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Business Cards.

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

A. H. MACDONALD,
BARRISTER AT LAW.
OFFICE—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets.
Guelph, June 3, 1874. d&wtf

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Offices—Brownlow's New Buildings, near the Registry Offices.
A. LEMON, K. MACLEAN, | H. W. PETERSON, County Crown Atty

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

OLIVER & McKINNON,
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Office—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec streets, Guelph, Ont.
R. OLIVER. dw A. M. McKINNON.

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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. f27 dw

DR. COLLINGE,
(M.D., Edinburgh, and M.R.C.S., England having assisted Dr. Clarke in his Practice during the last twelve months, has now commenced Practice on his own account at the house formerly occupied by Dr. Herod, Quebec Street East, Guelph.
Guelph, May 27, 1874. dw3m

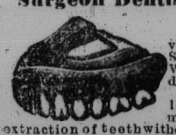
IRON CASTINGS
Of all kinds, made to order at
CROWE'S IRON WORKS,
Norfolk Street, Guelph.
15dw JOHN CROWE Proprieto

DANIELS & BUCHAN,
(Successors to James Barclay.)
Carpenters and Builders,
South of the Drill Shed, Guelph.
Jobbing a specialty. Lumber and Cedar Joisting always on hand.
Guelph, July 27, 1874 dwly

DOMINION SALOON AND RESTAURANT,
Opposite the Market, Guelph.
The subscriber begs to notify his friends and the public that he is now proprietor of the above saloon, and hopes by keeping none but first-class liquors and cigars to receive a share of public patronage.
Oysters in their season. First-class accommodation for supper parties.
M. DEADY, Proprietor.
Guelph, April 7, 1874. dly

MP. DELOUCHE
WIRE WORKER,
Pearl street, off King street. Every description of wire work made to order at the lowest terms. Any orders left at W. H. Macdonell's seed store, Market Square, or at R. Murray's fruit depot, Wyndham street, will be thankfully received and promptly attended to. Terms strictly cash.
Guelph, June 13, 1874. dtf.

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. d

W. M. FOSTER, L.D.S.,
Surgeon Dentist, Guelph.

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

R. Campbell, L.D.S.
Having recovered from his recent illness, is again prepared to attend to the wants of all who may require his services.
Office at the old stand, Wyndham street, Guelph.

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 in all styles, in the latest styles.
Fresh Salmon Lobsters and Sardines.

THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH — Remodelled and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers. Free omnibus to and from all trains. First-class Livery in connection.
m 11dwtf JAS. A. THORP Proprieto

FOR SALE — A very excellent Building Lot fronting on Paisley Street and running through to Oxford street — about half an acre. Apply to R. Easton, bookbinder, St. George's square, Guelph.

10 acres of Land wanted, suitable for Strawberries, near the town. Apply to the above.
Guelph, July 15, 1874. dwtf

New Advertisements.

STONE SHOP TO RENT — In the Town of Guelph, well adapted for any kind of manufacturing business. Apply at the Mercury office. j27-dwtf

STONE HOUSE TO LET — On Norwich street, Guelph, known as the Trainor House, containing 8 rooms, soft and hard water, woodshed and stable. Apply to D. O'Connor, near the premises.
Guelph, July 30, 1874 d6

LOST.—On Tuesday, between Guelph and the Model Farm, Morton's Design Book of Monuments and Headstones. The finder will be rewarded by returning it to Wm. Hearn, Wellington Marble Works, Guelph.
Guelph, July 30, 1874. dtf.

JOHN McCREA,
Produce Commission Merchant,
and Insurance Agency.
Office—Bank of Commerce Buildings.
Guelph, July 28th, 1874. d6m

FARM FOR SALE IN GLENELG — Lot 12 in the 14th, and lot 12 in the 15th Cons., Glenelg, Co., Grey, 134 acres, 40 cleared. All well watered.
ROBERT MITCHELL, Solicitor, Guelph.
Guelph, July 22nd, 1874. w3t-d16t

DR. W. H. LOWRY,
Graduate of University of Trinity College. Member of College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario. Office—Next door to Mr. Jas. Hazelton, Upper Wyndham Street.
Guelph, August 3rd, 1874. d&w3m.

MAPLE LEAF
Base Ball Club.
The Regular Monthly Meeting of the M.L. Base Ball Club will be held at the Queen's Hotel, on TUESDAY, the 4th August, at 8 o'clock, sharp. A full attendance requested.
2d A. WEIR, Sec.

SABBATH SCHOOL OPENING.
The St. Andrew's Church School House being completed,
A SOIREE
Will be held therein on TUESDAY Evening, the 11th inst. Tea will be served at six o'clock, after which addresses are expected to be delivered by Rev. J. D. Macdonnell, of Toronto, Rev. Mr. Mullen, of Fergus; and Revs. Messrs. Wardrope, Ball and Torrance, of Guelph.
An invitation is extended to all friends of the cause.
Music will be furnished by the choir.
Tickets of admission 25 cents, to be had at the Bookstores, and at the doors.
The Rev. J. D. Macdonnell will preach (D. V.) in St. Andrew's Church, on Sabbath 9th inst., forenoon and evening, when a collection will be taken up in aid of Furnishing Fund.
Guelph, August 1st, 1874. dtdw1

NOTICE.
The Miniature Steamer
Will, on and after Wednesday, July 29th, leave the wharf at 7 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Fare 25c for the round trip. Other days, may be chartered for pic-nic parties. Boats for hire as usual.
JNO. CLARKE, Near Dundas Bridge.
Guelph, July 29, 1874. dtf

WALROND'S
CONFECTIONERY STORE,
Next to Petrie's Drug Store.
Choice Confectionery,
Ice Cream and Soda Water.
CAKES of all kinds constantly on hand. Weddings supplied on short notice.
Guelph, July 29, 1874. dtf

JOHN KIRKHAM,
GUNSMITH,
Quebec street, Guelph, opposite the Churches.
Guns, Pistols, and Sporting Materials always on hand. Repairing as usual.
NOTICE.—All parties having left guns at my place for repairs are requested to call for the same at once, or they will be sold to pay expenses.
Guelph, July 16, 1874. dwtf

TO BORROWERS.
Having invested the $28,000 recently advertised, we again have the following sums, besides others, to lend on farm security:

$500	$1000
$600	$1000
$600	$1200
$600	$1250
$800	$2000
$800	$2500

LEMON, PETERSON & MACLEAN.
Guelph, July 18, 1874 dw

3 THE CYLINDER ENGINE.
Low-priced, serviceable, quality unsurpassed.
Machinery, Iron and Wood-working, of leading Canadian and U. S. manufacture, Cold-rolled Shafting, Gearing, Belting, Diamond Emery Wheels, and Grinders, &c.
JAS. R. ANNETT, 90 Wellington St, Montreal.
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THE SUBSCRIBERS
HAVING BEEN
APPOINTED AGENTS
—BY—
Messrs. Williams Bros.
of Buffalo, N.Y.,
FOR THEIR CELEBRATED AMERICAN
MARBLEIZED
SLATE MANTLES
Beg to acquaint
Contractors and Builders
That they will keep constantly on hand a stock of their Mantles, and would invite inspection of the samples we have on hand, and which we are offering at very low figures.
H. CLEARIHUE & Co.,
GUELPH.
Guelph, Aug. 1, 1874 dw4w

FIRST-CLASS FARM FOR SALE—In the Township of Waterloo, one mile south of the Grand Trunk Line and six miles from Guelph, containing 127½ acres, of which 100 are cleared and in a good state of cultivation, about 18 acres good hardwood and the rest cedar. There is a never-failing creek running through it, and several wells near and in the buildings. A good bearing orchard and first-class buildings, together with all the outbuildings required. Apply to George Atkinson on the place, or if by letter to Kossuth P.O., Co. Waterloo. a5wtf

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TUESDAY EVN'G, AUGUST 4, 1874.

Town and County News

ADVERTISING. — T. B. Baker, one of Barnum's Advertising Agents, is in town and is canvassing for the World's Fair advertising programme. It is an admirable public medium.

WESTERN FAIR.—Mr. McBride, the Secretary of the London Western Fair, was in town yesterday, and left a number of prize lists and entry papers, which can be obtained from Mr. George Murton, Secretary of the Central Exhibition.

PRESENTATION.— On Monday afternoon several members of the congregation of the Baptist Church went to the house of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Davidson, and presented him with a purse of money, on the occasion of his departure for his holidays. He started on the afternoon train for the east, intending to go to Montreal and thence near Brockville, where his sister resides. For the past twenty years he has never taken the customary summer vacation, and we trust he will enjoy this one. He will be away about three weeks, the pulpit being supplied in the meantime by Rev. Messrs. Henderson of Paris, and Gerrie of Dundas.

SHOOTING ACCIDENT. — We learn that Andrew Craig, a young man about 19 years of age, met with a pistol accident on Saturday last, which fortunately is not likely to result seriously, but which will prevent him from attending to his work for some time. It appears that he was in the upper part of the town, having the pistol with him. Seeing a feline, and supposing that Tom had outlived his usefulness, he drew a bead on the unsuspecting animal, but from some cause, the weapon failed to discharge its contents. He was in the act of examining the cause of failure, and had the pistol pointing towards the ground, when the hammer slipped, and off went the weapon, the ball passing through the fourth toe of his foot, considerably shattering that member. Dr. McGregor attended the patient, who is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

BASE BALL ITEMS.

The members of the Maple Leaf Club hold a meeting in the Queen's Hotel, this evening at 8 o'clock, sharp.

FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP.—We understand that the "Royal Oak" B. B. Club, of Bowmanville, will visit Guelph on Tuesday next, 11th inst., to play with the Maple Leafs for the Championship. If we except the Maple Leafs, there is no better club in Canada than the Royal Oaks.

Yesterday on the Maple Leaf grounds, the Butchers and Grain Buyers played a friendly game. The play proved disastrous to the latter, who were not Sharpe enough to score more than 53 runs, while the Hardy nature of the Wood used, and the Smartness of the players on the opposite side, scored no less than 67. We C Sharpe made a big score, and think if the other players would B Sharper they would not have had to pay such a Penalty. Our "Mutual Friend" Moulton, like his namesake in the Beecher case, was, "out on the fly," but as we will not insist that he should tell all he knows about the game, he needn't feel uneasy. The Grain Buyers suffered several times from the ball striking their corns when they were trying to make a successful "corner." However, see the score for particulars:—

BUTCHERS	O	R	GRAIN BUYERS	O	R
W Woods, p	3	8	C Sharpe, p	3	8
R Millar, c	2	8	D Moulton, 1b	2	7
G Woods, 1b	4	7	W Keeling, 2b	6	4
J McHardy, 2b	3	8	G Balkwill, 3b	1	7
W McHardy, 3b	1	10	T Merlihan, s s	1	8
J Smart, lf	4	6	W Carter, lf	4	5
G Hood, rf	6	5	J Penelton, c f	3	4
A Tyson, s s	1	9	J Henderson, c	3	6
F Simmons, cf	4	6	G Lees, rf	5	4
Totals	30	67	Totals	30	53

RUNS EACH INNINGS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Butchers	5	5	3	2	7	6	13	4	5	16	—67
Gr'n By'rs	1	16	13	2	3	4	5	0	7	2	—53

Scorers, W. Hales and G Anderson, jr.
Umpire, J. H. Quinby, of Albany.
Time 4h 10m.

A game was played on the grounds at St. Jacobs on Saturday last between the local club and the Mountain Rangers, juniors, of Guelph. The contest resulted in "glorious victory" for our boys, as shown by the score.—

Mountain Rangers	6	2	0	7	0	3	1	6	6	—	31
St. Jacobs	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	—	5

The sixth game of the championship series, between the Mutuals of New York and the Chicago White Stockings, which was played at Chicago on Saturday, resulted in favor of the Mutuals by the following score:

RUNS EACH INNINGS.

Mutual	1	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	—6
Chicago	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	—2

The following is the championship record up to the 1st inst.

	Games played.	Won.	Lost.
Boston	38	30	8
Athletic	34	23	11
Mutual	36	20	16
Chicago	33	17	16
Philadelphia	33	14	19
Hartford	27	10	17
Atlantic	29	9	20
Baltimore	28	6	22

At Manchester on Saturday, the Athletics beat the Red Stockings by a score of 13 to 12. The game lasted two hours; the concourse of spectators was large and very appreciative. Before the game the players explained the method of laying out the ground, and gave exhibitions of throwing and catching the ball. The audience appeared to understand the game, and there was some betting on the result after the second innings.

CRICKET TOURNAMENT IN PARIS.—The Paris Cricket Club have made arrangements for a Grand Tournament, to be held on the grounds in that town, beginning on the 5th August. The contests will last for four days, and a grand time may be expected by all lovers of the manly English game.

OWING to the small demand for freights, ship owners at Kingston are laying up their crafts.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY

The Beecher-Tilton Scandal.

Beecher and Molton to Testify.

Counterfeit Bonds in England.

Bursting of a Reservoir.

The Bishops and the Laws.

London, Aug. 3.—The Public Worship Regulation Bill passed its third reading in the House of Commons.

It is reported from Berlin that the Roman Catholic Bishops have forwarded to the Government a protest declaring that they cannot submit to one-sided laws, and claiming that legitimate power in matters concerning the Church belongs to the Pope alone.

New York, Aug. 3.—The Beecher Investigating Committee continued their session in private this evening. Six witnesses were examined, four gentlemen and two ladies. Two of the witnesses were understood to be Mr. and Mrs. Beach, friends of Mr. Beecher, whose residence adjoins his farm at Peekskill. The other lady was closely veiled and could not be identified. After leaving the house she was accompanied by Mr. Ovington to the residence of Mr. Beecher on Columbia Heights. The other witnesses' name scould not be ascertained. Mrs. Tilton's cross-examination will be made public to-morrow. It is stated Beecher or Moulton will testify before the Committee to-morrow evening, when it is believed the investigation will be concluded. Frank Carpenter has decided not to appear before the Committee, and will write a letter giving reasons for his failure to testify.

President Grant has avowed his intention of running for a third term.

A Washington despatch says the reason why the Secretary of the Treasury calls in so few five-twenty bonds at a time is, because a large number of counterfeits are in circulation in Europe, making careful scrutiny necessary.

A kidnapping case is reported in Brooklyn, a little girl, eight years old, named Annie Miller, being the victim, and three negroes the kidnappers.

The reservoir of Trenton, New Jersey, Waterworks, broke away yesterday afternoon about a mile north of the business centre of the city, precipitating a large volume of water in two streets through the city, and causing loss to property of about $10,000.

Gloucester, Mass., Aug. 3. — Frank Moulton is the guest of General Butler at Bay View.

Fire in Hespeler.

(From our Correspondent.)

A fire broke out in the Beaver Hotel stables, owned by Mr. Christopher Pabst, at 5.30 on Monday afternoon. The stables, which were built of stone, are a total wreck. They contained 11 tons of hay at the time of the fire, which was totally consumed.

By the almost superhuman efforts of the inhabitants of the village, the hotel was saved. Though its roof and a building used as a kitchen, standing to the rear of the main building, were nearly demolished. Mr. Louis Huether's house, to the west of the stables was saved only by the greatest exertions of the people, who, both men and women, deserve unqualified praise. The fire engine worked admirably, as also did one of the small hand-pumps, manufactured by Nun & Co.

The Preston Fire Company was telegraphed for, and arrived in a remarkably short time. They are entitled to the best thanks of the whole village for the alacrity with which they answered the call for assistance from Hespeler, not only upon this occasion but upon several former occasions. The fire is said to have originated from four or five little boys going into the stables and experimenting with matches. Loss said to be about $1,600. Insured in the Waterloo Mutual for $400.

Hespeler, Aug. 3, 1874.

Fergus Correspondence.

Tenders have been issued for the erection of a new bridge between the 3rd and 4th concessions of Garafraxa, on the Grand River.

The Tower Street Bridge in Fergus has just received a new floor of thick plank, which will last a long time.

A steam whistle has been erected on McMahon's stave factory, which supplies the want of a public clock, an article much needed in town.

The Melville Church S. Schools hold their annual pic-nic in the grounds of A. D. Ferrier, Esq., on Thursday next, 6th inst.

Three pic-nics were held on Friday last, and were all well attended. They were those of School Section No. 3, Nichol; Sunday School (Union) in the Green Settlement; and Mr. Barker's Congregational Church, Garafraxa.

A severe thunder storm passed over this town last Thursday night. The lightning caused considerable damage in destroying fences, but nothing serious occurred.

The hay crop in this section is good, and is all in. Peas and barley will soon be ready, and promise well. Oats and wheat will not be ready in general until about the end of August.

Potatoes are a good crop, suffering little at present from the bug.

Sickness prevails to a great extent in this village and neighborhood.

The Rev. Mr. Dobbin, Presbyterian minister, from New York State, preached in St. Andrew's Church last Sunday morning, in Mr. Barker's Congregational Church in the afternoon, and in Melville Church in the evening.

Mr. T. J. Herndon has sold out his interest in the Queen's Theatre, Toronto, to Mr. Spackman. Mr. Herndon proposes visiting the principal cities and towns in the Dominion during the winter months.

Town Council.

The regular meeting of the Council was held on Monday evening. Members all present, except Messrs. Hall and Heffernan.

Accounts in connection with the Volunteer Strawberry Festival from R. Evans, R. Murray, and Hugh Walker were presented, but laid over until the other accounts be handed to the Committee appointed to deal with that matter.

Mr. Coffee presented the 11th report of the Road and Bridge Committee. A report was also presented from the Printing Committee.

The discussion on the Road and Bridge Committee's report, presented at last meeting, was taken up.

Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Howard, moved that the report of the Committee of the whole at last meeting be not now adopted, but that the Council now go into Committee of the whole on the tenth report of the Road and Bridge Committee.—Carried.

Mr. Howard took the chair.

Mr. Davidson said there had been more money expended since the last meeting than ever in the same time before, and the chairman should have brought down a statement showing how it had been spent. He thought the Council could do nothing without the books. The Committee were responsible for the appropriation of the money granted them.

Mr. Elliott said an investigation was absolutely necessary, because money charged on streets had never been expended on them, to his knowledge. He asked the chairman whether the lumber charged on the streets was put down as owing to Stewart. If so, as the chairman said, there was a double charge, for the chairman's orders were for the lumber used, and the balance of $390.23 worth of lumber was unaccounted for.

Mr. McCrae said that if the detailed statement brought in by the Committee were correct, the amounts expended should exceed the chairman's orders by $390.23.

Mr. Raymond said the amount named was charged to the streets, and was also deducted from the total cash balance in hand.

Mr. Elliott put the matter in another way. The chairman said he had expended $1793.10, and that amount included the lumber; and yet there were $390.23 still due for lumber. Another question he would ask was how the $100 had been spent on Macdonnell street?

Mr. Coffee said there were five crossings laid on this street, that culverts were dug, gravel laid down, and numerous other improvements that he could not name without the overseer's books.

Mr. Elliott asked whether it were true that the teams drawing manure from this street were to be paid for by the parties who were removing it.

Mr. Coffee said he did not know, but if Mr. Elliott knew anything about it—as he seemed to—he should give the Council the benefit of the information.

Mr. Elliott asked Mr. Coffee whether he always gave orders on his own responsibility, and gave the overseer his instructions.

Mr. Coffee replied that he had done so when the other members of the Committee could not. His instructions to the overseer were that he was to do the best he could, but to charge nothing to one street which was expended on another.

Mr. Elliott asked how the money had been spent on Dublin street; and when the chairman replied that he did not know, he (Mr. Elliott, stated that there had been money paid out there for carrying off dirt which had been dumped from Northumberland street, the latter having exceeded its appropriation.

After some discussion, Mr. Elliott asked with reference to the Contingent Fund. $460 had been granted to this fund, but the items properly coming from it came only up to $415.80.

Mr. McCrae read a statement from the Committee's report, showing that $678.32 were left unaccounted for.

Mr. Robertson advised calling the overseer, who was present, and getting the desired information.

Mr. Coffee had suggested at first that the overseer should be present, but now that he was present, he (Mr. Coffee) would like to have the books presented.

Mr. Hood, after referring to the duties of the overseer, said that there was no street more travelled than Macdonnell street, and the assertions by Councillors who doubted that any expenditures had been made on that street were entirely out of place. In the spring of the year there was an immense quantity of ice to be removed, and besides this work there was a large number of other improvements to be carried out. He deprecated the practice of the Council in calling upon this Committee for detailed statements while the work was in progress.

Mr. Bruce wanted to know where the manure was taken from Wyndham street? He had heard it was carried to the Hospital.

Mr. Coffee denied that assertion.

Mr. Petrie opposed the practice of throwing out insinuations to the Committee without good proof.

Mr. Elliott then moved, seconded by Mr. Robertson, that the report of the Road and Bridge Committee be not now adopted, but that Messrs. Harvey, Davidson, Elliott, Petrie and Howard be a special committee to examine the books of the overseer, and that the Overseer attend that meeting.

Mr. Petrie considered the motion one of want of confidence in the Committee.

The Mayor stated that although the overseer was present, no questions had been asked him.

Mr. Robertson explained that it would take too long to examine the Overseer or go over his books, in Council.

The motion was then put and carried, and the Committee rose.

Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Robertson, moved that the report of the Committee of the whole be adopted.

Mr. Coffee moved in ammendment, seconded by Mr. Raymond, that the tenth report of the Road and Bridge Committee be adopted.

The amendment was put and lost on a vote of 5 to 8.

The motion was then carried by a vote of 8 to 5.

The 11th report of the Road and Bridge Committee, presented by Mr. Coffee, was then taken up:—Your Committee have considered the communication of John Mair, Chairman of the Road and Bridge Committee of the County of Wellington, asking for a grant to complete and make the approaches to the Victoria Bridge, which grant your Committee cannot at present recommend.

On motion of Mr. Coffee, the report was adopted.

The report of the Printing Committee, recommending the payment of $36.28 to T. J. Day, was on motion adopted.

On motion of Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. McCrae, a By-Law for levying a rate of three mills in the dollar for watering streets, was read and passed.

The Council then adjourned.

A Cruise Among the Northern Lakes.

Six years ago when the Press Association undertook a trip to Lake Superior, this now popular route was but little known, and still less appreciated. Now, thanks to the efforts of the conductors of the press, to the onward westward march of civilization, and to a fuller knowledge of the splendid scenery that abounds throughout all this north-west region, thousands of pleasure and health seekers visit the shores of the great northern lakes yearly, some to indulge for a time in the primitive, lawless life of fishermen under canvas, who know no law but their own sweet will; while others content themselves with a view of the scenery from the steamer as it sails over these great inland seas.

This year, the Press Association decided to make their annual excursion over the same route, and on the 21st of July, a party of about 40 left Toronto for Collingwood, bound for Lake Superior. On reaching Collingwood the members were handsomely entertained by the Town Council, and the same night got on board the steamer Cumberland. There were besides the members a large party of excursionists, and about 350 Mennonites—being the first lot of immigrants of that class who had travelled over this route on the way to Manitoba. Their destination was Duluth, where they were to take the Northern Pacific Railway for Moorhead, and from thence take the steamer on the Red River for Fort Garry. These occupied the main deck, and though huddled together in the most promiscuous fashion, with scanty accommodation and but little opportunity of ensuring comfort or cleanliness, they looked remarkably well after their long journey by sea and rail. They are for the most part very intelligent and well informed, and seemed most anxious to learn all that they could about Canada and their new home. Some of them might be seen day by day patiently scanning the German-English Dictionary—for they all speak German—and when helped in the proper pronounciation of a word, they express their thankfulness in their own fashion, and set to work again in their studies with redoubled earnestness. They were strict and regular in their religious observances, and their singing—slow, solemn and monotonous as it was—had a peculiar attraction in it, and reminded one of the sweet yet plaintive music even sometimes yet heard in the Highlands in Scotland when the people meet for religious services. We were most favourably impressed with these strangers, and feel assured that in their new home they will soon become intelligent, industrious and wealthy citizens. They travelled alone without an interpreter or guide. This we think is a great oversight on the part of the Government, whose duty it is to see these strangers safely not only through the Dominion but also through the States, where they are liable to be cheated, and all sorts of means used to detain them in that country.

Our route lay from Collingwood to Owen Sound, thence to Presqu'Isle, known as Sarawak P.O., where we found our old Puslinch man, Mr. John MacKenzie, who, in his versatile capacity of storekeeper, postmaster, lighthouse keeper, manufacturer of pressed hay, telegraph agent, and we don't know what else, merits special notice for his enterprise in settling in this once desolate region, and for his indomitable perseverance, which we are glad to know has been rewarded with success.

From this point the route lay direct for the north shore of the Grand Manitoulin Island, and after twelve hours' sail over the spacious bosom of the Georgian Bay, the steamer stopped at Killarney, a fishing station in one of the numerous channels, with half-a-dozen houses, and a few wigwams on the opposite side of the water. Another hour's sail brought us to Little Current, a small village on the Manitoulin, with a comfortable hotel, kept by Mr. Griffiths, an old Guelph man. He is also a successful farmer, and informed us that the emigration to the Manitoulin was steady, and that new comers were well satisfied with the Island. After examining the many Indian curiosities and fancy work kept in Mr. Abrey's (a Halton man) store, the steamer breasts once more the strong current which here prevails, and soon we are into the main north channel, which divides the North shore from the Manitoulin.

The channel for many miles is wide, but is dotted here and there by islands of various sizes, all of them covered with scrubby timber, but rocky, rugged and tenantless. No human habitation is seen, not even a bird flutters its wing over these desolate regions—and there are no signs of life but those on the steamer, if we except the few gulls which follow the wake of the vessel in search of food. The next place we reach is the Bruce Mines. On entering the village it presents a dreary, desolute and woe-begone appearance. Half of the houses at least are empty, all but one of the mines have stopped working, and the general depression, following on the failure of the smelting furnace, and the low price of copper which offers but the scantiest remuneration in working the mines and sending the ore to Britain, is