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THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH, remodeled and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers. Free omnibus to and from all trains. First-class Livery in connection. May 14/72 J. A. THORP, Proprietor.

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O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL, IN THE QUEEN'S HOTEL, GUELPH, OPPOSITE THE MARKET

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New Advertisements.

TWO GENTLEMEN WANTED—Apply to Boarders in a private family. As at this office. (dw)

POCKET BOOK LOST—Lost, on Thursday, a dark brown large pocket book, containing a sum of money, about \$30, several papers. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving it at this office. (dw)

BLACKSMITH AND APPRENTICE WANTED.—Wanted, immediately, a Journeyman Blacksmith. A good hand only need apply. Also, an apprentice to the Blacksmith business. Apply at once to Jas. Laing, Morrison. (dw)

INVOICE OR JUNIOR CLERK WANTED.—Wanted, a youth, age from 16 to 18. Must be well educated, quick at figures, and a good writer. Apply, with references, stating age, salary required, &c. to box 143, Guelph. (dw)

TO LET—With immediate possession, the stone cellar, room offices, and upper story in Brownlow's Buildings, on Douglas street, near the Post Office. Apply to John Horsman, or William Day. Guelph, Feb. 12, 1873. (dw)

FOR SALE—Lot 71, on Wyndham street, near the Post Office. Clear title and immediate possession given. Also, a first-class stone house next. Apply to Donis Coffee. Guelph, December 27th, 1872. (dw)

DWELLING HOUSE FOR SALE—The subscriber offers for sale a Brick Dwelling House, containing seven rooms, with all necessary outbuildings, well supplied with hard and soft water. Apply to D. Kennedy, builder, Guelph. (dw)

TENDERS WANTED—Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to Monday, the 24th inst., for Masons', Bricklayers', Carpenters' and Painters' work for an enlargement of Store for John M. Bond, Esq., on Wyndham street. STEPHEN BOUT, Architect. Guelph, Feb. 18, 1873. (dw)

JUST ARRIVED—FINE SWEET ORANGES

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RAILWAY TIME TABLE

Winter Arrangement—On after Monday, 18th November: Grand Trunk Railway

Trains leave Guelph as follows: WEST 2:17 a.m.; 9:45 a.m.; 1:50 p.m.; 6:00 p.m. 8:53 p.m. To London, Goderich, and Detroit. To Berlin.

EAST 8:05 a.m.; 7:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 4:12 p.m. and 8:33 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—11:45 a.m. for Chifford; mixed 1:15 p.m. for Chifford; 4:55 p.m. for Fergus; 8:05 p.m. for Fergus.

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Town and County News.

REMEMBER that the pulpit of Knox Church here will be occupied by the Rev. John Genley, to-morrow, morning and evening.

The members of the Base Ball Club will remember the meeting, in the parlour of the Queen's hotel, at eight o'clock this (Saturday) evening.

FIREMEN'S HALL—The ball and supper given by the Guelph Fire Brigade, in the town hall, last night, passed off splendidly. About fifty couples were present.

Mr. Wm. CLARK has been appointed by the Council of Arthur Village Assessor and Collector at a salary for both offices of \$90. Who can say this is extravagant?

The Wellington Union Teachers' Association will hold its annual meeting in Elora, on Saturday, March 1st. Essayists, Miss Ellis and Miss Smith; discussion, Object Lessons and Assistance to Pupils.

CURLING MATCH—On Monday, commencing at one o'clock sharp, the members of the Guelph Curling Club will play a game of points for the possession of a handsome album, the gift of Mr. John Anderson, bookseller.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY—An adjourned meeting of the members of this society will be held in Quinn's Hotel, on Monday evening next, at half past seven o'clock. A full attendance is requested, as business of importance will be brought before the meeting.

AGRICULTURAL LABORERS—By referring to the advertising columns it will be seen that a public meeting has been called for Tuesday evening next, in the Council chamber here, to consider the best measures to be adopted for supplying this district with agricultural laborers.

PUBLIC MEETING—A public meeting is to be held in Berlin next Wednesday night, the 29th inst., to consider the best measures to be adopted for supplying the district with the agricultural and other laborers so greatly needed. Mr. John A. Macdonald, emigration agent of Toronto, and Mr. G. T. Haigh, Ontario agent of Quebec, and other gentlemen, will address the meeting. A full attendance is expected.

A LOCAL HIT—"We once heard of an extraordinary hen which cackled with admirable regularity, but she had no eggs. In this case, the hen was a public meeting, and the eggs were the measures to be adopted for supplying the district with agricultural laborers." (dw)

FARM LABORERS. PUBLIC MEETING!

A meeting to consider the best measures to be adopted for supplying this district with the agricultural and other laborers so greatly needed, will be held in Guelph, on Tuesday Evening Next, the 26th of February, at 7 o'clock.

IN THE COUNCIL ROOM, When John A. Macdonald, Esq., Emigration Agent, Toronto; G. T. Haigh, Ontario Emigration Agent, Quebec, and other gentlemen, will address the meeting. A full attendance is requested. JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk. Guelph, Feb. 22nd, 1873. (dw)

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869. In the matter of John McMillan, of Guelph, an Insolvent.

I, the undersigned, William McLaren, have been appointed Assignee in this matter. Creditors are requested to file their claims before me within one month.

Wm. McLaren, of Wm. McLaren & Co., MONTREAL. (dw)

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869. In the matter of John McMillan, of Guelph, an Insolvent.

Bankrupt Stock of Fancy and Woollen Goods, Toys, &c.

Tenders will be received at the office of the Official Assignee, at Guelph, up to noon, on SATURDAY, the 15th day of February, for the purchase of the stock-in-trade of the Insolvent, at a dollar rate, consisting of Fancy and Woollen Goods, Toys, &c., amounting, as per stock list, to the sum of \$1,000. The inventory may be seen at the office of the Assignee, at Guelph, and the goods may be viewed on application to Mr. David F. Bell, at Elora.

THOMAS SANDERS, Official Assignee. Guelph, Feb. 6th, 1873. (dw)

Sale Postponed. The above sale is postponed to SATURDAY, the 22nd inst., at the same hour and place. Hamilton Times copy it. (dw)

ALLAN LINE FOR LIVERPOOL AND GLASGOW

One of the magnificent steamships of this line leaves Guelph in summer, and Portland in winter.

EVERY SATURDAY For Liverpool, and on or about every Thursday for Glasgow.

Latons as low as any first-class line.

Prepaid Tickets to bring friends out issued at a reduction of 50c from the rate charged in the old country, and the agent's certificate that tickets were procured in this country will be sufficient to obtain the Government grant of six dollars to each person on three months residence as a settler, thus a great saving is effected by obtaining prepaid certificates at the office of the Allan line. All information furnished and tickets issued by GEO. A. OXNARD, G. T. B. Office, Guelph. (dw)

Local and Other Items.

"KIST" OF WHISTLES.—The congregation of the Presbyterian church of Colingwood, have decided the organ question, and have placed a \$250 cabinet organ in their church. The instrument was opened last Sabbath.

ANDERSON, the young man injured by the tobogganing accident in Montreal, some few weeks since, is recovering. He is to be "stretched" very shortly, as his back is actually broken.

TOBACCO FACTORY.—A joint-stock tobacco manufactory is to be started in Berlin. The amount of stock, \$20,000, at \$50 00 per share, has all been taken up. Operations will be commenced soon. It is intended to turn out first-class brands of tobacco.

DEATH FROM APOPLEXY.—Thomas Darby a young man engaged driving a team in Gilmore's Shanty, Lake Mishinogee was brought home a corpse on Saturday last. He was seized with an apopleptic fit and died in a short time. His loss is deeply felt by all who knew him.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A man named John Macmillan was killed instantly at Tiverton on Wednesday by a tree, which one of his companions had chopped, falling on him and fracturing his skull. He was going after something, and when the tree was falling was unable to get out of the way.

CURLING MATCH.—A curling match was played in Paris yesterday (Friday) between the Ayre club, and "Theistic Club" of Ancaster, for a Royal Caledonian Medal, which resulted, after a keen contest, in a victory for the Ayre club by five shots.

ROCKNER, a gentleman of Montreal, has voluntarily given himself up to justice, accused of stealing 1,500 yards of silk some time ago. At the time of the burglary he decamped, but now comes back to stand trial. He is respectfully commended.

LICENSES.—The Ottawa Citizen says:—"Hamilton issued 174 licenses for whiskey selling last year. Ottawa, with a population of about four thousand less, issued 184, and is not happy yet. Twelve new applications have been made, and probably the total will exceed 200 yet."

SUPPRESSION OF SLANG.—In the Girl's High School in San Francisco, a society of young women has been formed for the suppression of slang. A reporter "interviewed" one of the lovely members, and asked her if she thought the society would be successful in eradicating slang. "You bet!" was the lively and encouraging reply.

SEMIOUS ACCIDENT.—On Thursday evening some boys were shooting at a mark, in St. Catharines, when one of the boys, named Fitzgibbon, thinking that all the barrels of the revolver he was using were emptied, pointed it at one of his comrades, named Doyle. The latter cried, "Don't shoot!" and tried to get out of the way. But too late—the weapon was discharged, and the ball entered Doyle's face, a little below the left eye. Medical aid was at once procured, but the ball is not yet extracted. Hopes of his recovery are entertained.

FOR THE DOCTORS.—About a fortnight since, near the border of Townsend, a man, by an accident, had both bones of one leg fractured below the knee, when Dr. Macklen, of Scotland, having been brought, the fractures were set with but little pain, the patient even being quite able to get up for a short time after the adjustment of the broken limb. But now a stupor came over the sufferer, and he fell asleep, which, after a nap of 29 hours, proved to be the sleep that never wakes. It appears that no sedative of any kind was administered, hence it is rather an embarrassing problem for the local medical men to solve why death should have occurred under such circumstances.

BURST A BLOOD VESSEL.—On Sunday morning Mrs. Elliott, a woman residing on Slater street, Ottawa, died very suddenly, it is thought through bursting a blood vessel. Saturday afternoon she endeavored to raise a tub of ice from the yard, where it had been frozen to the ground. In lifting it a blood vessel burst. Her husband attended her during the accident, but his efforts were unavailing to save her life. She had, it is said, a quarrel with her husband some time ago, and he left her with a family of small children, dependent upon her for support. The neighbors with the children, who are left friendless and penniless. They will probably be cared for by some charitable people in the neighbourhood.

THE REPUBLIC IN SPAIN.—The New York Tribune says that the Republic of Spain, in the first week of its existence, has taught some lessons which the French Government has failed to learn within the last two years. The measures of reform proposed to the Spanish Assembly are far in advance of any beneficent legislative enactments recommended by the French Government. To-day, in strong contrast with the course of President Thiers, who has accepted the claim of the Committee of Thirty that the Assembly at Versailles has constituted powers, Senor Figueras has admonished the Assembly at Madrid that its authority is transitory and not constitutive. Spain even the Conservatives are anxious for new elections; but to a conservative the constituent power of the National Assembly must be judged dependent entirely upon the capacity of its party to create a majority of votes.

PHRENOLOGICAL JOKE.—The use and beauty of some kinds of phrenological science was nobly shown forth the other evening in Topeka, where a lecturer on bumps was delighting a large audience. Sundry ignorant and unpleasant persons to whom this scientific dispensation is not accorded, resolved to play dark tricks upon this good man, and to that end introduced upon the stage a very pious and reputable Kansas editor as "Col. Jennings," a celebrated gambler and seamp of Leavenworth. The phrenologist solemnly wandering over this worthy being's brain, became filled with inspiration and enthusiasm, and gave him a character of a dark, desperate and outrageous kind, pronouncing him a dangerous man, and one from whom pistols and bowie-knives should be seized. The gleeful and unpleasant persons before mentioned then introduced the real Col. Jennings as "Elder Davis," a noted local preacher. This gentleman, to whom his career is doubtless clear, was astonished and horrified to hear himself called "a man of extreme modesty, large conscientiousness, very sensitive, full of sympathy, and ready to die for the right."

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

Homestead Burned Down. Sioux Chief Killed by a Half-Breed.

Town of Petersburg Destroyed. St. Louis, Feb. 21.—The residence of President Grant, known here as the old homestead, and situated six miles from this city, was destroyed by fire this afternoon.

Omaha, Feb. 21.—Report from Fort Boon says the Sioux Chief, Sitting Bull, was killed recently at Fort Peck by a half-breed.

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—Advices from Honolulu to Jan. 25th, state that the King, in his inaugural address, proposed some important amendments to the Constitution. First and most important is that the Legislature be divided into two distinct branches—Nobes and representatives. He also proposed free suffrage, and that the Attorney-General of the Kingdom be no longer a member of the Cabinet. Legislative Assembly adopted these amendments, and it now only remains for the Legislature to ratify them next year.

Commercial Advertiser wishes the King to visit the United States to negotiate a treaty of reciprocity with Washington Government.

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 21.—The Courtland St. Block, which caught fire to-day, was destroyed.

Titusville, Pa., Feb. 22.—Courier says the main part of the town of Petersburg, Pa., was consumed yesterday by fire. Opera House, Adams' Hotel, Post Office, Savings Banks, St. Petersburg Hotel, Accidental Hotel, the P. & A. and W. U. Telegraph offices, were among the buildings burned.

Portland, Me., Feb. 22.—Steamship Mississippi from Boston for Liverpool, arrived here yesterday.

The Roaring Game. During the past few weeks a series of games have been played here for the possession of the Rink Medal. The last and decisive one was played on Friday. There were eight rinks contesting. The following are the scores of the different games:

1ST GAME. Wm. Roper, D. Stirling, G. A. Bruce, J. Anderson, W. Congalton, W. Mitchell, R. Emisle, D. Kennedy, skip, 19. A Robertson, sr., 12.

2ND GAME. Wm. Roper, J. Anderson, G. A. Bruce, Geo. Murton, J. Spalding, James Anderson, A. Congalton, skip, 21. C. Davidson, skip, 15.

3RD GAME. Wm. Roper, J. Anderson, J. Dobbie, J. Dobbie, skip, 17. A. Robertson, jr., 13.

4TH GAME. Mr. Nichols' Rink secured this game through forfeiture.

5TH GAME. W. Roper, J. Barclay, G. A. Bruce, C. Sharpe, W. Congalton, W. Sunley, W. H. Mills, D. Kennedy, skip, 23. T. J. Nichols, skip, 8.

6TH GAME. Wm. Roper, J. Anderson, J. Dobbie, J. Dobbie, skip, 22. A. Congalton, skip, 10.

7TH GAME. G. A. Bruce, W. Smith, W. Congalton, J. Anderson, R. Emisle, Jas. Dobbie, skip, 11. D. Kennedy, skip, 19. T. Dobbie, skip, 11.

It will be seen from the above, that Mr. D. Kennedy's Rink was the successful one.

ROBBERY. A telegram was received by the Chief of Police in Hamilton, on Thursday, from Toronto, to the effect that a robbery to the amount of \$900 had been committed, and that the supposed thieves had left for Hamilton. They were described in the telegram. Constables were immediately dispatched to search for them, and about four o'clock in the afternoon, while they were on the look-out at the Great Western Railway station, their attention was drawn to a couple of men who were disputing over an amount of money. It appears that they had arrived at the station with the intention of taking the train going to the Bridge, but were too late. One of them was immediately recognized by the description given in the telegram. He was accordingly arrested. He gave his name as Williams. Upon his person was found, when searched, \$681 in bills and \$3.15 in silver. His companion must have carried off the balance of the \$900. He is locked up in the cells awaiting his removal to Toronto.

The weather in Windsor is quite warm and spring like. The river is open and ferry boats plying between Windsor and Detroit, and very little ice running. An early opening of navigation is anticipated.

Two small children named Gignac, aged respectively four and six years, were accidentally drowned at Windsor on Thursday morning. While playing on the ice on the river, the ice gave way, and they were carried under by the current before they could be rescued.

The St. Catharines News announces the enlarged canal is settled, and that the Commissioners, Messieurs McAlpine, Gzowski and S. Koefer, have made a report on what is known as the Manro route, or on the route already adopted by the Government.

The Welland School Trustees require Mr. E. Shringley, their treasurer, to give security in bonds of \$1000 for himself, and \$500 each in two good sureties. But then they give him the enormous salary of \$10 a year!

Dr. A. C. Sinclair, of Port Elgin, Ont., is at Daniel's Hotel, Ottawa. He is sent to press upon the Government the claims of Port Elgin harbor to an appropriation. Whatever amount the Government may appropriate, the citizens are prepared to supplement with an equal sum. The Government have taken the matter under consideration.

Ontario Legislature.

Feb. 21. Among the bills read a third time and passed were the two introduced by Mr. Clarke, Centre Wellington, for the protection, in Ontario, of insectivorous and other birds beneficial to agriculture, and to further amend the Agriculture and Arts Act.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT. Hon. Mr. Crooks then made his financial statement. After some preliminary remarks he proceeded to explain the financial position of the Province, under the British North American Act of 1867, a stipulated amount of the debt of the two Provinces was assumed by the Dominion, and the excess over that amount devolved upon Ontario and Quebec. This excess was assumed by the arbitration to be nearly ten millions and a half. The interest on this amount was chargeable against the subsidy payable to these Provinces by the Dominion under the Confederation Act. So that, while in theory we received nearly \$1,200,000 annually from the Dominion, there stood as a first charge against that sum the interest of the principal of this debt was not payable by the Province on this excess of debt, which was assumed to be ten millions and a half, of which five-ninths was assumed to be Ontario's share, and four-ninths Quebec's share. In other words, according to this assumption the debt of Ontario would be \$5,833,333; and although the principal of this debt was not payable except at our option, the interest chargeable against the Province was five per cent., which was a perpetual charge against the Province. It must be remembered, however, that this ten millions and a half was merely an assumed sum. In a discussion in this Legislature the former leader of the Government, the Hon. J. S. Macdonald, took occasion to say that this amount was not an assumed amount, and the then Treasurer acquiesced in that view. Hon. members were aware that in the financial statement made by the then Treasurer in December, 1868, he took occasion to mention that this excess of debt was subject to a large reduction—a reduction which, he estimated at upwards of four millions. This reduction was made upon what appeared to him (Mr. Crooks) correct data. The figures were to be found in the financial statement of the member for South Brant, made in the House in December, 1868. That hon. gentleman stated that as between the Dominion and the old Province of Canada the public debt should be reduced by three large items—one against the Great Western Railway Company, the other against the Grand Trunk Company, and the third against the Northern Railway Company. But as against our assumed debt we had three special funds, about the value of which there could be no question, as a set-off. These were the Upper Canada Grammar School Fund, amounting to \$312,766, which was a living fund, bearing interest at 5 per cent.; the Upper Canada Building Fund, amounting to \$1,472,391, which was also a living fund, bearing interest at 6 per cent. Then we had our five-ninths' share of the Common School Fund, amounting to \$914,246; this too was a living fund, bearing interest at 5 per cent. So that we had \$2,699,457 of productive funds as a set-off against what may finally prove to be the amount of debt we owe to the Dominion. But besides this we were entitled to the Municipalities Fund, representing \$362,538, Upper Canada Improvement Fund, amounting to \$124,685, and also our share of the value of the Imperial Parliament, amounting to \$125,541—in all, an addition to the three millions already mentioned of upwards of half a million. Further, amongst the joint assets which under the British North American Act were declared to be the property of Quebec and Ontario, the Dominion had according to the distribution which the arbitrators assumed to make of these joint assets, the very large amount of nearly \$7,000,000, namely—debt from the T. C. Building Fund, \$36,800; Law Society, U. C., debentures, account, \$156,015; Municipalities Fund, indebtedness, \$67,213; Agricultural Society, U. C., \$4,000; and University Permanent Fund, \$1,220; in all \$6,990,171; so that assuming that this Municipal Loan Fund debt was to be dealt with this session, we were yet in a position to claim that in the final adjustment of the account of this Province with the Dominion, only a small sum would stand against us as our share of the excess of debt. It was scarcely necessary to state an amount until it could be absolutely determined what was the correct amount of the debt of the old Province of Canada on the 30th June,