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Of all kinds, made to order at

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MONEY TO LEND, On farm security, at eight per cent. No commission charged. Apply to FRED. BISCOE, Barrister, &c.
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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. MOULTON & BISH,
Guelph, Jan 1, 1874. dw

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Office—Dundas Bridge. Orders left at either Messrs. Savage or Pringle's Jewellery Stores, Wyndham street, will be promptly attended to. T. O. OLDHAM,
Guelph Dec. 15, 1873. do3m-2wx

PARKER'S HOTEL, —DIRECTLY— OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH.

First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.
The best Liquors and Cigars at the bar.
He has just fitted up a room where Oysters will be served up at all hours, in the favorite styles.
Pickled Salmon Lobsters and Sardines.

RAYMOND'S SEWING MACHINES

Family Sewing Machine (single thread)
" Hand Lock Stitch (double thread)
" No. 1, Foot Power, " "
" No. 2, for heavy work.
Furnished with plain tables, half, or Cabinet Cases, as required.

CHARLES RAYMOND,
GUELPH, ONTARIO.

RICE'S BILLIARD HALL, In the Queen's Hotel, Guelph, opposite the Market.

The room has just been refitted in splendid style, the tables reduced in size, and everything done to make it a first-class Billiard Hall.
Guelph, Nov. 3rd, 1873.

DOMINION SALOON AND RESTAURANT.

Opposite the Market, Guelph.
Oysters in their season. First-class accommodation for supper parties.
GEORGE BOOKLESS, Proprietor.
Guelph, Oct. 31, 1873 dly

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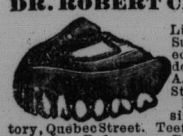
DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL,



Licentiate of Dental Surgery. Established 1864. Office next door to the Y. M. C. A. Rooms, Wyndham Street, Guelph. Residence—opposite Mr. Boult's Factory, Quebec Street. Teeth extracted without pain. References—Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph; Drs. Buchanan and Philips, Toronto, Drs. Elliot & Meyers, Dentists, Toronto. dw

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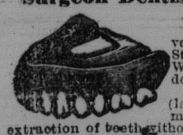

Office over E. Harvey & Co's. Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham & Macdonnell-st, Guelph. ☞ Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) administered for the extraction of teeth without pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable.
References kindly permitted to Drs. Herod, McGuire, Keating, Cowan, and McGregor, Guelph. dw

FARM FOR SALE.

The undersigned offer for sale upon reasonable terms and conditions the Northeast half of Lot Number 11, in the second concession of the township of Erin, 100 acres, about 70 acres of which are cleared, 12 acres of hardwood, and the balance valuable cedar. There is a good frame barn, and two dwelling houses—on frame and the other log—on the lot. For further particulars apply to
OLIVER & MACDONALD,
Solicitors, Guelph, O.
March 20, 1874. wlmd2aw

New Advertisements.

WANTED—A Cook. Apply to Mrs. Lemon. 17-dtf

WANTED — A good general servant in a small family. Apply to R. McGregor & Co., Shoe Store. f4td

TO LET — A stone Cottage near the Great Western Railway Station. Apply to John McCrea, or Henry Hambleton, Guelph, March 20, 1874. d2w

WANTED—By a respectable middle aged person, a situation as housekeeper. No objection to the country. Apply at his office. m17dtf

WANTED — A girl to act as Nurse and Housemaid. Must be competent and have good references. Apply to Mrs. Watt, near the Great Western Railway Station, Guelph. 14-dtf

DRESSMAKERS WANTED.

Four experienced Dressmakers wanted immediately at the Fashionable West End. Apply to Miss Morrison. m16-dtf

SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE.—For sale, several first-class Sewing Machines, different makers, all new cheap for cash. Apply at the MERCURY Office.

SEED BARLEY.—Seed Barley for sale at the Guelph Packing House, opposite the Grand Trunk Passenger Station.
Guelph, Feb. 28, 1874. d&wtf.

SALE OF FURNITURE.

As the subscriber is going to Manitoba he will sell his furniture and household effects by private sale. Apply at once at the house, corner of Durham and Glasgow streets.
ROBERT GERRIE.
Guelph, March 26th, 1874. 2d

BUFFALO ROBE LOST—Between Dryden's Hotel and Guelph, on the 9th March—robe lined and in good condition. The finder will oblige by leaving it at Chace's Hotel, Guelph, or Dryden's Hotel, Eramosa Road.
M23. w2d1t

PLASTER AND SALT.

The subscriber has on hand 500 tons of the best Caledonia and Paris Plaster and Land Salt. Also on hand, seed grain of all kinds. The highest price paid for potatoes and turnips. GEO. BALKWILL.
Gordon street, near the G. T. R. crossing.
Guelph, Feb. 25, 1874. 3md&w

TOWN OF GUELPH.

TO BUILDERS

Tenders will be received at the Town Clerk's Office, up to twelve o'clock noon, on MONDAY, APRIL 6th, next, for the

Erection of a New Town Hall and Market House,

As well as an Extension of the present building.
Plans and Specifications can be seen at the Council Chamber.
For further particulars apply to
E. HARVEY,
Chairman Market House Committee
The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.
Guelph, March 24th, 1874. dd

TOWN OF GUELPH.

NOTICE.

All petitions for Road Improvements must be sent in by the first meeting of Council in May, or they will not be considered.
JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk
Guelph, March 20, 1874. 6dw1

TOWN OF GUELPH.

WANTED,

A competent person to take charge of and manage the Road Work, Sidewalks, etc.
Applications for the office will be received until the 2nd day of April.
For further instruction, apply at this office.
JOHN HARVEY, Clerk.
Guelph, March 20, 1874. d6w1

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

The partnership between the firm of ROBERT CHANCE and James D. WILLIAMSON of the Town of Guelph, Dry Goods Merchants was dissolved on the fifteenth day of February, 1874, by mutual consent.
All debts due by or to the late firm will be settled by the said James D. WILLIAMSON and all parties indebted to the late firm are requested to pay Mr. WILLIAMSON at once, and save costs.
Dated at Guelph, 24th February, 1874.
Signed, J. D. WILLIAMSON.
" JOHN HOGG,
" THOS. W. SAUNDERS } Executors of the late Robert Chance.
Signed, WM. MCLACHLAN,
m12-d12-w1 Witness.

REMOVAL.

D. NAISMITH, HAM CURER,

Has Removed to Brownlow's Buildings, three doors north of the Post Office, late Arcade of Music. He takes the present opportunity of thanking the inhabitants of Guelph for their liberal patronage for the past twelve years, and hopes by strict attention to business to merit their support in the future.

ON Hand a fine assortment of Breakfast Bacon, Hams, Sausages,

Lard, Mince Collops, etc. etc. etc.
Also, a fine lot of small Pork for Roasts.
Guelph, March 20, 1874. dwlm

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of RICHARD CLAYTON, an Insolvent.

The Insolvent has made an assignment of his estate to me, and the Creditors are notified to meet at my office in Guelph, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of APRIL, 1874, at eleven o'clock, a.m., to receive statements of his affairs, and to appoint an Assignee.
Dated at Guelph, Ont., 25th day of March, 1874.
d12 W. J. PATERSON, Interim Assignee.

NEW Paint Shop.

The undersigned begs to inform the people of Guelph and surrounding country that he has opened a new paint shop in Quebec street, next Fenwick's Furniture Shop, and opposite Chalmers' Church. He is now prepared to do all kinds of Painting, Glazing, Graining and Paper Hanging on short notice.
He hopes by strict attention to business, and using none but the best materials to secure a share of public patronage.
All orders whether from town or country promptly attended to.
W. HUMPHRIES.
Guelph, March 21, 1874. dw3m

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THURSDAY EV'G, MARCH 26, 1874

Town and County News

MESSRS. Stirton and Higinbotham left Guelph yesterday afternoon for Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. David McCrae left Guelph yesterday for the old country. They expect to be away about two months.

THE Townsend Dramatique Company appear in the Town Hall, Guelph, on the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday next.

BISHOP'S SERENADERS had only a partially filled house last night, owing doubtless in some measure to the short notice given. They appear again on Friday evening.

AN OLD STAGER.—"Charlie," the stage-driver between Waterloo Village and Preston, has now been on the road every week day for ten years. His daily drive going and returning amounts to forty miles, or twelve thousand, four hundred and eighty miles per year; so that during the ten years of his servitude, "Charlie" has driven one hundred and twenty-four thousand, eight hundred miles, equal to a five-fold circuit of the earth.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.—We notice that this Company, during the short period of its existence, has done a large business. From August to the first of January it issued 2,536 policies, covering property to the amount of $10,129,332, and had received policies on the same amounting to $97,147. During the same period it paid claims to the amount of $6,425. The stock books are still open at the office of Mr. W. J. Paterson, Day's Block.

PLEASANTRIES OF PUBLIC LIFE.—Mr. J. W. Bengough, of Toronto, has been engaged to lecture at London on Tuesday, 31st inst., under the auspices of the Mechanics' Institute. Subject—"Pleasantries of Public Life." Mr. Bengough is the artist whose talented pencil has made *Grip* so popular; and the same lecture was recently delivered in Toronto by him. Its peculiar feature is that the lecturer dashes off impromptu sketches to illustrate his remarks as he proceeds. Lecture and sketches are alike witty and entertaining. At the close of the Toronto lecture the sketches were put up to auction, and brought $45.

GRAND ENTERTAINMENT.—As usual at the closing of the term, the members of the Georgetown Academic Literary Society held a public entertainment on Friday evening 20th inst. Mr. William Leslie very kindly lent the students an excellent piano for the occasion. There was a good number present, especially of ladies, notwithstanding the bad state of the roads. Mr. R. Bryden, Chairman, called the meeting to order and asked the Principal to address those present, which he did. The programme was entered upon by Mrs. Dunn and Miss Barber playing the latest duet of the season. After a few readings and songs, the chairman called upon Mr. J. H. Wilson to assist in the debate:—"Resolved, that the Intellect of Woman is equal to that of Man." Mr. H. C. Black, leading the resolution, was adjudged the victor, although Mr. C. Ross deserves no small degree of credit for his philosophical and metaphysical arguments. The remainder of the programme consisted of dialogues, short speeches, recitations, &c., &c., which elicited much applause. The meeting broke up by singing "God Save the Queen."—*Com.*

ENTERTAINMENT. — An entertainment was given in the Good Templars' Hall last night under the auspices of the Ancient Order of Foresters, a lodge of which has recently been established in this town. There was a large attendance. The Chief Ranger, Mr. Turner, in opening the proceedings, said that the Order was instituted in 1745, in Knaresborough Castle, West Riding of Yorkshire, England. Since that time the Order had gone on extending and prospering, until he was happy to say the number of the lately formed lodge in Guelph was as high as 5,866. Their object was to relieve the sick, comfort the mourner, and provide for the fatherless and widow; and they were bound by Act of Parliament to apply their funds in this manner. The evening's programme was then commenced, and comprised the following:—Piano duets by Mrs. Budd and Miss Lyon; reading, given in a forester's suit of Lincoln green, by Mr. Cottis; songs with choruses by Mrs. Pearce, Mr. C. Nicholson and Mr. Wheeldon; concertina duet by Messrs. Sealy and Caldwell; songs by Messrs. W. Erskine, Webb, and T. Thorne; dialogue from "Raymond," by Messrs. Kribs and Cottis; recitations by Mr. C. Maddock and Mr. Webb; and a violin duet by the Thorne brothers. The National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

BREAKFAST.—Epps's Cocoa,—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills."—*Civil Service Gazette.* Made simply with boiling water or milk. Each packet is labelled—"James Epps & Co.", Homœopathic Chemists, London."

An illicit whiskey distillery on a large scale has been discovered in rear of Renfrew, Ont.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY

Ralph Waldo Emerson to be Rector.

Home Rule.

The Great Eastern.

Four Persons Burned to Death.

Sumner's Successor.

The Temperance Crusade.

London, March 25.—It is reported that Ralph Waldo Emerson will receive the nomination for Lord Rector of the University of Glasgow, to succeed the Right Hon. Benjamin Disraeli.

London, March 26.—At a meeting of the leading Irish members of Parliament last evening it was unanimously resolved to press the subject of Home Rule during the present session, notwithstanding the failure of Dr. Butt's amendment to the Address.

At a public meeting last night Mr. Mundella made a speech, in the course of which he declared it to be his conviction that the party in the United States which abolished slavery would yet succeed in establishing arbitration as a method of settling disputes between nations.

The Great Eastern will start in August to lay the Portuguese telegraph cable from St. Vincent in Cape Verde Island to Pernambuco, Brazil.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Two buildings were burned at 42nd street, Mott Haven, last night. In one tenement house Mrs. Burns and three children were burned to death. Burns jumped on to an adjoining house with one child and was unable to return to the rescue of his wife and three other children. The scene among the poor tenants was of a most appalling character. It is believed that these four are the only victims; but few particulars can, so far, be ascertained. None of the bodies have yet been found. A number of poor families lost everything, even clothing.

New York, March 26.—The impression at Boston last night was that either Gen. Banks, Speaker Sanford, or C. F. Adams would be successor to Sumner.

A Washington special says:—The determination of the Senate for a policy of inflation is as fixed as is that of the House, and it is expected that to-day a vote will be taken fixing the legal tender circulation at four hundred millions.

Philadelphia, March 25.—A number of immense mass meetings were held to-night to emphasize the necessity of reclaiming the international feature of the centennial exposition. The meeting pledged itself to add an additional million to the amount already raised, and urged the Council to appropriate another million, making the total five millions for City and State.

Memphis, Tenn., March 25th.—A fire broke out at Brownsville, Tenn., to-night, totally destroying a number of business houses. Losses about $160,000.

Detroit, March 25.—A fire at Ludington, Mich., burned the Pere Marquette lumber company's mill to-day. Loss $60,000.

Columbus, O., March 25.—The lady temperance crusaders were met at one saloon to-day with gross insults from the proprietor, who poured forth a tirade of foul and filthy language when asked to sign the pledge.

The Late Outrage.

Reported Arrest.

A great sensation was caused in town this morning by a widely circulated rumor that Dunn, alias Sullivan, had been arrested at Sarnia, and was coming on the train due here at eleven o'clock. We made enquiry before the train arrived, and ascertained that the rumor originated in a statement made by an employee on the Grand Trunk passenger train which passes here eastward at 3.05 a.m. He told Mr. Murray, who was on night duty at the station, that Dunn had been arrested at Sarnia, that he had been identified by means of a breastpin which he had stolen from a son of a G. T. R. switchmen here, and that he would probably be along on the eleven o'clock train. Mr. Oxnard learned by telegraph from Stratford, after this train has passed there, that the railway officials there knew nothing of the reported arrest. The Sarnia officials were equally ignorant of any arrest. However, the rumor had spread on the wings of the wind, and a crowd of two or three hundred people gathered on the platform, only to go away disappointed, for no arrested felon was on the train. If Dunn *had* arrived, it is probable that he would have been roughly handled, if not actually lynched.

Since the foregoing was written, a telegram has been received, at noon, from the Chief of Police at Sarnia, which disposes of the rumor entirely. Here it is:

SARNIA, March 26.

To Robert Crawford.

Dunn has not been arrested here.

W. G. HARKNESS.

POLICE COURT.

His Worship the Mayor presiding.

Wm. Bett was charged by Constable Turner with being druuk on Wyndham Steet on Wednesday. Fined $1 and costs. Gone up.

CORRECTION.—In the Central Exhibition prize list last fall the Duke of Argyle was reported to have taken the second prize for two year old draught stallions. We are informed that he took the first prize. Duke of Argyle was imported from Scotland last year by Mr. John Duff, lot 8, 1st concession, Erin, where he may be found until the first of May.

Local and Other Items

E. KING DODDS has left the Toronto *Sun*.

MR. Featherstone, the mayor of Ottawa, has become a son of Temperance.

A TRUE bill has been returned against the Montreal *Witness* for libel on Mr. Mousseau, M. P.

It is believed that at least two hundred people are ill with small-pox in Montreal. The deaths average eight weekly.

Archbishop Manning and several other Archbishops are to be made Cardinals at the approaching papal consistory.

The Gulf of St. Lawrence is still so full of ice that the hope of an unusually early opening of navigation is not now so generally entertained.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the accession of Victor Emanuel to the throne of Sardinia was celebrated on Monday throughout Italy.

The friends of temperance in Montreal are getting up a monster petition for presentation to the Dominion Parliament. Ladies are taking an active part in the movement.

The Massachusetts Legislature talks of a law prohibiting the catching of trout less than three inches in length. When anglers feel a bite, will they have to wade in and measure the trout before they land him?

THE Elephant restaurant, St. Thomas was burned on Monday morning. The adjoining stores of A. Hutson and J. Wilkinson were badly damaged. The total loss is large.

THE Emperor of Morocco is to visit England next summer. He has become infected with the spirit of progress, and wants to see the marvels of European civilization. A firm of London engineers are now negotiating with the Emperor in reference to the introduction of railways into Morocco.

TYPHOID fever is very prevalent in Belleville, and particularly in the business portion of the town. It is evident, says the *Intelligencer*, the disease is the result of local causes, and the Council should loss no time in taking measures for the enforcing of proper sanitary regulations.

The *China Mail* reports that a dreadful sentence had been passed at Yeddo on a woman who connived at the murder of her husband, and married his brother the murderer, viz., that of being torn to pieces by bullocks. The man is to be crucified, and then tortured with spear wounds.

THUNDER STORM.—A heavy thunder storm visited Meaford on Thursday last. The lightning struck a barn belonging to Mr. Sanford Blanchard, setting fire to it, and destroying the buildings and stables attached, with four fine horses, and a quantity of hay, oats and wheat. The loss is about $800; no insurance.

IT is said that on the new time table of the Grand Trunk Railway, to be issued about the end of the month, there will be advertised a lightning express train, running from Boston to Chicago without change of cars, which will make the distance between Montreal and Toronto in eleven hours. A new outfit, in the shape of air-brakes and the latest improvements to ensure safety and comfort, is being prepared for this new train.

A CASE of some interest came up at the Division Court in London the other day. A man named Taylor, who had bet that Carling would have 150 majority, refused to sanction the payment of the bet, and he now sues the stakeholder to recover the amount of the bet, $50. After hearing the evidence a verdict was given by consent for the defendant, the legal point to be argued before the County Judge.

THE Hamilton *Spectator* describes the case of a hog that was entombed in a bank of ice near that city for over six weeks, and came out alive after a hole had been chopped in his prison house. He was a mere wreck of his former self, however, being reduced to a skeleton. He had lived three weary weeks in a hole less than four feet in dimensions.

He only survived a few hours on being rescued, the pure air and exercise of removal proving too much for his weak constitution.

CANON Kingsley delivered a lecture on Westminster Abbey, in Montreal, on Monday evening, before a large audience. *Apropos* of Canada, he declared his belief that the loyalty of the Canadians to the mother country was sound and true, and stated that the separation, if it should occur, would be like that between a father and a grown-up son. He maintained that the English people wished to hear and know more of us, and affirmed that as England had not been unfaithful to the strongest colony in the past, neither would she prove unfaithful in the future.

Items from Ottawa.

The session on Thursday will be devoted solely to the election of Speaker. On Friday the Speech from the Throne will be delivered.

Mr. Auglin, of Gloucester, N. B., will probably be to-morrow chosen Speaker of the House of Commons.

It is generally anticipated that the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne will be moved on Monday by Mr. Thomas Moss, M. P. for West Toronto.

The report telegraphed from Ottawa that an adjournment of Parliament was intended to take place during Easter week was quite incorrect. It is the intention of the Government to push on the work of legislation as fast as possible.

A large number of members of both Houses have already arrived. Sir. John A. Macdonald is here, and has taken his seat exactly opposite to that occupied by him when Minister of Justice. Very few members now in Ottawa are willing to acknowledge that they are Conservatives or supporters of Sir. John. Those who formerly professed to be both, now declare their intention to avoid factious opposition.

It is rumoured that two new Senators were appointed to-day. Mr. Charles Eugene Panet is said to have been appointed to succeed the late Senator Panet, resigned, in the District of La Salle, and Mr. Pierre Baillargeon to succeed the Hon. P. J. O. Chauveau, resigned, for the District of Stadacona. The latter was the seat which was offered to Mr. Joly.

From Manitoba.

We have pleasure in publishing the following interesting letter from Mr. Thomas Anderson, late of Guelph Township, to a relative.

KILDONAN, Feb. 16, 1874.

We are all in good health, and begin to feel ourselves at home here. Some of our goods arrived last week and we expect the remainder this one. The winter here has been very pleasant, a week or so very cold, but on the whole we think the weather more agreeable than the changeable winter of Ontario. We have no thaw; the roads are always dry under foot. We have more sunshine—sometimes warm enough to melt the snow on the roofs and sidewalks in the city.

I need not say anything about the country to you. We have no romantic scenery to charm the traveller. Hill and dale are words never applicable in our part of the Prairie Province, and yet we speak of a mountain about 10 miles from us and which we see in the distance, but that is only about 80 feet high at the most, and is simply a ridge of limestone rock and gravel running across the country—very useful in its way though, as the lime and stone used in our rising city is brought from thence. A person standing and looking over the country would think it a level plain, but in travelling along you meet rivers running in channels 50 or 60 feet deep, which you overlook in the distance, and only see when you are on the very banks. You meet dry ravines too, when in spring the water from the prairie rushes to the rivers, wearing the clayey banks wider and deeper. Our rivers are all wooded on their banks, unless where the fire or axe has destroyed them. The east side of the Red River is almost a continuous wood from Winnipeg to Stone Fort, 20 miles, and some places on both sides. We have bought a lot on that side, 64 acres, for the sake of the wood, as the wood lot belonging to our farm is 16 or more miles away.

The neighbors are all native-born, except a few of the old Selkirk settlers from Sutherlandshire. They are generally comfortable in their circumstances, and take things easy. The young soon make acquaintances, and ours are visiting or being visited almost every evening, like others fond of amusement. They enjoy all the privileges here you have in Guelph. The church is near, and a sermon twice on Sabbath, besides Sabbath School and prayer meetings, libraries, &c. Janet teaches in a stone school house within half a mile; she could have got a higher salary 12 miles distant, but here she boards at home and preferred it. The school is close to the Presbyterian College and Church. There is a settlement of Ontario people 6 or 8 miles distant in Springfield and Sunnyside, but I have never been there. Others are settled in Rockwood and Victoria, 12 or more miles away, but the most of them go up the Assiniboine, 75 or 100 miles distant. I think, however, we have done well in settling here, as land in this locality will rise in value fast, with a market for every thing at the door.

The city is growing very rapidly, and the public buildings to be erected this summer by the Dominion Government and a bridge over the Red River will draw great numbers of workmen. The buildings in Winnipeg are generally of wood; some stores and hotels are of brick. They do not take long to build; some have been rushed up this winter since we came. The Hudson Bay Company own the forts and warehouses called Fort Garry. The Government rented part of it for the Volunteers, and the Governor lives in one of the buildings still, but most of the soldiers live in the new barracks a little farther up the Assiniboine. On the other side of Red River opposite the city is St. Boniface, the seat of Bishop Tache and, the Cathedral, built of stone, with its college and schools adjoining. You will very seldom see a priest in the city; its inhabitants are mostly from Ontario. The churches are very plain buildings, built when the place was small. The Methodists have the best, but the Presbyterians talk of building a new one. But there are churches on the river banks every few miles. The customs and dress of the people here differ a little on account of climate, &c., from yours. In winter the natives all wear moccassins on the feet, and in the country Canadians do the same. Then they nearly all wear capotes on the head and a sash round the waist, with large mits lined with flannel or fur for the hands. The dress of the ladies' more nearly resemble yours in church; you could not tell any difference, at least I see none. There are a number of pure Indians around a camp or two not far from us. I know not how they live—begging, selling baskets, &c.,—working as little as possible. They seem a degraded race, very unlike the red men of the novelist. Many of them may be seen in Winnipeg loafing around in their grotesque finery—scarlet coats, bead work and the blanket as usual; but these are the pariahs of the race; we have not seen the best.

Harriston Correspondence.

The Mechanics' Institute held their first assembly in Johnston's Hall here on Wednesday evening the 18th inst. Notwithstanding the bad state of the roads it was well patronized, there being over 30 couples present. Dancing commenced at 8 o'clock and was kept up, with the exception of a short time for refreshments, until the wee sma' hours. The affair all through was conducted very harmoniously, and after amusing themselves to their hearts' content, the company separated for their respective homes in good order.

The Beedle Swiss Bell Ringers gave one of their popular entertainments in Collison's Hall here on Monday evening the 23rd inst., before the largest audience there has been here for a long while. The Hall was so crowded that standing room could scarcely be had. The music of the bells was most charming. The comic songs in Dutch and Irish character, by Mr. Brindle, were most laughable, and the sentimental singing of Miss Emily Beedle most attractive. The entertainment concluded by a most amusing play called the "Haunted House." The audience was highly delighted with the evening's entertainment.

Hugh Gordon has assumed the management of the cheese factory formerly owned by Johnston Bros. He purposes carrying on the business as usual.

The recent thaws and hard frosts, it is feared, will have a damaging effect on the Fall wheat. The snow having melted off the fields, there is no protection for the grain, and should the frost continue it will have a tendency to burst the grain, which would be a heavy loss to the farmers.