

From the Prototype.
Mechanics' Institute.

At the last committee meeting of the Mechanics' Institute, an abstract of its receipts and expenditure, from the 2nd of May to the close of the year, was submitted, and from which it appeared that the income during that period, amounted to £430 8s 9d, and the disbursements to £419 11s 10d, leaving a balance on hands of £10 6s 11d. The liabilities of the institute amount to £148 15s, and the assets to £255 10s 10d. These figures afford the best answer to the somewhat reckless assertions indulged in with regard to the dependence of the institute upon the government grant of £50.

There has been a considerable increase in the number of persons attending the reading room since the institute was removed to Talbot Street, and that increase is gradually augmenting. The same may be said with regard to the demand for books, supplied from the institute's library. The lectures, so far, have been well attended, and while the interest awakened in them has been as great as of previous years, the lectures delivered by local gentlemen have saved the institute considerable expense.

Considering the pressure of the times, and the many demands upon the pockets of our fellow-citizens, the position of the institute affords every reason for congratulation. And we trust that the public will still consider the objects of the association worthy of increased support, and that the above statement will suffice to show them that the management of the institute's affairs under its committee are a good hands.

Fireman's Hall.

January, 15, 1857.
The chief engineer presiding, supported by assistants Abbott and Jackson.

Present—The elected members from each company.
Captain McBride stated several reasons why a report of the celebration committee had not yet been presented.

Moved by Lieutenant Beltz, seconded by Mr. Winnett, that the celebration committee be allowed another month to report. Carried.

Several accounts passed.
The secretary was empowered to get 200 copies of a proper blank form, on which to return a list of each company's members, (as required by statute,) to the city council.

Dr. Farrar's account for boxes and barrels burnt on the Port Stanley Railway celebration, was decided not to be acknowledged by the brigade.

Samuel Smith was expelled from the Phoenix Company for non-attendance at both fires and meetings.

Lieutenant Wigmore gave notice that at the next meeting of the brigade he would move that this committee recommend the city council to rescind the by-law compelling the brigade to nominate more than one person to fill each office of engineer.

The following persons were nominated, and recommended to the city council for engineer: David Glass, A. S. Abbott, J. Gibbons.

For 1st Assistant, A. S. Abbott, J. Darand, S. Stansfield.

For 2nd Assistant, John Cousins, J. K. Larke, W. Darby.

Votes of thanks were presented to each of the retiring engineers, and the secretary.

Moved and seconded that the secretary's salary be recommended to the city council for payment.
On motion the meeting adjourned.

Officers of Fire Brigade—1857.

No. 1 Fire King Engine Company.—Captain, John Geoghan; Lieutenants, S. Johnson, J. Heysett; representatives, R. Cameron, W. Stapleton.

No. 2 Phoenix Engine Company.—Captain, McBride; Lieutenants, Perrin, Beltz, secretary, O. L. Cook; representative, T. Winnett.

No. 3 Defence Engine Company.—Captain, John Pringle; Lieutenants, Thomson, O'Connor; representatives, H. J. Clerk, J. P. O'Byrne.

No. 4 Rescue Engine Company.—Captain, J. F. Rolfe; Lieutenants, Howard, Groves; secretary, J. McDowell; representative, J. Hunter.

No. 5 Rising Sun Engine Company.—Captain, D. Lester; Lieutenants, Haskett, Riddell; representatives, A. Shively, W. Kindle.

Hook and Ladder Company.—Election not yet taken place.
Brigade secretary, Alex. Pardham.

School Trustees for 1857-8.

The election of school trustees took place on Wednesday and Thursday last, with the following results:

Ward 1.—Mr. Peter Schram, without opposition.

Ward 2.—G. G. Magee, likewise without opposition.

Ward 3 was contested between Messrs John Wilson and J. H. Hunter. The former was elected.

Ward 4.—Messrs. Shepherd and Railton were returned. Two members being required. No opposition offered.

Ward 5.—A sharp contest took place in this ward between Messrs. McPherson and Wilson. The former was elected.

Ward 6.—No opposition to the election of Mr. Alex. Johnston.

Ward 7.—Mr. R. J. Evans was elected also without opposition.

There is a rumour that several gentlemen elected cannot sit, in consequence of not coming up to the requirements of the act of parliament.

The ZIMMERMAN BANK.—We have good authority for stating that the report which has been circulated, to the effect that Mr. Zimmerman has parted with his stock in the Zimmerman Bank, is entirely erroneous. That gentleman holds a large majority of the shares of the capital stock, and even over and above his liability under the charter, holds himself responsible for the redemption of the entire circulation of the Zimmerman Bank. Mr. Zimmerman is indebted to the Colonist and one or two other papers for whatever impression, injurious to him, has been left upon the public mind.

We are requested to state that the London Literary and Debating Society hold their meetings every Monday evening in the north end of the City Hall. Subject for next debate—Did the Crusades benefit Europe?

We call attention to the store to be leased near Westminster Bridge. See advertisement.

The Rev. Dr. Cronyn delivered, before a large audience, a very interesting lecture on the indirect influence of christianity, in the Mechanics' Institute, in this city, on Thursday evening.

For the year ending March, 1856, the tax on dogs in England, yielded about one million of dollars.

From the Prototype.
London Markets—York Currency.

WHEAT.—The supply of wheat still continues good, though prices are lowering. Fall wheat sells at 9s 6d, but finer kinds reached 9s 11d. Spring wheat has fallen 3d, the highest price obtained yesterday being 8s.

OATS, BARLEY, &c., still nominal at our last quotations.

FLOUR, &c., has not altered, being still 82.75 to 83 per 100 lbs.

DAIRY PRODUCE AND POULTRY.—There is still a great lack of these articles.

POTATOES, &c., in very great demand at 8s to 10s per bushel.

THE WARDVILLE BANQUET.—The people in the section of Wardville have not yet ceased to congratulate themselves upon the overthrow of the Grits in that district. A ballad chronicling the event has been several times sung at Wardville; the following is its last verse:

"O, yes, said D. McKellar,
I know that this would be the way,
When I saw Fitz with all his wits,
Come in to town to-day;
I knew from the town hall
They would drive us without fail,
Especially when I did fall
In along with Billy Neill!" T. F.

IMMORAL WORKS.—At the police court, on Saturday and Monday last, a charge, made against J. Anglin and W. Duffin, for "importing, aiding to import, and distributing immoral works," was investigated. Evidence was adduced to the effect that a post-office clerk, named Collins, had, under the assumed name of Parsons, sent out a large number of circulars, containing a list of fancy books, which, he said, he was the only agent for in Canada; also that the first defendant had agreed to purchase said books for Collins, from the "States," but that no books had been imported under that agreement. Some evidence was brought up, that the defendant had, at a former time, sold some immoral works, and on that evidence the mayor (Aldermen Schram and Magee concurred) sentenced Anglin to pay a fine of £5, against which he stated he should appeal.

BIRTH.
At Birr, Ireland, the wife of Colonel Charles Crutchley, of a son.

LONDON SAVINGS' BANK.
STATEMENT OF BOOKS ON DECEMBER 31, 1856. Total deposits in November, 1856, £18,092 4 8. Withdrawals in Dec., 1856, £1808 15 2. Deposited in Dec., 1856, 3023 15 11. Increase of deposits in December = £124 3 9. Total deposits this day, 18,716 8 6.

W. W. STREET, Actuary.
London, December 31, 1856.

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Information Wanted

OF the whereabouts of Thomas, Luke and John, sons of John and Catharine Connelley, who came to Montreal, Lower Canada, from Ireland, in 1847, and who died within a week after their arrival in Canada, leaving four children, the boys above-named, and a daughter named Mary, the oldest, went "west," leaving the boys at Montreal in an orphan asylum (Catholic) in that city. She heard nothing from them since that time. They were respectively aged eight, six and four years. Any information respecting the whereabouts of the boys will be thankfully received. Address editor of Free Press, Wellsville, Allegheny county, N. Y., or Mrs. Mary Connelley Burdick, at same place, January 14, 1857.

Notice

IS hereby given that Finlay McFee, of the City of London, in the County of Middlesex, merchant, did, on the 15th day of December, A.D. 1856, make an assignment of all his property, real as well as personal, Books, Book Accounts, Promissory Notes, Debts, Dues and Demands of all kinds, that he was then possessed of, to Lawrence Lawson, Esq., of London, and to Henry Chalmers, Esq., both of the City of London, for the benefit of his creditors, and that any of his said creditors who wish to participate in the benefits arising therefrom, must execute the same within sixty days from date thereof, which said assignment is now lying at my office for signature.

JOHN WILSON.
London, December 15, 1856. b-33 b-37-4

BOOKBINDING.

THE subscriber, in tendering his thanks to the public for the liberal support he has received during the present year, would intimate to his patrons that, having recently made considerable additions to his tools and stock, he is now able to execute orders for Binding of every description, Plain, Full Gilt, or Antique, in a superior style, at very moderate prices.

Having had considerable experience in the Blank Book department, he is prepared to rule and bind to order Blank Books of any description, and to execute any and every order for Stationery and Printing, at the lowest rates, and in the shortest time.

CHAS. CHAPMAN,
Dunstable, Bedfordshire, England.
London, December 9, 1856. b-33 b-37 12in

Seasonable Presents.

ENGLISH Dressing Cases, beautifully finished and fitted.

Bohemian Glass for ornament and toilet use. Perfumery and Toilet Soap—Shell Combs. For sale at the lowest prices, at the English Store, 100 Strand, London, E.C.

Also will be sold at 15 pence each, on the above terms, 50 Barrels (45 gallons each) of English Boiled Linseed Oil, now lying in the warehouse of the Great Western Railway Company.

Hamilton, January 13, 1857. 43

Convention of Sabbath School Teachers

The committee appointed to arrange for the holding of this meeting at Kingston, on the 11th of February next, have issued two circulars respecting it, one addressed to ministers, superintendents and teachers, and the other to lay members and representatives, representing the various evangelical denominations, inviting every Sabbath School teacher to send a delegate to the convention, and allude to some of its anticipated benefits. The other, signed by the secretaries of the committees, contains detailed information as to the objects of the convention, and the arrangements which have been made to receive travelling and boarding expenses, and to the extent to which blank railroad certificates, which, when filled up in the manner designated in one of the circulars, will entitle the bearer to a passage over the road at the very low rate of one cent per mile. Only one of the eight working railroads in Canada is not mentioned as having made this liberal concession. It is expected that the meeting will be one of great interest. The committees, without intermission, for the purpose of delegates to introduce papers for discussion, and to receive resolutions, which are of great importance to the success of Sabbath Schools, and the invigoration of the cause, but quite free from sectional or other objectionable features, and the moral influence of bringing untaught children under the influence of religious instruction, the best means of making the Sabbath School attractive to the young, and of interesting them in missions are among the topics suggested. In addition to the interest which such subjects will excite, it is expected that many will arise from the presence of gentlemen who have been in Sunday Schools, of whom a few have been invited from the United States.

Parties who have not received circulars, may have them by applying by letter, either to Mr. Joseph Woodhouse, of Toronto, or Mr. James W. Taylor, of Montreal.

Stoves and Ploughs.

THE undersigned beg leave to announce to the inhabitants of London and surrounding country, that they have opened a store in Dundas-st., next door to Adams' Wholesale, and opposite to Hugh Ross, where they keep on hand a full assortment of Parlor and Box Stoves, suitable for wood or coal, and of the latest and most approved construction. Their Cooking Stoves will consist of King, Ladies' Favorite, Bang-up, Victor, Bury, and Northern Star, or improved Clinton. They will also have a full assortment of French, English and Tin ware, French and English Fry Pans, &c., &c. Of Ploughs, they intend to make one thousand Ploughs for the Spring's trade, they will consist of the celebrated Molehead, Toronto Plough, Highland Mary, Ayresville, Lassic, London District, Phoenix, Niagara Premium and other well known brands. And a full assortment of other Ploughs, which obtained the 2nd prize at the Kingston Provincial Show. Their manufacturing premises are on the corner of Wellington and Bathurst Streets, where they will be pleased to receive orders, and will be likewise ready to attend to their customers.

ELLIOTT & BURGESS.
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ORDNANCE LANDS.

A PORTION of the Toronto Ordnance Reserve will be offered to public competition on WEDNESDAY, the 26th day of January next, at the hour of one o'clock, p. m., at the Auction Rooms of Messrs. Wakefield, Coates & Co.

This portion of the Reserve is divided into Building Lots, varying from 50 to 600 feet in front, and from 100 to 140 in depth. These Lots are situated on the extension of King, Adelaide and Dufferin or Wellington Streets West, and on Strachan Avenue, a new thoroughfare, 80 feet wide, commencing at Queen Street, opposite to the front of Trinity College.

A large number of most desirable Building Lots will also be found on Stafford Street, a new Street, lying parallel to, but on the east of, Strachan Avenue.

The new Streets and the extension of those of older date, are in process of grading, and will be completed before the spring. An Embankment and the extension of the railway maintain the communication on Dufferin and Wellington Streets.

Lithographed Plans of the Property, Streets and Lots, showing the dimensions of each and all in progress, and will be procured at the Office of Messrs. Dennis, Boulton & Co., Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors, 167 King Street West, Toronto, on and after the 5th day of January, 1857.

Terms.—One-tenth of the purchase money to be paid down at the time of sale; the balance in equal annual instalments, with interest semi-annually on the extension of King, paid on 28th July and 28th January. Further conditions made known at the day of sale.

WM. F. COFFIN.
Ordnance Lands Agent.

Toronto, 24th December, 1856. 40

Dissolution of Partnership.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership heretofore existing between Messrs. Glass and Thomas Orr, both of the City of London, under the firm of Glass & Orr, Wagon Makers, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All debts due to the firm will be paid by Mr. Hugh Kirkpatrick, at the Office of William Horton, Esq., who is hereby authorized to collect the same.

MATTHEW GLASS.
THOMAS ORR.
Witness.
Dated this 24th December, A. D. 1856. 40-3in

Times and Beacon Fire Assurance Co., of London, England.

THE business of the Athenaeum Fire Assurance Company having been transferred to the Times and Beacon Fire Assurance Co., all renewals and future payments must be made at the offices of the Times and Beacon Company, and no receipt but those of the said Times and Beacon Company will be valid hereafter for assurances.

Each assured as to the desirability of having their Policies exchanged, are to forward the same forthwith to the Agents of the Times and Beacon Company.

SYDNEY CROCKER,
Manager for Canada.
T. W. LAWFORD,
Agent for London, O. W.
Kingston, December 9, 1856. b-34 b-38-4

CLINTON GROCERY.

THE Subscriber has opened a Grocery Store for the people of Clinton and vicinity, where he has on sale an extensive assortment of Groceries, Wines, open and in bottles, spirits, &c.

The above articles are warranted genuine and first-class, and will be sold at such prices as are calculated to promote the business.

JOHN McKEAY.
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To Let.

A GOOD Brick Dwelling House, on Talbot Street, at present occupied by Robert Cooper, Esq. Inquire on the premises. b-33

GODEY'S GREATEST EFFORT

STILL GREATER ATTRACTIONS.

Godey's Lady's Book for 1857.

THIS work has been the standard for twenty years. When an imitation has been attempted, it has failed. It is the ONLY LADY'S BOOK PUBLISHED IN AMERICA.

NEW FEATURES FOR 1857.

How to dress with taste. Children's Clothes, how to cut and contrive them. Painting on Glass. Patchwork. The Dressmaker and the Milliner.

Drawing in all its variety, useful to the beginner and the proficient.

Fashion from the establishment of the celebrated "Brodie," will be in every number.

Every-day Actualities—a new series of those illustrated articles will be given.

Point, Bridge and Venice. Lake of every variety. A specimen of the stitch to be used in each will be given.

In addition to the above, one hundred pages of Reading will be given monthly.

Godey's Spelling Book, 100,000 copies, London. Paris and Philadelphia Fashions—Godey's four figured colored Fashions.

Embroidery Patterns, Model Costumes, Dress Making, with diagrams to cut by.

Dresses for Needles and Venetian. Godey's Dresses, with descriptions how to make them. All kinds of Crochet and Netting work.

The Nurse and the Nursery—Very excellent articles upon those subjects will often be given.

Godey's Invaluable Receipts upon every subject. Music—Three Dollars worth is given every year.

In the various numbers for 1857 will be found the newest designs for Window Curtains, Broderie Anglaise, Slippers, Bonnets, Caps, Cloaks, Evening Dresses, Fancy Articles, Head-dresses, Hair-dressing, Robes de Chambre, Card-dresses, Bridal Dresses, Wedding Dresses, Mantilles, Walking Dresses, Riding Habits, and Morning Dresses.

Dresses for Infants and Young Misses, Boys' Dresses, Caps and Cloaks of Fur in season, Patterns, &c. of all kinds, and of the latest patterns to cut dresses by are given monthly.

Crochet and Netting Work in colors, Slippers in colors, Drawing Lessons for youth.

Send in your orders soon, as we expect our list for 1857 will reach 100,000 copies. The best plan of subscribing is to send your money direct to the publisher. Those who send large amounts had better send drafts, but notes will answer if drawn on a bank.

We think we can show how much cheaper it is to take the Lady's Book at three dollars than any other Magazine at Two Dollars. We will take a number of both.

The Two Dollar Magazine contained 36 articles, the Lady's Book 62.

The Two Dollar Magazine contained 56 articles, the Lady's Book 100.

Twenty-four more Engravings, twenty-six more articles, and thirty-six more pages, nearly double the quantity. The lowest club price of the two-dollar magazine is \$1.25; lowest club price of Lady's Book \$1.67; only forty-two cents difference in the price, which is three and a-half cents on each number, and for that sum, (three and a-half cents) we give twenty-six more articles, twenty-four more engravings