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Guelph, February 6th. 41m

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Of best Groued Paris and Calabona

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By the sale of the sub-silver Five Hundred Tons of best Groued Paris and Calabona Plaster. As the above was ordered when the prices were low, farmers had better send in their orders at once, and get the benefit of

**THE LOW PRICES.**  
Apply at the old stand, near the Railway crossing.  
**Geo. BALKWILL.**  
Guelph, 19th Feb., 1868. wt

**SURROGATE COURT.**

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Judge of the Surrogate Court of the County of Wellington, on the 14th day of March next, for the appointment of Angus Mc-Kinnon, of the Township of Erin, gentleman, to be Guardian of Archibald McKinnon, an Infant.  
D. GUTHRIE,  
Solicitor.

## TRAVELLERS' GUIDE.

**GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.**  
GOING EAST. GOING WEST.  
Mail Express, 9.45 a.m. Day Express, 9.45 a.m.  
Thy Express, 2.55 p.m. Eve. Ex. 2.45 a.m.  
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Mixed, 10.50 a.m. Accommodation, 6.45 a.m.  
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## NEW LAW OFFICE.

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Guelph, 4th December 1867. dw

## Evening Mercury.

OFFICE: - MACDONNELL STREET.  
TUESDAY EV'G, MARCH 10, 1868.

The Galt Cattle Fair will be held to-morrow (Wednesday).

The Brockville Town Council remitted Dr. Sparham's taxes, and voted him \$30, for attending patients who had the small-pox.

Mr. Angus Russell, ex-cashier of the Barrie branch of the Bank of Toronto, has been arrested for forgery, but it is doubtful whether the Bank will prosecute.

## THE SPRING TRADE.

Advertisers will catch a large class of readers by inserting their business announcements in this paper. Our daily and weekly editions are double those of our contemporaries.

**MASONIC.**—The regular communication of Speed Lodge, No. 180, A. F. and A. M., will be held in the new hall over the Bank of Commerce this (Tuesday) evening at half past seven sharp.

Wm. Burger has been appointed Chief of Police of the town of Milton, at a salary of \$75 per annum. The duties are probably not onerous.

No CHANGE.—The *Champion* says:—We were misinformed when we stated that Mr. Harris had obtained the bailiffship of Nelson and Nassagaweya, as he is bailiff of the former township alone, no change for the present having been made in Nassagaweya.

**BALL TO-NIGHT.**—Remember the Military Ball to-night, which will begin as soon as the Concert is ended. The Committee have been making the necessary preparations, the Town Hall is gorgeously decorated, and none of the external accompaniments of pleasure will be wanting.

**FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting of the Guelph Branch of the French Canadian Missionary Society will be held in the Congregational Church to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at seven o'clock, when the Rev. Mr. Byrne, general agent of the Society, as well as others, will address the meeting. The public are cordially invited to attend.

**THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.**—Mr Sandford Fleming is still at Ottawa. He has submitted to Government maps and plans of his explorations of a route for the Intercolonial Railway. An effort is now being made in the Cabinet to find a compromise line between the Robinson line and the frontier route. If that is done, of course the crisis will be delayed for a season. Come it must, however, and that before long.

**PRESSED BRICK.**—The "London pressed Brick Manufacturing Company" is now maturing and will begin operations as soon, after this month, as the weather will permit. The capital stock is limited to \$6,000—in shares of \$100 each. The old McDonald Brickyard, in Westminster comprising over six acres, has been purchased for \$3,100. There are on the lands suitable buildings. A steam engine and boiler have been bought in Bothwell for \$825. The capacity of the engine is 15 horse power; of the boiler 22 horse. The pressing machine (one of Sweden's) is expected to arrive on the 25th. With eight hands, exclusive of engineer, it will average 25,000 to 30,000 brick every ten hours. By increasing the number of men brick may be made just as fast as it is desirable to run the engine.

A traveller in China, speaking of the awful carnage in the Tae-ping rebellion, states that a belt of land four hundred miles long and two hundred wide is literally without an inhabitant; and a district that once yielded 900,000 chests of tea per annum is now a deserted waste.

The young women of Phillipsburg, N. J., have formed a society whose members pledge themselves not to encourage the advances of any young man who makes use of intoxicating liquors.

**AXES.**  
Axes and axe handles good and cheap  
**JOHN HORSMAN'S.**

**SUICIDE.**—The *Champion* is informed that an old man confined in the Oakville lock-up for being drunk and disorderly, was found dead on Saturday morning last, having committed suicide by hanging himself by a rope composed of the bed clothes torn into strips.

The St. Mary's *Avoyus* says that on the 10th of Feb., a girl, named Mary Ann Love, of the township of Downie, gave birth to a child, and immediately after murdered it, by dashing it against a log. She has been lodged in jail at Stratford, to await trial.

**CANADIANS IN DETROIT.**—A Canadian Society has been formed in Detroit, and they have got out their Constitution and By-laws. The motto of the Society is "Benevolence," and the emblem is the Beaver and Maple Leaf of Canada. The object of the Society is to assist Canadians who may find it necessary to reside in or visit Detroit; to give pecuniary assistance where necessary, and such information as may be required. Thomas R. Forsyth is President, and J. G. Wilson and D. Bethune, jr., Vice-Presidents. The society, we understand, is in a prosperous state, and for the short time it has been in existence has done much good.

**GUELPH ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY.**—An adjourned meeting of the above Society was held at Coffee's hotel on the evening of Monday last. The attendance of members was large. The President, Richard Mitchell, Esq., occupied the chair, and explained that the object of the meeting was to consider the propriety of celebrating the natal day of Ireland's patron saint, by a concert or other means. After some discussion it was agreed to abide by a resolution proposed at the annual meeting held lately, which was to the effect that the annual dinner be dispensed with this year, and that the efforts of the Society be directed towards the raising of funds for benevolent purposes. It was not considered improbable that on some future fitting occasion in the course of the year, an entertainment having for its object the augmentation of the funds at the disposal of the Society for charitable uses, might be given under the auspices of the Sons of St. Patrick. A large number of new members were admitted, and the meeting adjourned.

**GRAND MILITARY CONCERT.**—It would be supererogation to remind our readers of the Concert in the Drill Shed this evening, but it might not be amiss for us to tell them something of the entertainment that awaits those who attend. There are six pieces for which the programme makes the Band of the 13th Hussars responsible, besides a glee by Messrs. Brown, Earl and Warburton, two songs by Mr. T. H. Taylor, one by Mrs. Cuthbert, one by Mrs. Howitt, a duetto by the Misses Holden, a song by Miss Fraser and another by Miss Jones. It will thus be seen that some of our very best local talent has been laid under contribution, and would unassisted delight the most critical audience. The opportunity of hearing such music as will be discoursed by the Band of the 13th Hussars, one of the most accomplished in the service, may not present itself again for a very long time, and the occasion should not be let slip by those who are fond of martial strains. The Drill Shed will be commodiously fitted up, and, in common phrase, a good time may be confidently anticipated.

**SUSPICIOUS DEATH.**—It will be recollected by our readers that a man named Wm. Wright died suddenly, under rather suspicious circumstances, at an inn kept by a person named Alexander, in the village of Alton, in Caledon. Suspicion and reports were very strong at the time that he died, from ill usage, but at an inquest held on his body, which lasted three days, the jury returned a verdict that deceased died from excessive drinking and want of proper care. Circumstances have since transpired, which strengthen the suspicions that he was foully used, and to-day High Constable Ellis, with a sufficient force, left town to arrest four of the parties who are charged with being the cause of his death, and if found they will be brought before the magistrates, and the case fully investigated. If the reports circulated are true, deceased met with a most cruel and barbarous death.—*Brampton Times.*

**THE SILVER NUISANCE.**—The Brantford Board of Trade had a meeting last week to consider the silver question, and they arrived at a determination to assist the Banks in exporting a quantity to England. The Stratford Board of Trade have also held a meeting to consider the same subject, and drew up a memorial to the Governor General of which the following extract forms the prayer. "Your memorialist therefore humbly pray that your Excellency in Council will be pleased to take such measures as will tend to remedy the evil so generally complained of, and would suggest the following for your Excellency's consideration:—That the government withdraw all American and British silver at a discount of four per cent., and issue in its stead one million of Canadian silver, the balance to be provided for by a paper currency in sums not less than one dollar."

## New Books.

**SOONER OR LATER.**—This is the latest production of Shirley Brooks, whose fame as an author of romance is already well known. The work is substantially bound, and well printed by the Harpers, and has already been admired by thousands who have read it when published as a continued story in one of the magazines. It is a picture of English life, and most of the phases of human nature are clearly and forcibly drawn. It contains also many well executed illustrations. For sale at Day's bookstore.

**THREE LITTLE SPADES.**—This charming little book is also published by the Harpers, and a copy has been sent us by Tunis & Co., Clifton. The author is Anna Warner, and her design is to instruct her juvenile readers in the art of flower gardening. Information is conveyed by means of narrative, which is certainly the surest, and most effectual way of impressing knowledge on the youthful mind. It makes its appearance at a fitting time—the opening of spring. For sale at Day's bookstore.

**MY HUSBAND'S CRIME.**—This is a new novel, by a new author. The work is published by the Harpers, and this is a guarantee for its being written with ability. It is essentially an American tale. We have received a copy from Tunis & Co., and the book may be had of T. J. Day, bookseller, opposite the market.

**DICKENS'S WORKS.**—We have received from Messrs. Appleton & Co., New York, ten numbers (being all that are yet published) of their cheap edition of Dickens's novels. The entire series consists of seventeen numbers, and they will all be issued shortly. The works are very nicely got up, and may be purchased entire for about \$5, a marvel of cheapness. Mr. Day will supply any or all of the numbers at publisher's prices.

## Police Court.

**SATURDAY, 7th.**—Charles Cole was brought up for embezzlement. He had been employed by the bailiff of Ottawa some time ago to collect money for him on executions, and had bolted from the Capital last October, with the money in his possession. The bailiff had but a very faint idea of the defaulter's location, but he came to Guelph on the 2nd inst., and conferred with the Chief Constable, who made the arrest of the required individual on the 6th inst., in the township of Luther. Cole was brought before the Police Magistrate here, and a witness for the prosecution was examined, when Cole was committed for trial at Ottawa. We understand that he has been released on bail.

**SCHOOL EXAMINATION.**—The regular semi-annual examination of the School in Section No. 11, Puslinch, came off on Saturday, 29th ult., in the presence of a large number of the parents and friends of the pupils. There was excellent order during the whole of the long and searching examination, which was conducted chiefly by the neighboring teachers. The scholars showed by their correct and ready answers that they were well grounded in the different branches of education taught in the common schools. The classes in Ancient History, Arithmetic, Grammar, and Mensuration surpassed anything we had before seen, which speaks highly for both teacher and scholars. About noon the children and friends were supplied with a lunch, and after the examination was over they were entertained at an excellent tea, the preparation of which reflected great credit on the young ladies of the Section. The school being called to order, Mr. Dickie, on behalf of the scholars, presented their teacher (Mr. R. H. Knowles), with a magnificent Album, accompanied by a flattering address, read by Master E. Ellis. Mr. Knowles, although taken by surprise, responded in a very touching and impressive manner. Mr. Brewster, Principal of the Hesper Central school, then delivered a very appropriate address to the children, in which he endeavored to set forth the benefits of education and the necessity of applying themselves when young, and when they had the advantages of tuition by so kind and industrious a teacher, knowing that the former will not be lost, and that the latter may soon be separated from them. He was followed by Messrs. McLean, McRobbie and others, who delivered short addresses suitable to the occasion. We are glad to see that education is progressing so favorably in this vicinity, and the large attendance on that occasion shows that the parents take deep interest in the welfare of their children.—*Com.*

**VERY MANLY.**—At Bruceville recently there was a case of reckless driving. Two men were racing and trying to pass one another on the road; in striving to do so one of the teams ran over a woman, and when the teamsters saw what they had done, drove off and left her very seriously injured. It is pleasing to record that the constables brought the teamsters back.

**BLACK SNOW.**—They have had a fall of black snow up at Sarnia, and wise people up there are assigning all probable and improbable causes for the phenomenon. Some attribute it to electricity, and some to volcanic action. "But," says the *Observer*, "whatever the cause can be no doubt the snow, or rather hail, which fell here on the 24th was impregnated with some product of combustion; and it is difficult to conceive of anything of this kind occurring from any local cause, in a situation far from any city, furnaces, or fire works of any kind, except here and there an Oil Refinery; and these so sparse that an Oil Refinery could be produced by them."

## Board of School Trustees.

The Board met last night. Present: Mr. Peterson, chairman; Messrs. Pirie, Knowles, Newton, Bruce, Mitchell, Watson, McNeil, Harvey, Innes and Dr. Herod and McGuire.

A memorial was read from Mrs. Featherstone, respecting the closing of the S-nior Girls' School, and supplying it with wood.—Referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Bruce, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that Ann, Jane and Elizabeth Cooper be admitted free scholars to the North Ward School.—Carried.

The question of the appointment of an Assistant Teacher to the Grammar School then came up, when after some discussion it was moved by Mr. Knowles, seconded by Mr. Pirie, and resolved, that the Secretary be instructed to advertise for an Assistant Teacher for the Guelph Grammar School, capable of instructing in French, at a salary of \$500 per annum. Applications to be lodged previous to next regular meeting of the Board.

Moved by Mr. Innes, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the School Property Committee be instructed to make proper inquiries, and recommend some plan for increasing the accommodation of the Senior Primary School, so that all the scholars passed to that school may be accommodated therein.—Carried.

The Board then adjourned.

## County Court and Quarter Sessions.

COURT HOUSE, Tuesday, 10th.

The Court of Quarter Sessions for the County of Wellington opened at noon today. His Honor Judge Macdonald presiding. The following gentlemen were sworn in as a Grand Jury.—Richard Ainley, foreman; Richard Armstrong, A. Caswell, Jno. R. Cook, Alexander Embley, Jacob Cook, Geo. Green, D. Gilchrist, Chas. Gerow, Wm. How, jr., Wm. Jamieson, Robert Johnston, R. D. Little, Alex. Munroe, John McJennet, Alex. McCrae, N. O'Donnell, Phillip Smith, Jno. Wilkinson, Wm. Watson.

His Honor then directed the Grand Jury telling them that there were six persons charged on the calendar, and that it was within the knowledge of the Court that three or four more would be brought before them, who had been convicted by magistrates, but were out on bail. Most of the charges were for larceny. It would be the duty of the foreman to swear the witnesses who would be brought before them, and to write the word "sworn" opposite the name of each. Before they sent any person for trial they should ascertain if there was a probability of his guilt being established they would find "no bill," but if otherwise they would find a "true bill." In cases of larceny it is necessary to consider first, whether the goods taken away are really the property of the person whose they are said to be, and secondly it is necessary to enquire if they have been taken without his consent. Sometimes what is charged as larceny amounts merely to trespass. Magistrates occasionally make convictions for the former crime, when the party is guilty only of the latter. If a person take a thing believing that it is bona fide his own; or if one party assist an individual who is weak against another who is strong to recover certain property believing that the goods actually belong to him he is aiding—the crime in either case is nothing more than trespass. There was a horse stealing case to come up. The animal had been stolen in another county, but the thief was committed here for having stolen property in his possession, and as larceny was a continuing offence he must be tried at this court. Two parties were charged with assault with intent to rob, and one with assault with intent to commit rape. In both these cases the intent of the parties were chiefly to be enquired into. Finally it would be their duty to examine the gaol, and report on its condition.

The Grand Jury retired, and the cases were proceeded with.

**Brown vs. Bentley.**—An action of trover for a quantity of goods alleged to have been illegally taken from the plaintiff by the defendant. Mrs. Brown, the plaintiff, lives in Mount Forest, and carried on a millinery business. The defendant, who resides at the same place, became security for her to a certain amount with some of the wholesale dry goods merchants, and on account of an execution having been issued by the creditors he took her stock to indemnify himself. The case is proceeding. Mr. Anderson for plaintiff; Mr. McCurry for defendant.

## Death of Lieut-Colonel Dunn.

We regret to record the death of Lieut-Colonel, Dunn, one of the most gallant officers of the British army, and a man of whom Canada has reason to feel more than common pride. He was with the Abyssinian expedition, no doubt looking forward with the true pride of a soldier to further preferment in the service when he was carried off in a moment by the accidental discharge of his rifle whilst out hunting.

Col. Dunn was the son of the late Hon. John Henry Dunn, who for more than twenty years held the office of Receiver-General of Upper Canada prior to the Union, and was subsequently a member of the Legislative Assembly. His son, the subject of this notice, was early intended for the army and received an education suitable for such service. He was a Lieutenant of horse in the 11th, (Lord Cardigan's) Hussars, and rode in the celebrated charge of the Light Brigade at Balaklava, when six hundred men had the hardihood to attack a battery of thirty pieces of ordnance in point blank position cutting their way through a dense body of five thousand Russian cavalry; returning through the same mass and sabring the gunners and finally running the gauntlet through an infantry fire on both flanks, from twenty thousand muskets. For the part he took in that memorable charge was conferred on him the Victoria Cross by the unanimous vote of his comrades who saw his gallant bearing in the peril which they shared with him, and also as a reward for the great share which he took in raising the 100th regiment in Canada, when the Indian mutiny broke out, he obtained his promotion so early. Having retired from the 11th, he came to Toronto after the war, and in June 1868, in conjunction with Baron de Rottenburgh (who was selected as Lieutenant-colonel), had the honor, as a native Canadian, to be elected by his excellency the governor-general, in a for the majority of the 100th, or Prince of Wales Royal Canadian Regiment of Foot. On this occasion, he was the recipient from his school fellows and friends of a handsome demonstration in his honour.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

## BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

London, March 9th.—There has been a general change in the Turkish Cabinet. All the ministers have resigned except the Grand Vizier.

Paris, March 9th.—In the Corps Legislatif today, the debate on the bill for the regulation of the public press was closed and bill, as amended, was passed with a remarkable unanimity, the vote standing 242 to 1.

The Ministerial budget for the ensuing fiscal year ending in 1869, was laid before the Corps Legislatif to-day. The following are the totals of receipts and expenditures as estimated by M. Magis, Minister of Finance: Receipts from ordinary sources, 1,699,000,000 francs; receipts from extraordinary sources, 93 million francs; total estimated receipts, 1,792,000,000 francs. Expenditures ordinary, 1,627,000,000 francs; extraordinary, 184,000,000 francs; total estimated expenditures, 1,811,000,000 francs.

London, March 9th.—In the House of Commons this evening, in reply to an inquiry from Mr. J. H. Lewis, Mr. Gladstone Harly, the home secretary, stated that the police had been previously informed of the plot for blowing up one of the walls of the Clerkenwell prison, and effecting release of Fenian prisoners. Their informer, who was within the prison, was to give them notice when the conspirators were to approach to light, by throwing a white ball over the wall, whereupon the police were to seize the guilty parties. On the night before the explosion a cask of gunpowder was seen in the street, but as no attempt was made to blow up the wall that night, the preconcerted signal was not given. The powder was allowed to remain, and no arrests were made, the police supposing that the execution of the plot was postponed to the following evening; consequently they were off their guard when the explosion took place during the day.

Lord Stanley informed the House that an exhaustive investigation had been ordered into the case of the vessel *Liziv Ligo* seized in Chesapeake.

London, March 9.—J. McLeary Brown left the British Legation in China and was accredited to act as Secretary of Legation to Mr. Burlingame in his mission for Chinese government, with full consent of British Ambassador at Peking, who endorsed his credentials.

New York, March 10.—Herald's London special says advices from the Abyssinian expedition represent the military situation at the English front unchanged. It is said that King Theodore treats the captives more leniently and that he is "gentle" to regard them in a more friendly spirit. Mr. Rassam, the captive friend of the Queen, says he thinks the King detains him merely until the English army arrives at or near the royal headquarters and that he will then be set free.

New York, March 10th.—The Herald's Naples special says Admiral Provetti of the Royal Italian navy, has extended most cordial and friendly greetings to Admiral Farragut. The Italian Admiral will entertain the American commander at a grand banquet, at which the chief officers of the army and navy serving in this part of the kingdom, with the municipal officers and judicial authorities of Naples, will be present.

## American Despatches.

New York, Mar. 10.—Herald's Havana special says the plantations in the jurisdiction of Beama are on fire. The Spanish man-of-war Africa, at St. Thomas, will seize the American ship Alito Ball, even if her papers show her to be bound for New York.

New York, March 10th.—The Herald's City of Mexico special, Feb. 29th, says the news from Sinaloa was very warlike. The rival claimants were about to settle their dispute by battle. A Railroad company to connect the capital with Tuxpan is said to have been formed in New York with a capital of \$25,000,000. They are to commence work forthwith. Nothing new has taken place with reference to the Mexico and Vera Cruz railway since the vote by which the concession was suspended. It is generally hoped that Congress will allow its completion, as this is imperative for the trade of the country. Senator Romero finds many difficulties in his new position of Treasurer. It is quite probable that the foreigners who had a hand in the late conspiracy to assassinate Juarez will be expelled. Banditti are extending their operations despite the energy of the authorities to put them down.

**HENRY WARD BEECHER AND GEN. LEE.**—Henry Ward Beecher has become the advocate of Gen. Lee, not in his capacity of the leader of the heroic Southern army, but as President of the Washington College, Virginia. Mr. Beecher says:—"I plead this cause because General Lee is regretted of it. No man more than I regretted his decision; but knowing how human nature runs I cannot say I was surprised, though grieved. I do not know that if I had been born and bred in the South but what I should have done the same thing. But for Divine Providence he would have stood in New York and been at the City Hall dictating terms to the people of the North." He failed. But Gen. Lee stands in New York to-night not with his sword, dictating terms, but as a scholar, holding out the hand of peace, and saying to us—"Give me bread for my scholars; give me books for my scholars." At a time when the antipathy to the South has received a new impetus in consequence of the impeachment difficulty, these outspoken sentiments are especially honorable and valuable.

The Newfoundland Parliament was opened on the 30th January. The Governor, in his speech, asked for an expression of opinion on the desirability of Confederation. A large meeting, subsequently held at St. John's passed a number of resolutions, pretty strongly urging the expediency of entering the Confederation until the present distractions of the Dominion were satisfactorily settled. A majority of the House are also adverse to any present action in the matter.

Lord Stanley will probably be made a peer representing the Government in the House of Lords.