

Business Cards.

DR. KRATING & WORSFOLD, Physicians, Surgeons, &c.

DAVID, MACDONALD & OSBER, Barristers and Attorneys-at-Law.

R. BROOK, OFFICE AND RESIDENCE, Directly opposite Chalmers' Church.

FREDERICK BISCOE, Barrister and Attorney at Law, Solicitor in Chancery.

USTIN C. CHADWICK, Barrister at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, &c.

STEPHEN BOUT, Architect, Contractor and Builder.

DAVER & HATHERLY, Contractors, Well Sinks and General Jobbers.

WILLIAM J. PATERSON, Official Assignee for the County of Wellington.

THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH, remodeled and newly furnished.

W. GINGRICH, Architect, Guelph, Ont., is prepared to execute all kinds of plans for Buildings, Churches, Bridges, &c.

EMON & PETERSON, Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Conveyancers and Notaries Public.

LEMON, H. W. PETERSON, JAS. LEMON, County Crown Attorney.

UTHERE, WATT & CUTTEN, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, GUELPH, ONTARIO.

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

FRESH OYSTERS, IN EVERY STYLE, to be had at this saloon.

F. STURDY, House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter, GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.

JOHN KIRKHAM, Silver Plater and Brass Finisher, All orders promptly attended to.

J. MARRIOTT, Veterinary Surgeon, M.R.C.V.S., L.S.P., V.M.A., Having lately arrived in Guelph from England, and taken up his residence here, intends continuing the practice of his profession.

PRIZE DENTISTRY, DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL, Licentiate of Dental Surgery, Established 1864.

W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S., SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH, Office over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store.

RAGS AND WASTE PAPER, Wanted, and must be had by the 1st of January, Fifty Tons of Waste Paper, old newspapers, old Pamphlets, or Waste Paper of any kind.

New Advertisements.

TWO GENTLEMEN WANTED - An Apply to this office.

HORSE FOR SALE - A good serviceable horse for sale, cheap.

CORN FOR SALE - For sale, 10,000 bushels of corn.

TO LET - BOARDING HOUSE of 14 rooms, next to Thorp's Hotel.

MEN WANTED - Wanted a few good laboring men to work at a Saw Mill and Stone Factory.

WANTED - A middle aged woman, to attend on an invalid, and do general housework in a small family.

GROCERY HAND WANTED with from one to two years' experience, also a first-class BREAD BAKER.

TO LET - The large room over the MERCURY OFFICE, formerly used as a Temperance Hall.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS - All parties indebted to the subscriber by Note or Book Account, are respectfully requested to settle up on or before the 31st inst.

TO MASON - Tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned, where the plans and specifications may be seen, up to Dec. 21st.

NEW BUTCHER SHOP, The public are respectfully informed that the undersigned will open a Meat Shop in Hatch's Block, to-morrow (Saturday).

CITY WOOD YARD - The subscriber has opened a Wood Yard, next to the new English Church, where he will keep at all times, and for sale, cut and split, and will deliver it in quantities to suit purchasers, in any part of the town.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE - For sale the house and lot on Surrey Street, near Mr. William Allan's residence.

CARE TAKER, Wanted, a steady, competent man, to take charge of and fire up the Steam Fire Engine.

TOWN OF GUELPH, Notice About Accounts, All parties having claims against the Corporation are notified to send in the same to the undersigned, on or before the 22nd inst.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP, The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned as Produce Dealers, Commission Merchants, &c., under the name and style of James Hower & Co., was this day dissolved by mutual consent.

TEACHERS WANTED, Wanted - Three Female Teachers, legally qualified, two for the Junior Department of the First-class (Salary \$175 each, per annum) and one for the second class (Salary \$200) in the Public Schools, Guelph.

HOTEL CARD, The Right Man in the Right Place, THOMAS WARD, late of the Crown Hotel, has acquired possession of the Victoria Hotel, next door to the Post Office.

CHRISTMAS CHEER, A Swedish lady, the Countess Skennes, has arrived in Paris with the intention of organizing there a new expedition - a feminine one - for the succor of Dr. Livingstone, as she thinks the work done by Mr. Stanley is not sufficient.

GILBERT AMOS, Will have on exhibition in his Stall, No. 3 Market, a splendid display of BEEF, MUTTON, LAMB, &c., consisting of the following:

RAILWAY TIME TABLE - Winter Arrangement - On after Monday, 19th November.

Grand Trunk Railway, Trains leave Guelph as follows:

2:17 a.m.; 9:45 a.m.; 1:50 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.; 8:35 p.m.

3:05 a.m.; 7:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 4:12 p.m. and 8:35 p.m.

Great Western - Guelph Branch, Going South - 6:50 a.m., 12:35 p.m., 1:05 p.m. For Hamilton; 4:55 p.m.

Going North - 1:40 a.m., for Clifford; mixed 1:15 p.m. for Clifford; 4:55 p.m. for Fergus; 9:05 p.m. for Fergus.

Guelph Evening Mercury

FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 20, 1872, T. J. DAY now calls attention to his splendid stock of BOOKS for the Christmas Trade.

Also, a beautiful stock of Fine Fancy Goods, in Paper Machie and Wood, some splendid Writing Desks, and Work Boxes, Jewel Boxes, Card Cases, Portmonies, Wallets all kinds, Sewing Baskets, Boxes of Puzzles, Boxes of Games, A B C Boxes, Vases, Toilet Sets.

The stock at DAY'S BOOKSTORE for this season of Presents, is very full. Purchasers should call early and examine the Goods and Prices.

Town and County News.

The poor of Elora cost the village during the year \$651. In Fergus the same item is \$629.

IRON AND TIN - We observe by late advices from Britain that iron and tin is rapidly advancing in price.

Two head of cattle impounded in Elora were sold on Wednesday at the Dalby House by Mr. David Findlay, at auction to Mr. Geo. McKenzie, one for \$10.75 and the other for \$9.25. Total \$20.

E. O'DONNELL & Co. - This popular firm respectfully request their friends and patrons to leave their orders as much as possible on Monday next, as from the great rush anticipated on Tuesday, they might disappoint customers in fulfilling their requirements for Xmas day.

CHANGE OF LANDLORDS - We direct the attention of the travelling public to the Hotel Card of Mr. Thomas Ward, formerly of the Crown Hotel, Guelph, and who has now become landlord of the Victoria Hotel, near the Post Office, in place of Mr. Dan. Heffernan, who, it is said, has assumed the management of Murphy's "Albion" Hotel.

PRIME MEAT - Mr. Gilbert Amos, butcher, stall No. 3, ever anxious to maintain the accuracy of his motto "The Right Man in the Right Place," has secured a large supply of the very choicest meat to delight the palates of his numerous customers, and, in addition, has introduced a novelty in the meat market in the shape of Buffalo flesh, which epicureans doubtless will largely patronize. See advertisement.

GUELPH CHRISTMAS BEEF - We notice in the Ottawa Times an advertisement of Messrs. Satchell Brothers, of that city, and purveyors to His Excellency the Governor General, detailing in glowing terms the merits of the splendid animals they purchased at our Christmas "Smith-fair." They challenge the Continent, for one thousand dollars, to produce a better beef than the "Marquis," Mr. J. S. Armstrong's famous prize steer. We notice in the Advertiser of yesterday a notice of \$100, from Mr. Walter West, "that his 'Cockburn' heifer was the fattest, nicest and best animal in the County of Wellington, and bids defiance accordingly.

POLICE COURT, Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., P. M., Friday, Dec. 20, Jerry Connors, the "irrepressible," was charged by Chief Constable Kelly with vagrancy. It appears Jerry has been out of town lately, and on his return got himself entangled in the hands of the Philistines, who stole all his cash and blackened his optics. Under these distressing circumstances the magistrate compassionated poor Jerry and sent him up to Jail for a month, there to enjoy his Christmas and New Year's holidays.

No little excitement has been caused in New York by the repeated compromise in the suit brought by the Erie company against Jay Gould. The latter has proved too formidable, or he has shown that it would be more convenient to have him for a friend rather than an enemy; and, consequently, not only have the suits against him been stopped, but he has been admitted to an important position in the control of the road, according to his own version. The abandonment of the suit will not, it is evident, increase public confidence in the administration of justice in New York.

A Swedish lady, the Countess Skennes, has arrived in Paris with the intention of organizing there a new expedition - a feminine one - for the succor of Dr. Livingstone, as she thinks the work done by Mr. Stanley is not sufficient. She states that she well knows Central Africa, which she explored in company with her husband; and she alleges that she is personally acquainted with all the chiefs of the country.

The misery caused by the inundations in Italy is very great. Upper Italy is rained for years to come, the price of food is nearly doubled everywhere, and the vice crop is a complete failure. Bosros has obtained legislative authority to issue twenty millions of fire-bonds.

Presentation.

On Thursday afternoon Mr. Jas. Ferguson was presented by the boys in his school with an elegant rosewood writing desk, and by the girls with a handsome paper mache ink stand. The following addresses accompanied the gifts:

"This writing desk is presented to Mr. James Ferguson as a mark of esteem and gratitude for his kindness to us; and we hope he may be long spared to retain and enjoy the affections of his pupils. In the name of our schoolmates, FREDERICK DIXON, JAMES MURDO.

"Dear Mr. Ferguson accept this small token of love and esteem from the girls of your school. It is, indeed, but a small proof of our affection towards one who has been so zealously working for our good; but we are confident that you know we are sincere, when we subscribe ourselves in the name of our sister schoolmates, Your true and loving pupils, ANNE CHURCHER, MARY A. E. HALL, MARIA CHURCHER.

Mr. Ferguson briefly replied, stating his surprise that he was again honoured with marks of their esteem, after the kind presents received on his last birthday. He was satisfied that whatever might be his shortcomings in the discharge of his duties, his pupils would give him credit for devotedness to their interests. He was pleased with the progress made by many in the school, and he kindly urged the more earnest to determined efforts in the future, assuring that their repeated acts of kindness towards him would be a powerful stimulus to increased exertions on his part for the advancement of their best interests.

Presentation.

We have great pleasure in publishing the following address and reply, which will sufficiently explain their object and nature, and would merely add that it is gratifying to find such appreciation and cordiality existing between pupils and instructors -

DEAR TEACHER, - As an expression of our affection and regard, it gives us pleasure to present you with this time-piece. We hope that you will long be spared to instruct us, and that we may continue to improve under your tuition. Wishing you many a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, We remain, YOUR LOVING PUPILS.

MR. DEAR PUPILS, - In accepting, as I do with a great deal of pleasure this handsome token of your affection and regard, and thanking you most cordially for this expression of your kindness, I send myself at the same time of this occasion to bear testimony to the undragging zeal and earnestness which you have evinced during this past session in preparing the various tasks assigned you. To me it is always a source of unfeigned interest and satisfaction to note the gradual development and progress of each individual member of my classes, and, while I would acknowledge the eagerness and hearty interest with which you have seconded my efforts for your improvement, I would say, without one word of lecture, "continue this zeal and assiduity, and you will find by your experience the many sources of gratification which are preparing for your eyes." Beautiful, valuable and useful as your pretty gift is, I do assure you that I value inexpressibly more the feelings of kindness which dictated the gift. I am glad to think you are now to have a little breathing time, and hope that the holiday you have so well earned will be to you all a season of unimpeded enjoyment. Again thanking you all heartily, and wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, believe me ever your affectionate friend and teacher, ANNA WHITE.

Christmas Party.

The Christmas party annually given by Miss Wightman to her pupils and their friends has become apparently a fixed institution in Guelph, and its advent is anticipated by the young folks within the "charmed circle" of an invitation with that illimitable exuberance of spirits that young hearts can alone fully display, and a joyous exhibition of feeling on their parts which immediate relations can only fully realize. Accordingly, a very large number of guests, both old and young, responded to their fair entertainer's kind invitation for Thursday (yesterday) evening. The Town Hall was most tastefully decorated and festooned for the occasion, and the arrangements throughout afforded every enjoyable comfort and pleasure. The music was supplied by Vale's Quadrille Band, and to enliven its quality, at this stage of their association, would be simply superfluous. Dancing commenced shortly after eight o'clock, and was continued with a fervor and zest which betokened no ordinary height of exhilarated enjoyment. Towards midnight, wearied eyelids and tired limbs began to develop symptoms of flagging energies on the part of the younger votaries of the dance, whose places were rapidly filled by the older portion of the Terpsichorean devotees, who tripped it with unflagging zeal until far into the "sma hours," and with an unabated desire to be again among the fortunate happy ones on a similar occasion in the Christmas season of 1873. Refreshments lavishly supplied and of a very superior character were as freely partaken of. There was but one drawback to the enjoyment of many of the guests, and that was the enforced absence on the occasion of Miss Fanny Wightman, whose well-known geniality and ardour at such gatherings was as greatly missed as her invalidism was deplored.

SUGGESTED HONOR.

The Kingston Daily News states that Rev. J. P. Dumoulin, of Hamilton, recently elected Anglican Bishop of Algoma, is a Master of Arts of Queen's College, and suggests that it would be a graceful act if the Presbyterian authorities of Queen's College at their next Convocation should recognize the high position in the Church gained by the reverend gentleman, and honor him, and themselves at the same time, by conferring a more honorable degree.

Local and Other Items.

It is reported that Mr. Richardson, one of the Globe's best short-hand reporters, has quit his connection with that journal, and accepted a position on the Mail at an increased salary.

The people of Port Burwell and vicinity seem determined to have direct railway communication with Toronto via Brantford, and have held a public meeting to promote the project in which they are interested.

FATAL ACCIDENT. - Mr. William Beemer, carpenter and builder of Simcoe, was killed on Thursday by a load of wood upsetting upon him. Deceased was much respected by all. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his untimely end.

PIRONS MATCH. - A pigeon match came off at Stratford on Thursday between George Rensselaer, of Toronto, and Alex. McCulloch, of Stratford. Fifty birds each; \$100 a side; resulting in favor of McCulloch. Score, McCulloch 86, Rensselaer 81.

OTAWA ORGANS are throwing out "feelings" about the reconstruction of the Dominion Government and the appointment of some prominent politicians. The next month promises to give the organists plenty of "inspired" work.

ASTRA occurred at Ayrton, Grey, between 8 and 9 o'clock on Wednesday evening. Mr. Robert Smith's store caught fire in some unknown way and was together with a large part of the stock burned to ground, the stock was valued at about \$5,000 and buildings \$1,000, the stock and buildings were insured for \$2,000.

RECENT heavy and extensive storms have so swollen the rivers in northern France and in Belgium that they have inundated large tracts, with very damaging consequences. The Seine has overflowed a section of a Parisian suburb; and a portion of Ghent suffers much loss and inconvenience from a similar cause.

FATAL ACCIDENT. - A melancholy accident occurred at Goodwood on Tuesday last. Some men in the employ of Mr. Charles Gould were falling a tree, and, in doing so, dislodged a limb from an adjoining tree, which struck one of the men, named Alfred Hockley, on the head causing insensibility. He lingered until twelve o'clock on Wednesday night, when death relieved his agony. The deceased leaves a wife and a family of young children to mourn his loss.

CARLYLE'S HEALTH. - The Pall Mall Gazette says that it is able to state, on the very best authority, that there is no truth in the very alarming paragraphs which have recently appeared, concerning the state of Mr. Carlyle's health. "They are all zero," as he expresses it. Mr. Carlyle is in the full enjoyment of his usual vigor and good spirits, and takes his daily walks with surprising power of limb. A correspondent writes: "It is never pleasant for the youngest of us to be told that we are looking awfully ill, even when we are in the best of health; and although Mr. Carlyle conceals any sense of pain at these reports - if it exists at all - very heavily expressed contempt for the concoctors of such catchpenny paragraphs, which are at once cruel and false. Probably these reports originate in ignorance. There is a gentleman often seen in Chelsea, much older than Mr. Carlyle, and very infirm; whose hat and clothes are so constructed that he is often taken for the distinguished author of Sartor Resartus."

AN EXPERIENCED SHOPPER. - An old fellow who was noted through the town for his stutering as well as for his shrewdness in making a bargain, stopped at a grocery and inquired: "How m-m-many t-t-turkeys have you g-g-got?" "Eight, sir," replied the grocer. "T-t-tough or t-t-tender?" "Some are tender and some are tough," was the reply. "I k-keep b-b-b-boards," said the new customer. "P-pick out the f-four t-t-toughest t-t-turkeys if you please." The delighted grocer very willingly complied with the unusual request and said in his politest tones: "These are the tough ones, sir." Upon which the merchant coolly put his hands on the remaining four, and exclaimed: "I'll t-t-take th-th-these!"

A MARKET FOR WHEAT. - England will be in the twelve months between September, 1872, and September, 1873, one hundred million bushels of wheat from foreign fields. She is now receiving five million bushels per week, of which a considerable share is from France, where the wheat crop has been excellent. Our own broad fields will do their part toward making good the English deficiency, and with this market we can count on our wheat for the means of paying the value of much of those goods and wares which are imported from the English and industry supply us.

In the course of pulling down the old mill building in Cowgate, Edinburgh, recently, to widen the street, there was discovered in the crevice of a wall a specimen of the medal struck by Gregory XIII., to commemorate the massacre of St. Bartholomew. It is rather larger than an English half crown, and bears on the obverse side the effigy of the Pope, with the legend "Gregorius XIII., Pont. Max. An. I." (Gregory XIII., Supreme Pontiff, in the first year); and on the reverse with the legends, "Vgonotorum Strages (Slaughter of the Huguenots), 1572," a representation of the massacre, in which is seen the figure of a winged and helmeted angel, with a cross in one hand and a sword in another, engaged in the work of destruction.

The condition of George Macdonald is still critical, though not altogether alarming. He has had no fresh attack of bleeding at the lungs, but is quite weak. He is at Dover, N. J., with friends.

QUEEN VICTORIA has addressed an autograph letter to the Lord Chief Justice of England, expressive of Her Majesty's warm and cordial acknowledgment of his great services at the Tribunal of Geneva.

An intoxicated printer in East St. Louis wandered into a shoe-shop in a fit of mental aberration, and set up several stools full of shoe pegs, and took a proof of his matter in the boot press before he realized his awful condition.

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

Wreck of the Steamer "Matchless."

All on Board Lost.

Great Freshets in France and Belgium.

Snow Storm Out West.

Arrest of a Broker.

London, Dec. 19. - The steamship Matchless, of Boston, Mass., has been wrecked off the coast of Northumberland county. All on board were lost.

Paris, Dec. 19. - The river Seine has overflowed its banks and the water is spreading on both sides. In this city the quays are flooded, the stores near them are closed, and all traffic in that quarter is carried on by boats. Beyond Berry, a suburb of Paris, on the right bank of the Seine, the houses in the vicinity of river are standing in one vast lake of water.

Brussels, Dec. 19. - Despatches from Ghent report that the streams in that section of Belgium have risen above their embankments, and the country is inundated. The city of Ghent is now flooded, and in some of the streets the water is three feet deep.

Chicago, Dec. 20. - The most violent storm of the season commenced about three o'clock yesterday afternoon; and four inches of snow has fallen and drifted greatly before a northeast gale. The railroad companies report no detention of trains up to midnight.

New York, Dec. 20. - Robert Baile, broker, No. 2 Wall street, was arrested yesterday charged with defrauding J. & J. Stuart & Co. out of \$90,000. The latter firm claims that in 1871 they loaned Baile that amount on his personal honor, which he now refuses to pay.

London, Dec. 19. - The London Times' assizes column of this morning contains six verdicts of murder with sentences of death passed upon the culprits.

Agricultural and Arts Association of Ontario.

A meeting of the Council of the above Association was held on Wednesday afternoon. Present - the President - Mr. Stephen White (in the chair); Hon. David Christie, George Graham, Dr. Buckland, Archibald Macdonald, Nathan Choate, Andrew Wilson, James Young, M. P., R. Gibbons, M. P., P., Irvine Diamond, L. L. Shipley, and George Murton.

Considerable time was spent in passing accounts and reading protests. Mr. Osler, solicitor, attended the meeting, and informed the Council that the Denison case had been carried into the office of the Master in Chancery, that an advertisement with conditions of sale had been prepared, and that the sale would take place as soon as the Court ordered it.

On motion of Dr. Buckland, the Hon. David Christie was authorized to attend the examinations of the Veterinary College as representative of the Agricultural and Arts Association.

Mr. Gibbons said that the Minister of Agriculture had promised to give the sum of \$20 as a prize to be competed for by the students in the Veterinary College. He (Mr. Gibbons) moved that the Board give a prize of \$15, and one of \$10, as second and third prizes to that of the Minister. The motion was carried.

The Secretary was authorized to correspond with manufacturers of turn-stiles in England, with the view of purchasing a number in addition to those the Board now has.

On motion of Mr. Murton, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Christie, Monday, the 22nd of September, was agreed upon as the opening day of the next exhibition. -Globe.

Elora Pork Packing Company.

It gives us great pleasure to make public any new enterprise which has for its object the advancement of the village and the interests of our agricultural friends who are in the habit of doing business with us. The Pork Packing Company, which was organized last season, and which was a good speculation to shareholders, has again been called into active operation, and Mr. Livingstone, who has been appointed buyer, is now prepared to purchase from four to ten thousand hogs, paying the highest market price therefor. Several hogs were bought yesterday at from \$4.50 to \$5 per hundred. Two thousand six hundred hogs were purchased here last year by the same company, at an average of \$5 per hundred, and the company paid out over \$27,000. When operations fairly commence one hundred hogs will be cut up every day, giving employment to ten men. We hope the enterprise will be crowned with abundant success. -News.

STANLEY'S FAILURE AS A LECTURER.

It appears that as a lecturer, Mr. Stanley has proved a decided failure, and his efforts considered in a commercial point of view, have so far failed to pay expenses. The New York Herald's report of Mr. Stanley's late lecture must have caused no little surprise to its readers. The Herald has weighed Mr. Stanley in the balance and found him wanting, and expressed its opinion in unmistakable terms. He is, says the Herald, "intolerably dull," his "elocution is bad," and his manner of treating his subject was not such as to assure a forgetfulness of his faults of oratory." Besides, he only talked of common places, "his anecdotes were spoiled in the telling," and his "voice was pitched in a sing-song and devoid of monotony." In closing the report the critic says that "Mr. Stanley has utterly mistaken the necessities of the platform," and that "it would be cruel to him not to say so." And all this from the Herald!