There was then a general stampede, and the police were sent coming.

MANUFACTURE OF COCA.—We now give an account of the process adopted by Messrs. James Epps & Co. manufacturers of dietetic articles, their works in the Weston Road, London.—See article in *Cornell's Household Guide.*