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GUELPH, ONT., CANADA, TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 9, 1873.

PRICE TWO CENTS

Business Cards.

MEDICAL CO-PARTNERSHIP.
We, the undersigned, have entered into partnership for the practice of the Medical Profession under the style and firm of Keating & McDonald.
THOS. AUGMUTY KEATING,
M.D., M.R.C.S., England
A.A. M.C. S.D., England
Guelph, July 1st, 1873.

REMOVAL OF SURGERY.
DR. HEROD
Has removed his Surgery to the rooms above the Guelph Drug Store, where he may be found from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance on Cork Street. After 6 p.m. at his residence as usual. dw

DUNBAR, MERRITT & BISCOE,
Barristers and Attorneys at Law
Solicitors in Chancery, etc.
Office—Over Harvey's Drug Store.
A. DUNBAR, W. M. MERRITT, F. BISCOE.
Guelph, Oct. 7, 1873. dw

LIVER & MACDONALD,
Barristers and Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors, Notaries Public, &c. Office—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, up stairs, Guelph, Ont. dw

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,
Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Guelph, Ontario.
W. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN
Guelph, March 1, 1871. dw

LEMON & PETERSON,
Barristers and Attorneys at Law,
Solicitors in Chancery,
Conveyancers and Notaries Public.
Office—Broomfield's New Buildings, near the Registry Office.
A. LEMON, H. W. PETERSON,
CHAS. LEMON, 1 County Crown Attorney
WILLIAM J. PATERSON,
Official Assignee for the County of Wellington.
Office—Opposite Town Hall, Guelph. dw

F. STURDY,
House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter
GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.
Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. 477 dw

MONEY TO LEND.
In sums to suit borrowers. No solicitor's fees or commission charged.
Apply direct to the undersigned.
GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,
April 24, 1873. dw Guelph

IRON CASTINGS
Of all kinds, made to order at
CROWE'S IRON WORKS,
Norfolk Street, Guelph.
JOHN CROWE, Proprietor

THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH, remod-
elled and newly furnished. Good ac-
commodation for commercial travellers
three minutes to and from all trains. First-
class livery in connection.
May 14th JAS. A. THORP, Proprietor

RICE'S BILLIARD HALL,
In the Queen's Hotel, Guelph, opposite
the Market.
The room has just been refitted in splen-
did style, the tables reduced in size, and
everything done to make it a first-class
Billiard Hall.
Guelph, Nov. 3rd, 1873. 3nd

**DOMINION SALOON
& RESTAURANT.**
Opposite the Market, Guelph.
Open in their season. First-class ac-
commodation for supper parties.
GEORGE BOOLESS, Proprietor.
Guelph, Oct. 31, 1873. dw

ROBERT CRAWFORD,
PRACTICAL
Watch and Clock Maker, Jeweller.
Wyndham Street, Guelph.
Gold and Silver Watches, Chains, Brooches,
Rings, &c., Hair Plate and Device Work,
Clock and Time Pieces, Jewellery repaired and
made to order. Plated Goods in variety.
Guelph, Feb. 12, 1873. dw

HOTEL CARD.
The Right Man in the Right Place.
THOMAS WARD, late of the Crown Hotel,
begs to inform the travelling public that he
has acquired possession of the Victoria
Hotel, next door to the Post Office, where he
hopes by courtesy, attention, and good ac-
commodation, to merit a fair share of public
patronage, both from old and new
friends. The best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars,
&c., constantly on hand. A good hostler
always in attendance. Remember the spot
—next door to the Post Office.
THOMAS WARD,
(Late of Crown Hotel),
Proprietor.
Guelph Dec. 5th, 1873. dw

PARKER'S HOTEL,
—DIRECTLY—
OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH
First-class accommodation for travellers.
Commodious stabling and an attentive
stable.
The best of 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.
Guelph, Feb. 1873. dw

W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S.,
SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH.
Office over E. Har-
vey & Co's Drug
Store, Corner of
Wyndham and Mac-
donald-sts., Guelph.
(laughing gas) ad-
ministered for the
extraction of teeth without pain, which is
perfectly safe and reliable.
References kindly permitted to Drs. Herod,
Clarke, Pack, McQuinn, Graham, Cowan and
McGregor, Guelph; W. K. Graham, Dentist
Burlington.

PRIZE DENTISTRY.
DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL
Licentiate of Dental
Surgery.
Established 1864.
Office next door to
the "Advertiser" Of-
fice, Wyndham-st.,
Guelph.
Residence opposite
Mr. Doolittle's Factory
References, Dr. Clarke, Dr. McQuinn,
Herod, McGregor, Graham, Guelph; Drs.
Buchanan and Elliot, Burlington;
& Messrs. Deane, dw

New Advertisements.

WANTED—A servant to do general
housework. Apply to Mrs. Biscoe,
Woolwich Street. 32

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—At the
Cash Store, a few first-class Tailor-
cases. Apply to St. Clayton. 1847

HOUSE TO LET—To let a commo-
dious house on Queen Street, on the
east side of the river. Apply at this office.
Guelph, Dec. 3rd, 1873. dtf

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

BERKSHIRE BOAR—The pure Berk-
shire Boar owned by the subscriber
will serve sows this season. Terms \$1 cash;
credit \$1.50. ALLAN SIMPSON,
Guelph, Dec. 3, 1873. 2nd dw

DOG LOST—Strayed away on Mon-
day night, the 8th inst., a blood
puppy, six months old, tan face, black spot
on shoulder and on hind quarter, rest of
body mottled. His tail is broken near the
end. Any one returning him to me or giv-
ing such information as will lead to his re-
covery will be suitably rewarded.
10 dtf JOHN KIRKHAM, Quebec Street.

TO-DAY.
One Case Rolls,
Three Cases Linen Goods,
One Case Black Metz Cords

JOHN MACDONALD & CO.,
TORONTO.

BANKRUPT STOCK
OF A
GENERAL STORE FOR SALE
BY TENDER.

The undersigned will receive tenders un-
til Monday, 16th Dec. inst., for the stock of a
general store in Hollin, amounting to about
\$1,600, at so much per dollar on the inventory
valuation. The stock comprises a good as-
ortment of dry goods, groceries, boots and
shoes, and hardware, and together with the
inventory may be seen on application to Mr.
George R. McLeod at the village of Hollin.
The undersigned does not bind himself to
accept the highest or any tender.
JOHN FAIR,
Assignee,
96 St. Francis Xavier Street,
Montreal, Dec. 2, 1873.

45c Book for 25c.
GREAT VALUE.
The Bound Volume of the
British Workman
A Volume of Choice Reading,
40 Large Illustrations
Publisher's Price 45c.

FOR 25 CENTS

AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE
HAVING sold our stock and interest
in business at the Village of Everton to
Mr. R. Morrison, we beg leave to thank
our numerous customers for their liberal
patronage during the past five years, and
to solicit a continuance of the same to our
successor, who, we believe is entering busi-
ness under the most favorable circum-
stances, being prepared to buy in the best mar-
kets for cash, and to intend by strict
attention to business and consistent up-
rightness of dealing to merit the confidence
of the public. We would also notify all par-
ties having accounts with us that we will
remain at our office in Everton up to the
15th inst., after which we intend to re-
turn to leave Everton, all accounts uncol-
lected, shall be placed in Court for collec-
tion. Yours, &c., T. TALBOT & TOUL,
Everton, Dec. 10th, 1873. wtf

**AUCTION SALE OF FARM STOCK
AND IMPLEMENTS.**—The under-
signed has been instructed by Mr. John
Campbell to sell by public auction on Lot
No. 25, Gore of Simcoe, on Wednesday,
24th December, the following stock and im-
plements: Span of well matched horses, 9
years old; spring colts, 6 mule cows, 2 heif-
ers 3 years old, 2 heifers 2 years old,
heifer 1 year old, 2 steers 1
year old, 3 spring calves, 30 sheep, 1 well bred
Leicester ram, 2 pigs, lumber wagon,
sleigh, 2 ploughs, set double harness, set
double harness, set plough harness, fan mill,
straw cutter either hand or horse
power, two loose rollers, horse rake, scuffer,
sheatharrow, sheep rack, straly cradle,
scythes, pitch forks, rakes, buffalo robe,
stone boat, a quantity of turnips, and va-
rious other articles. No reserve. Terms,
Forwards of \$5 and under, cash; over that
amount 12 months' credit on approved joint
notes. Sale to commence at 12 o'clock
sharp. 2 THOS. INGRAM, Auctioneer.

FERGUS BOOK STORE.
The subscriber, in thanking the public
for past favors, begs to inform the public
of a new arrival of
Fancy Goods and Books,
Stationery and School Books,
Wall Paper, very cheap;
also,
Window Blinds.

**AGENT for the WEEKLY MERCURY
AND ADVERTISER, Sunday School
Times and World. Also, any Book or Maga-
zine ordered on the shortest notice. Call
and see for yourselves.
Remember the Stand, next door to the
Post Office, Foris.**

W. M. SMELLIE,
Foris, Dec. 10th, 1873. w

**THE Ladies' Committee for the Building
Fund of the Young Men's Christian Asso-
ciation have decided holding their Bazaar
on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 23rd and
24th of December, the two days before
Christmas. Contributions will be gladly
received, and can be left with the under-
signed.**

M. J. HIGINBOTHAM,
Guelph, Nov. 1873. dtf Secretary.

SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE.—
For sale, several first-class Sewing Ma-
chines, different makers, all in repair for-
sale. Apply at the Mercury Office.

NEW GOODS

AT
JNO. A. WOOD'S
5 boxes Lemons,
5 kegs Grapes,
100 boxes New Figs,
100 boxes Table Raisins.
100 dozen Carling's Ale,
100 dozen Sleeman's Ale,
100 dozen Bass',
100 dozen Tennant's,
100 dozen Young's,
100 dozen Guinness' Porter,
100 dozen Brides',
1 case Reel Scotch Linc,
2 cases Keilor's Marmalade,
100 Prime Sultion Cheese

AT
JNO. A. WOOD'S
Guelph Evening Mercury
TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 9, 1873
Town and County News

The annual Fat Cattle Show takes
place to-morrow.

The summer meeting of the Grand
Division of the Sons of Temperance next
year, will be held at Orillia.

The County Court opened to-day at
noon, before His Honour Judge Macdon-
ald. Appeals from Magistrates' decisions
were first taken up, and the Parker's
Hotel case is being heard as we go to
press.

SEMONS in aid of Wesleyan missions
are to be preached in Mount Forest and
at the various stations in Egremont,
Normanby and Arthur, on Sunday next,
and the missionary meeting held on the
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
following.

L. O. L., No. 633, MOUNT FOREST.—
The following are office-bearers for the
ensuing year: Robert G. Kennedy, W.
M. Jas. Ryan, D.M.; Geo. Sutton, Treas-
urer; John Kennedy, Secretary; Commit-
tee—John Rogers, 1st; Thos. Ryan, 2nd;
Jacob Hewitt, 3rd; John Anderson, 4th;
Arch. Cosgrove, 5th; Robt. Ryan, Tyler.

GREAT discount is manifested by
Montreal merchants over the continued
lack of cars for their freight to Port-
land. Mr. Brydges writes to the papers,
saying that, if there were steamships at
Portland to take freight, he could supply
all the cars wanted. On Saturday, over
600 loaded cars were there waiting
vessels.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.—At a commit-
tee meeting on Monday it was announced
that the financial matters in connection
with the late concert and ball had been
balanced up, and the result showed \$60
to the credit of the Society, clear of all
expenses. This is the largest balance
ever derived by the Society from their
annual entertainment.

SOIREE in ERAMOSA.—A soiree will be
held in Rev. Dr. Barrie's Church, Era-
mosa, on Wednesday evening, the 17th
inst., when the following gentlemen are
expected to deliver addresses:—Rev.
Messrs. Mullen and Barker, Fergus; Mc-
Donald, Elora; Torrance and Wardrop,
Guelph; Milligan, Douglas; and Smith,
Eramosa. The choir of Melville Church,
Fergus, will be in attendance. Doors
open at 5, till at 6 p.m. Tickets 25 cts.

A FAT Cow belonging to Mr. John
Reading, of Paisley Block, was being
photographed this morning on the
Market Place. She is a very pretty,
well-bred animal, and as fat as two cows
rolled into one. Mr. Reading has
destined her for the knife because "he
has plenty more like her, and she was
not a very good milker."

OUR MUSIC-LOVING townspeople will
doubtless be pleased to learn that we are
shortly to be favored with the presence
at a concert here of Mr. J. W. Ballman,
the distinguished Canadian Violinist, who
has lately appeared in Toronto before
large and select audiences, and met with
most determined and enthusiastic recep-
tions. Though the date is not fixed, we
understand that he will play here before
long and will be accompanied by first
class vocalists.

ROSA D'ERINA was listened to in the
Town Hall last night by an audience not
numerous but thoroughly appreciative.
The wet, cheerless evening, and the
large audiences which filled the hall on
Friday and Saturday night, were no
doubt the reasons why the attendance was
not larger. Rosa d'Erina's talents as a
vocalist and instrumentalist are of the
highest order. Her opening solo, Hand-
el's "Angels Ever Bright and Fair," was
perhaps the best test of the exceed-
ing beauty of Rosa d'Erina's voice and of
her surpassing skill as an interpreter of
good music. An organ solo, bringing
in Irish airs, was very fine; the Spanish
laughing song was most inspiring; and
"I'm not myself at all" was sung with a
genuine Irish archness and humor.
"Home, sweet home" was played and
sung in an exquisite manner, and listen-
ed to with breathless attention until the
last delicate intonation had died away.
Rosa d'Erina announces her intention of
visiting Guelph again.

BY TELEGRAPH

Discouraging News.
The New York Herald.
Ironclad Safe.
The Ville de Havre.
Spanish Spies.

Paris, Dec. 9.—A despatch from Ma-
drid, dated Dec. 5, announces a heavy
fall on the bourse, in consequence of the
disparaging news in regard to Cuba and
President Grant declining to accept Gen.
Sickles' resignation, and approving his
action in the case of the Virginias. The
resignation was based on the fact of the
Washington Government negotiating
directly with Spain, overlooking Gen.
Sickles, who claimed that the Govern-
ment failed to protect him. The Spanish
Government claims itself not bound to
surrender the Virginias until the 18th of
December.

New York, Dec. 9.—A Herald's Wash-
ington despatch says that unexpected
complications have arisen out of the
protocol. The Spanish Ministers ask
who shall be judges of the proof that the
Virginias was not entitled to carry the
American flag, as stipulated in the pro-
tocol. Our Government made an answer
that the United States is its own judge.
The Spanish Government responded to
the protocol, and left all doubtful points
to arbitration—so far as a reclamation
goes—and possession of vessel came un-
der that head. The Spanish Government
now claim that the United States can
only protect the vessel in defence of their
own idea, and challenge investigation,
and will satisfactorily prove their point.
Private advices say that the lives of
Americans in Havana are in great dan-
ger.

A number of Spanish spies are here.
Washington, Dec. 8.—The Navy De-
partment has received a despatch from
Commander Reed, of the U. S. vessel
Kansas, announcing her safe arrival,
after experiencing rough weather, at the
Bermudas on the 23rd of November,
where she stopped to get coal. Much
anxiety has been felt for her safety.

London, Dec. 8.—The latest reports in
the English papers in regard to the con-
duct of the officers and crew of the Ville
de Havre are confused and contradictory.
A telegram from Glasgow says the Cap-
tain of the Loch Earn has reported to
the owners of his ship that the charges
reflected on Captain Sarront, of the
Ville de Havre, are untrue, and that
those against the crew are greatly exag-
gerated.

POLICE COURT.
(Before the Police Magistrate.)
Tuesday, Dec. 9.

CHARGE OF AGGRAVATED ASSAULT.
August Crimpen was charged with
committing an aggravated assault upon
Lewis Vogt, in the township of Guelph,
on the 5th inst. Prisoner was chopping
near a field of fall wheat owned by Vogt,
and one of the trees fell across the fence,
and partly on the field. Vogt remonstrated,
and an altercation and blows ensued,
and Vogt had one of his ribs broken by the
prisoner knocking him down and falling
with his knee on his chest. Mr. McMillan
was prosecutor, and Mr. McDonald
for the prisoner. It was stated by Mr.
Macdonald that the tree lean in such a
manner that its falling across the fence
was unavoidable. Crimpen was fined
\$20 and costs.

Postal Suggestions.
The "Fat Contributor" is dissatisfied
with some of the decisions of the Post-
office Department, and submits "a few
improved rulings" of his own concoct-
ion:—
Monthly magazines should be charged
letter postage when delivered daily.
Penny magazines, except to regular sub-
scribers, are not permitted to frank their
reports.
If no stamp is affixed to a letter retain
it. If, however, the postage is overpaid,
letter rip!
If you feel any doubt about a paper go-
ing with a one-cent stamp, have two sent.
Seeds can go through the mail as mer-
chandise. The postmasters are caution-
ed against allowing any old seeds to go
through the mails, however.
Signs cannot be sent without paying
letter postage, three cents on every let-
ter.
Calico prints, any foreign prince, re-
prints and foot-prints, all go as printed
matter, and pay tax accordingly. Vacu-
um matter must be properly (pock)
marked.
Poetry in its various stages, including
the Edgar A. Poe stage, must be sent
post-paid, whether it ever paid to read it
or not.
Shirts may be mailed at the rate of
two cents for every two ounces of shirt.
If the owner's name is on the shirt, let-
ter postage must be charged. This rule
is indelible.
A subscriber residing in the county in
which a newspaper is printed can take
the paper, provided he pays in advance
and urges his neighbors to subscribe.
Editors of newspapers and their fam-
ilies should be allowed to pass free in the
mails.

THE SUNDAY AT HOME for December
has been laid on our table by Mr. Day.
It is an interesting number, containing
the title page and index of the 1873 vol-
ume. The frontispiece is awfully tinted
Eastern scene. Amongst the contents
we notice the conclusion of "Shorn to
the Wind"—scenes from life in a Scottish
manse; some interesting reminiscences
of John Bunyan, illustrated; and the
words and music of a Xmas hymn—a fine
old German chorale of the seventeenth
century. Mr. Day also sends us Miss
Bradford's excellent illustrated Annual.

The Mt. Forest Sons of Temperance
held an open meeting last Tuesday. The
lecturer was the Rev. John Macmillan,
who took for his subject "Mental Philo-
sophy."

Strike Among the Shoemakers.

The Crispins employed in the Boot and
Shoe Factory of Messrs. W. D. Hepburn
& Co., numbering about 40, struck work
this (Tuesday) morning. The reason
which led the workmen to go out on
strike, as stated by themselves, is that
the firm employed, and set to work, a
man unskilled in the business, which it
seems contrary to the rules of the St.
Crispin Society, to which we suppose all
the strikers belong. Mr. Hepburn ad-
mits that he employed a man unaccus-
tomed to the work to do the crimping
for the establishment, but he holds that
never having conformed to the Crispin
Society's rules in the working of his
establishment in this or any other case,
he is in no sense bound to do it now, and
in fact flatly refuses to come under their
rules and regulations. He states, more-
over, that some two years ago he hired
an unskilled workman to do the same
kind of work as that required of the man
who started on Monday, and whose com-
ing has given rise to the strike. At
that time, if we are rightly informed, the
men made some remonstrance, but Mr.
Hepburn insisted on his remaining, and
he continued for some time to do the
work without any further complaint
being made. We are given to under-
stand that this work of crimping is a
branch of the business which is not
usually learned by shoemakers in large
shops, and is therefore scarcely con-
sidered as belonging, properly speaking,
to the work which the skilled mechanic
usually performs.

The factory has never been under the
Crispin rules. Several times Mr. Hep-
burn has done things contrary to these,
and though sometimes remonstrated
with, has disregarded all objections, and
is now determined as heretofore to work
his factory independent of any Society,
or Society's rules. Such being the case
it now remains to be seen whether Mr.
Hepburn or the Crispins can hold out the
longest. For our own part we regret
the action of the men. Had there been
a strict adherence to the rules of the
Society in the establishment in the past,
we could well understand why they
should now protest against any infring-
ment of them. But as it has never been
a Society shop—though many Crispins
have been employed in it—we think the
men acted in a hasty and ill-judged
manner in now trying to enforce these
rules. Of course, in a country like this,
where the utmost freedom of action is
allowed, it is entirely at their own option
to say whether they should work or
whether they should not. But the
community will criticize and judge their
action nevertheless, and impartially de-
cide whether they are in the right or in
the wrong. And they will be more
likely to take the side of Mr. Hepburn
when they learn that the man who was
taken out, and who has given rise to all
this trouble, had no employment, had a
family of three children to support, and
was anxious to do any kind of work
rather than be under the painful neces-
sity of asking for assistance.

As regards the rules of the Society—
whether they are fair or tyrannical in
their character—or whether Mr. Hep-
burn should or should not accede to
them—it is not our province to speak.
We regret that such a misunderstanding
should have occurred—regret it for the
sake of the men and their families, and
also as far as the interests of the Town
are concerned. It is a bad time to strike
when trade is so dull throughout the
country, and the winter is on us, and
the evil is aggravated from the fact that
Hepburn can well afford at the present
time to lay off for a few weeks until the
spring work commences, and that he is
opposed at all hazards to stand out
against the dictation of the Crispin So-
ciety, and will when he requires them en-
gage men from other cities to fill the
places of those who have struck work.

At the Mount Forest Mechanics Insti-
tute annual meeting, it was stated that
the readers of the library have been
more numerous this year than any other
previous one. Since the addition made
to the library of more than one hundred
volumes a number of readers have
availed themselves of its benefits. Many
apprentices have taken advantage of the
privilege given them of the use of the
library at 50 cents per year. A grant of
\$200 had been made for books and peri-
odicals in accordance with the require-
ment of the statute. The receipts for
the past year were \$457.23, and the ex-
penditure \$345.25, showing a balance in
hand of \$111.98. The following are the
officers for 1874:—President, Jas Scott;
1st Vice-President, David Yeomans; 2nd
Vice-President, Eli Poole; Secretary,
Henry H. Stovel; Treasurer, Anthony
Marshall. Committee—D. Yeomans, J.
C. Smith, John Sheppard, Thos. Stovel,
J. C. Wilkes, John McFayden, A. Mar-
shall, E. Poole, Jas. McMullen, Thos.
Swin, Dr. Ecroyd, Jas Scott, John Mar-
tin, Jos. Hampton, and H. H. Stovel.

THE ANNUALS are now making their
welcome appearance. Miss Brad-
don's "Belgravia Annual" in its fami-
liar crimson and white cover, is amongst
the first, and has this morning been sent
us by Mr. John Anderson. It contains
a selection of interesting and well-writ-
ten tales, illustrated by numerous tinted
plates, and the printing is very good.
Miss Bradon's reputation as an autho-
ress will no doubt secure a good sale for
this annual.

MASONRY.—St. Albans' Lodge Mount
Forest, will hold a public dinner and as-
sembly on Friday next, 26th, the Festi-
val of St. John the Ev'ngist

Board of School Trustees.

The Board held their usual semi-
monthly meeting in the Council Cham-
ber, last night. There were present
Messrs. Peterson (Chairman), Newton,
Harvey, Knowles, Inglis, Murton, Ken-
edy, Stevenson and Dr. McGuire.
A communication was read from Miss
Holmwood asking an increase of salary in
proportion to the increase granted to
other teachers who had been in the em-
ployment of the Board at the commence-
ment of the year.
Accounts from Messrs. Innes and
Hacking were referred to the Finance
Committee.
A communication was read from Mr.
C. F. Simpson, assistant teacher at the
High School, asking to be relieved im-
mediately from his engagement, as he had
the offer of a situation in the office of Mr.
Lemon.
Several members of the Board ex-
pressed an opinion that as the period
of Mr. Simpson's engagement with the
Board was so near a close it was neces-
sary to take any action on his letter.
A report was read from the Principal
of the High School for the month of Nov-
ember, showing that five pupils had been
enrolled in the English and twenty-six in
the Classical Course for that month.
The report also reminded the Board that
the usual period has arrived for an ap-
portionment of money to purchase prizes for
pupils at the High School, and asking
the Board to do so.
The Local Inspector read his report of
attendance at the Public Schools for Nov-
ember, showing that 977 scholars had
been enrolled, 479 boys and 498 girls;
that the aggregate attendance had been
14,551, and the average 771.
A paper was read by Mr. Murton pro-
posing certain changes of the relations of
the Senior Primary and Junior Girls'
School. This paper was referred to the
School Management Committee for their
consideration and report.
Mr. Knowles reported the step he had
taken to procure Caretakers for the Pub-
lic Schools in room of Mr. Simpson,
having engaged Mr. Brydges and Mr.
Jermy at a total salary of \$500 per year,
with house rent and firing for Mr. Jermy
in the Central School.
The Board agreed to allow Miss Mc-
Lagan \$25 extra as salary for the present
year and Miss Holmwood \$10—her salary
to be \$250 next year. All teachers wishing a
re-engagement for the year 1874 were re-
quested to notify the Secretary before the
next meeting of the Board.
The Board then adjourned.

Chat about Fordwich.
We append the conclusion of this ar-
ticle, begun in a former issue:—
There has been a great amount of
square timber taken out, expected by
the Railway to carry it away; now it will
have to be taken with teams to Harristown
and Palmerston, being both a loss to the
farmers and the Company. The loss to the
farmers will be about \$20 per 1,000 feet,
and the W. & E. Road, will get the
benefit of the freight.
The Village has improved greatly dur-
ing the last summer. Several fine build-
ings have been erected and large additions
have been put to others. About \$13,000
has been laid out on buildings and other
improvements.
There are four churches in the village—
Canada Presbyterian, Church of England,
Wesleyan Methodist, and New-Connec-
tion Methodist.

The business men of the place are as
follows:—Postmaster, Arthur Mitchell;
Store-keepers, J. J. Sweetnam (also mar-
riage licenses), John Latham, Jos. Cow-
an and Samuel Rae; Hotel-keepers,
Stephen Ketchum, Simon Parker and
Ryerson Kutchum; Blacksmiths, James
Matthews and Thos. Campbell; Waggon-
maker, B. E. Harris; Harness-maker, S.
Sutherland; Shoemakers, Jos. Kitchum
and J. Dantzer. Mill proprietors, Thos.
Wilson, Miller and Lessee, J. B. Crawford;
Saw Mill Lessee, Jas. Young; Ashery, Jno.
Lyle; Lime, Joseph Wood and C. Hooker
Carpenter, Jos. Driver; Plasterers, John
Spinks and R. Hazlewood; Millinery and
Dressmaking, Miss Emma Seney and Mrs.
James Mosher; Tailor, A. McConchie;
Professors, Drs. J. McDermaid and J.
Hutchison. There are good openings
for the following branches:—Stove Fac-
tory, Woolen Factory, Cabinet Shop, Tin
Shop, Shoemaker and Tailor.

The Village is in a nice situation, being
on both banks of the Maidland, and sur-
rounded by a fine agricultural country,
which the inhabitants hope will be the
means of making it the finest Village in
the county in a few years.

NARROW ESCAPE.—On Wednesday
morning, Dec. 3rd, a young lad, the
secondson of Mr. R. J. Dale, jeweller,
had an exceedingly narrow escape
from drowning. He and some other boys
were amusing themselves on the side-
walk near the Baptist chapel, when he
accidentally slipped into the sewer close
by, was pouring, caused by the prefalling
thaw. The water carried him under-
neath a platform which bridged the drain
at that point. A cry was instantly raised
by his companions, which was fortunately
heard by Messrs. George Mennie, W. C.
Lee and others. They hastened across
the street, and Mr. Mennie arrived in
time to drag him out of the water as he
emerged at the lower side of the crossing.
The boy was almost unconscious when
rescued. He was taken to Mr. Lee's re-
sidence and the usual restoratives applied.
He is now about as usual.—Mount Forest
Examiner.

A List of assignments in Ontario for
the fortnight ended Nov. 26th is as follows:
John Deans, Fergus; Morrison & Strachan,
Toronto; D. Sutherland, East Zorra; J.
W. Barber, London; J. Campbell, Morris-
burg; J. F. Downer, London; I. Schell,
Waterford; A. C. Bennett, Kendall; John
Hurrell, Dundas; S. S. Peck, Minden;
Levi Beemer, Toronto.

When a man has trouble he takes to
drink, but when a woman meets with
misfortune she merely goes over to her
mother's and takes tea.