Guelph Evening Mercury.

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Business Cards.

STEPHEN BOULT, Architect, Contractor and Builder. Planing Mill, and every kind of Joiner's Work prepared for the rade and the public. The Factory is on Quebec street, Guelph. dw

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

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN, Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Sol'citors in Chancery, Guelph, Ontarir.
D. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN
Guelph, March 1, 1871. dw.

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Office—Opposite Town Hall, Guelph. dw

F. STURDY, House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter
GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.
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IRON CASTINGS
Of all kinds, made to order at
GROWE'S IRON WORKS, Norfolk Street, Guelph.
15dw JOHN GROWE, Proprietor

MONEY TO LEND, On farm security, at eight per cent. No commission charged. Apply to FRED. BISCOE, Barrister, &c.
April 4'73.-dwtf. Guelph.

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

CASH FOR WOOL, HIDES, SHEEP SKINS, CALF SKINS, AND WOOL PICKINGS.
The highest market price paid for the above at No. 4, Gordon Street, Day's old Block, Guelph.
Plasterers' hair constantly on hand for sale. MOULTON & BISH,
Guelph, Jan 1, 1874. dw

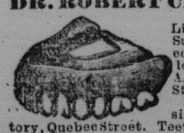
ENGRAVING. Gold and Silver Plating
Office—Dundas Bridge. Orders left at either Messrs. Savage or Pringle's Jewellery Stores, Wyndham street, will be promptly attended to. T. O. OLDHAM,
Guelph Dec. 15, 1873. do2m-2wx

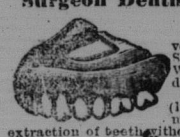
PARKER'S HOTEL, —DIRECTLY— OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH.
First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.
The best Liquors and Cigars at the bar.
He has just fitted up a room where Oysters will be served up at all hours, in the favorite styles.
Pickled Salmon Lobsters and Sardines.

RAYMOND'S SEWING MACHINES
Family Sewing Machine (single thread)
" Hand Lock Stitch (double thread)
" No. 1, Foot Power, " "
" No. 2, for heavy work.
Furnished with plain tables, half, or Cabinet Cases, as required.
CHARLES RAYMOND, GUELPH, ONTARIO.

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.

DOMINION SALOON AND RESTAURANT.
Opposite the Market, Guelph.
Oysters in their season. First-class accommodation for supper parties.
GEORGE BOOKLESS, Proprietor.
Guelph, Oct. 31, 1873 dly

PRIZE DENTISTRY.
DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL,

Licentiate of Dental Surgery. Established 1864. Office next door to the Y. M. C. A. Rooms, Wyndham Street, Guelph.
Residence—opposite Mr. Boult's Factory, Quebec Street. Teeth extracted without pain. References—Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph; Drs. Buchanan and Philips, Toronto, Drs. Elliot & Meyers, Dentists, Toronto. dw

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

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

HOTEL CARD.
The Right Man in the Right Place.
Thomas Ward, late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has acquired possession of the Victoria Hotel, next door to the post office, where he hopes by courtesy, attention and good accommodation to merit a fair share of public patronage, both from old and new friends. The best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars, &c., constautly on hand. A good hostler always in attendance. Remember the spot—next door to the post office.
THOMAS WARD, Proprietor.
Guelph, Dec. 11 1872.

New Advertisements.

WANTED—A Cook. Apply to Mrs. Lemon. 17-dtf

WANTED — A good general servant in a small family. Apply to R. McGregor & Co., Shoe Store. f4td

TO LET — A stone Cottage near the Great Western Railway Station. Apply to John McCrea, or Henry Hambleton.
Guelph, March 20, 1874. d2w

WANTED—A respectable boy to work in shop, and deliver goods. Apply to R. Evans' new fruit store, Wyndham st. 1d

WANTED—By a respectable middle aged person, a situation as housekeeper. No objection to the country. Apply at his office. m17dtf

WANTED — A girl to act as Nurse and Housemaid. Must be competent and have good references. Apply to Mrs. Watt, near the Great Western Railway Station, Guelph. 14-dtf

DRESSMAKERS WANTED.
Four experienced Dressmakers wanted immediately at the Fashionable West End. Apply to Miss Morrison. m16-dtf

SEED BARLEY.—Seed Barley for sale at the Guelph Packing House, opposite the Grand Trunk Passenger Station.
Guelph, Feb. 28, 1874. d&wtf.

AUCTION SALE —OF— Household Furniture.
The undersigned has been instructed by Mr. J. H. EMMANS to sell by auction at his premises, Nottingham street, Guelph,
On Wednesday, 25th March,
At 1 p.m., the following goods: Chest of Drawers, with large mirror; bedstead, commode, hair-seated walnut sofa, cane-seated chairs, sideboard, table, washstand, mattrasses, cooking stove with furniture, clock, set of china, set of stoneware, set of glassware, carpets, and a lot of other useful articles. No reserve. Terms Cash.
Parties wishing can inspect the Goods the day before the sale. They are nearly all new, and first-class.
W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer
Guelph, March 21, 1874. d3

NEW Paint Shop.
The undersigned begs to inform the people of Guelph and surrounding country that he has opened a new paint shop in Quebec street, next Fenwick's Furniture Shop, and opposite Chalmers' Church. He is now prepared to do all kinds of Painting, Glazing, Graining and Paper Hanging on short notice.
He hopes by strict attention to business, and using none but the best materials to secure a share of public patronage.
All orders whether from town or country promptly attended to. W. HUMPHRIES.
Guelph, March 21. 1874. dw3m

MONEY TO LOAN ON FARM SECURITY.
The undersigned have $25,000 for investment in Mortgages on Farms, in sums to suit borrowers, with interest at 8 per cent., for periods from 5 to 15 years.
Early applications requested.
LEMON, PETERSON & MACLEAN.
Guelph, March 18, 1874 dwtf

PLASTER AND SALT.
The subscriber has on hand 500 tons of the best Caledonia and Paris Plaster and Land Salt. Also on hand, seed grain of all kinds. The highest price paid for potatoes and turnips. GEO. BALKWILL.
Gordon street, near the G. T. R. crossing.
Guelph, Feb. 25, 1874. 3md&w

TOWN OF GUELPH. NOTICE.
All petitions for Road Improvements must be sent in by the first meeting of Council in May, or they will not be considered.
JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk
Guelph, March 20, 1874. 6dw1

TOWN OF GUELPH. WANTED,
A competent person to take charge of and manage the Road Work, Sidewalks, etc.
Applications for the office will be received until the 2nd day of April.
For further instruction, apply at this office.
JOHN HARVEY, Clerk.
Guelph, March 20, 1874. 6dw1

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.
The partnership between the firm of ROBERT CHANCE and James D. WILLIAMSON of the Town of Guelph, Dry Goods Merchants was dissolved on the fifteenth day of February, 1874, by mutual consent.
All debts due by or to the late firm will be settled by the said James D. WILLIAMSON and all parties indebted to the late firm are requested to pay Mr. WILLIAMSON at once, and save costs.
Dated at Guelph, 24th February, 1874.
Signed, J. D. WILLIAMSON.
" JOHN HOGG, " THOS. W. SAUNDERS
Executors of the late Robert Chance.
Signed, WM. MCLACHLAN, Witness.
m12-d12-w1

IMPORTANT
SALE OF PIANOS
The Committee appointed to dispose of the Pianos at the Manufactory of
JOSEPH F. RAINER,
WEST MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH,
Will offer them at a considerable reduction on cost on reasonable
TERMS OF CREDIT.
The stock consists of about
40
First-class Instruments!
Similar to those shown at the last Central Exhibition, and for which he was awarded the first prize.
They are equal in compass of tone, finish, and durability to the best instruments of any of the celebrated manufacturers, and as such an opportunity seldom occurs, parties in want of pianos would do well to avail themselves of it.
An inspection invited.
A competent person will be on the premises, near Mr. John Harris's, who will show the instruments.
Guelph, March 18, 1874. dwtf

CORNISH SILVER MINE.
A few shares for sale on advantageous terms.
m11-w&sdtf Box 750, Toronto P.O

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TUESDAY EV'G, MARCH 24, 1874

THIS EVENING.

The Gospel of the Grace of God will be preached (D. V.) in the upper room, Brownlow's building's, near the Post Office, by Jas. Clarke, this, Tuesday, evening at half-past seven. All are earnestly invited.

Town and County News

DON'T FAIL TO READ the Golden Lion advertisement in to-day's issue.

TEMPERANCE LECTURE.—The Rev. J. M. Smith, Grand Lodge Lecturer, will deliver a lecture in the Good Templars Hall this evening. Chair to be taken at 8 p. m. Admission free, collection to defray expenses.

ENTERTAINMENT ON WEDNESDAY.—We are promised some fun for Wednesday night at the Town Hall, Bishop's Serenaders are to be here, and will present a capital programme of music, burlesque opera, and other comic acting. Guelph has not had a good laugh for some time; here's a chance now.

POLICE COURT.

(*Before the Police Magistrate.*)

March 24th.

Wm. Bailey was charged by policeman Turner with being drunk on Wyndham St. last night. Fined $1 and costs.

Juliana Martin and Jas. Martin were sent to gaol for two months with hard labor on a charge of vagrancy.

This Morning's Sensation.

The Fire on Cork Street.

This morning, Tuesday, the citizens of Guelph were treated to all the stirring excitement incident to ringing the fire-bell, calling out the engines, and crowding to the "scene of the conflagration," without the disastrous results which are usually the penalty for this kind of enjoyment, except so far as one citizen is concerned—Mr. Nathaniel Croft—and he is insured, anyhow. The fire originated about half-past ten, between the roof and the bed room ceiling of Mr. Croft's rough-cast house on Cork street, close to the chimney. Mr. Croft endeavored for nearly three-quarters of an hour to subdue the smouldering fire, but without success, and at a quarter past eleven he gave the alarm. The engine and hose-reels were turned out with commendable celerity, and were taken to the hydrant on St. George's Square. Whilst the firemen were getting ready, two holes were broken in the roof by axes, and two young men were sent up from Mr. J. M. Bond's hardware store, each with a "Fire King" extinguisher on his back. Streams of water impregnated with carbonic acid gas were thrown into the holes from these machines, and by the time their charges had spent their force, the fire was apparently out, though a little smoke or steam still oozed from the roof. The branch from the steamer had been brought on the roof, and to make things doubly sure, a stream of water was sent in, which drowned out the last signs of smoke, but played havoc with Mr. Croft's household gods. After working for a minute or two, the engine stopped and the crowd dispersed.

The cause of the fire was the defective construction of the chimney, which rested against the woodwork of the ceiling. Mr. Croft's carpets and part of his furniture are soaked and dirtied; the papering of the house is damaged; a new chimney will have to be built; and some plastering and shingling will be needed. That is about the total damage.

The Fire King extinguishers did good service. They are just what is needed to choke off a fire before it has time to spread; and being so light and portable, they can be taken to the very spot where they are needed.

Our firemen were very prompt in their movements to-day.

Riel is said to be still near Montreal.

THE Carmelites who accompanied Archbishop Lynch from Rome wore peculiar dresses of yellow, and sandals, when they arrived in Toronto.

THE MONTREAL P. O. ENQUIRY.—On Saturday, in the course of this enquiry, the postmaster said that "he did not consider that the major part of the persons appointed since he became postmaster can possess the qualifications which he would have desired had he been allowed to select them himself."

A number of young men have been misbehaving of late in and about the Berlin Y. M. C. A. rooms during the Sabbath evening services. Complaint was also made of disturbances at the Evangelical Church. The result was that three Waterloo boys and three Berliners were brought before Mayor Kranz last week, and paid $4 a-piece.

THREE innocent U. S. men were recently arrested in Berlin on suspicion of being burglars, and spent a night in gaol in consequence. Two unknown men hanging about the rear of the Mayor's premises were fired at by a zealous citizen, Mr. H. Knell, on the same suspicion. Berlin evidently means to make short work with law-breakers.

THREE-CARD MONTE.—A hard-looking character, who gave his name as Wilson, but whose real name is supposed to be Ferguson, was arrested at the G. W. R. depot, Hamilton, on Friday afternoon, and brought before the police magistrate, charged with playing three-card monte on the cars. The information was given by J. A. Petitt, who was done out of $20 before he knew where he was. The magistrate ordered the money to be returned, and fined Ferguson $5.

SUICIDE.—The wife of Mr. W. Lachlan, Hamilton, has been in a state of unsound mind for a week or so past, and has been laboring under the hallucination that she had been more of a drawback than an assistance to her husband. On Saturday afternoon she cut her throat with a razor, and now lies in a critical condition, although it is probable she may recover. Her age is 65 years.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY

The Earthquake Rumblings.

SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS.

THE HIGHLANDERS HOME

The Queen and the Troops.

TRIAL OF BEECHER'S CHURCH.

The First Lake Arrival.

UNSUCCESSFUL LADIES.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 23. — The steamer North West arrived here this afternoon from Detroit. The captain reports meeting with no ice. This is the first lake arrival this season.

The ladies to-day continued their crusade against the saloons. One band of two hundred visited the wholesale houses. No unpleasant incident occurred; but no success attended their efforts.

Madrid, March 24.—The Government contemplates the promotion of General Barriel to the rank of Field Marshal, for his eminent services in Cuba.

The commission of Captain-General Corsho, who was appointed to succeed Jovellar, is understood to embrace the government of Porto Rico as well as of Cuba.

New York, March 24.—The high north-west gale continues. Weather clear and extremely cold.

A despatch from Marion, N. C., of yesterday, states that several scientists are investigating the volcanic disturbances. Prof. Dupre, of Wafford College, says the noises heard in the mountains are common to both earthquakes and volcanic movements, but these rumblings are volcanic characteristics. Their area is limited to between ten and twelve miles, all the shocks being between the Broad and Catawaba rivers. The Professor did not think there was any danger, however, of any volcanic eruption. No shocks since last Friday.

Seventy-one out of seventy-nine Congregational Churches have elected delegates to the Congregational Council, which is to meet in Brooklyn to-night, for the trial of Beecher's Church.

The Erie Railway is master of the situation as regards the strike.

Elmira, N. Y., March 24.—A large and destructive fire broke out here at two o'clock this a.m., in Elmira House, a wooden structure on Water street. Bush's hotel and Shidler's block came next in order, the fire running down both sides of the street with fearful rapidity. A perfect gale prevailed at the time, scattering burning brands in all directions. Union Block, containing eight stores, was partially destroyed. Loss will exceed $200,000.

London, March 23.—The Highlanders returned from the Ashantee war landed from the Sarmatian to-day at Portsmouth. A fete was given in their honor by the populace.

Ten thousand people witnessed the landing of the Highlanders at Portsmouth to-day. Several accidents occurred in consequence of the pressure.

It is understood that the Queen has ordered an inspection in Hyde Park on Friday of all the troops of the expedition which have reached home.

Rome, March 23.—This is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the accession to the throne of King Victor Emmanuel, and the day is being celebrated throughout the country. The King received some three thousand persons from all parts of the Kingdom, who came to congratulate him. The Minister of Foreign Affairs presented to His Majesty an address from the English and American residents.

School Board.

The annual meeting of the Board was held on Monday evening; present, the Chairman, and Messrs. Harvey, Newton, Inglis, Stevenson, Raymond, Bell, Wilkie, Murton, and Dr. Keating.

The Secretary read several applications for the position lately occupied by Miss McTaggart.

Also, the monthly report of the High School Master. 30 boys and 4 girls were in attendance. The High School was visited and examined on the 2nd and 3rd inst., by J. M. Buchan, M. A., Inspector of High Schools.

Mr. Newton read the report of the Finance Committee, which recommended the payment of several accounts, and stated that the Committee could not recommend any increase of Mr. Cullen's salary.—Report adopted.

The Inspector's monthly report for February was presented. It showed 941 pupils enrolled for that month, being an increase of 76 over the corresponding month of last year.

The report of the first promotion examination for the current year was also read.

Altogether 148 pupils were promoted from lower to higher classes. Of these six are promoted to Miss Hattie Maddock's room, 18 to Miss McLagan's, 17 to Miss Holmwood's, 17 to Mr. Ferguson's, 13 to Miss Ellen Maddock's, 13 to Miss McNaughton's, 9 to Mr. Anderson's, 6 to Mr. Simpson's, 18 to Miss Addison's, 5 to Mr. Cullen's, and 26 to Miss Thexton's. The total number present on the days of the Inspector's visits was 726—in Miss McTaggart's room 51, Miss Barclay's 33, Miss H. Maddock's 50, Miss McLagan's 63, Miss Holmwood 44, Miss Auld's 41, Mr. Ferguson's 38, Miss Ellen Maddock's 46, Mr. McNaughton's 57, Mr. Anderson's 58, Miss Smith's 62, Mr. Simpson's 27, Miss Addison's 41, Mr. Cullen's 38, Miss Thexton's 52, Miss Walker's 35, being an average to each teacher of between 45 and 46 pupils.

The applications for Miss McTaggart's post were then considered by the School Management Committee, the Board having adjourned for a quarter of an hour to allow of this being done. On the Board resuming, it was moved by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Dr. McGregor, that Miss Annie Bruce be appointed Miss McTaggart's successor.—Carried.

The Board adjourned.

A Strange Self-Murder.

COOL DELIBERATION.

Suicide of Mr. I. N. Winstanley.

On Saturday evening, in Toronto, Mr. Israel Newman Winstanley, barrister, committed suicide by drinking oil of almonds. His wife and family live in Guelph, and he has been separated from them for several years, the cause of separation being his intemperate habits. He formerly practised in Guelph, and afterwards went to Fergus. During the past six months he has been staying at the house of his brother, Dr. Winstanley, in Toronto. We cut from Tuesday's *Globe* the following account of the extraordinary circumstances attending his suicide. It would appear from the evidence given at the inquest that he had lately reformed the habits which led to his estrangement from his wife and children:—

Mr. Winstanley spent most of his time in the office of Messrs. Reeve & Platt, barristers, 18 King-street East, assisting them when they have been busy. A good portion of Saturday he sat at one of the desks in the office of these gentlemen, writing, and it was observed that when any one went near him he was very careful to prevent them seeing his manuscript. During the day he asked Mr. Reeve to lend him the latch key of the office door, stating that he had some private writing to do, and that he could do it more comfortably in their office alone, after they had gone, than up at the house. The key was given to him accordingly. Mr. Reeve came down to his office on Monday morning, and upon endeavoring to open the door found that he could not do so. Mr. D. H. Allen got in through the front window and found Mr. Winstanley lying dead. Dr. Millar stated that life must have been extinct at least twenty-four hours. On one of the desks in the room stood an ounce bottle containing a few drops of oil of almonds, one of the constituents of which is prussic acid, and which in sufficient quantity, destroys human life in five or ten minutes. This the deceased had used in poisoning himself, and in order probably that the druggist who sold it to him might not get into trouble, he had carefully scraped the label off the bottle, and the fragments of it, along with a knife, were lying on the desk on which the bottle stood. The body was lying on the floor, face downward, and on the floor beside the head was a small quantity of blood; this had flowed from the tongue, which had been bitten during the convulsions occasioned by the poisoning. The deceased had divested himself of his coat and vest, which were laid on a desk, let down his suspenders, and opened his shirt. He had also put out the lamp. There was found on a desk a letter, of which the following is a copy:—

TORONTO, March 21, 1874.

MY DEAR REEVE,—I have often expressed to you my opinion that as soon as it became a burden to himself and of no use to anyone belonging to him, a man had a perfect moral right to divest himself of that life which has been bestowed upon him without his consent or concurrence. My life to me is like the gift of a white elephant—I cannot keep it, and if I could I do not know what to do with it—consequently, whether it offends the (unknown) King or not, I am about to dispose of it. I must beg for your forgiveness for having fixed upon your office as the place in which to draw my last breath; I have fixed upon it as being the most convenient, inasmuch as after you have left for the evening I shall not be likely to be interrupted.

Having some hours left before the time which I have appointed for carrying out my intentions, I shall devote them to the consideration of my feelings on approaching what is facetiously called "The King of Terrors," and shall place them on record here. I have fully made up my mind on the matter, and I will now tell you what I have often told you before, that I have not the slightest fear for the consequences hereafter. Of course my first thought is, am I right or wrong in taking away my life while I have a wife and family whom I ought to support? My answer is, that not having been able to assist them for a long time, and seeing that there is no prospect of my being able to do so in the future, I shall be doing them no wrong by putting an end to my life. If I could get an opportunity of making a living for myself, I should be then only in a position which would not satisfy me at all, and as to getting anything more than that, I have for a long time despaired of doing anything of the kind. Speaking of my wife and family, you will remember that I a short time ago drew up my will, and that it is in your safe. The reason that I drew up a fresh will was that it might be possible that a relation of mine in England might drop off the hooks before leaving some money, of which a share would go to me; it is possible that she is now dead, and if so, by my will, the money would go to my wife, but if she does not die before me, I imagine that my share would go to my children, and would be of very little benefit to them, (*i. e*, it would go to them on the death of this relation.) I request that you will as soon (after you receive this) as convenient, enclose the will to "Mrs. G. L. Maddison, 5 Caer Howell-street, Toronto," my only sister and *my best beloved*. I should like to give some messages in this to various members of my family, but they would take up too much space. There are many circumstances in my life and the acts which I have done which I have regretted, and still do regret; it may be that I am wrong, but I cannot help thinking that circumstances have been almost continuously against me for the last twenty-two or twenty-three years.

I suppose by my act I shall put the country to that (in my mind in this case) useless expense, a coroner's inquest, and most probably you will be a witness; if so, do not, if you can help it, let the jury bring in that absurd verdict, "temporary insanity." If I am insane I have been for years, having for at least twenty five years been of the same idea or opinion as I am now with reference to a man's right to cast off a burdensome life. The conversation which you and I had together last night respecting the immortality of what is called the soul, leaves me, as it found me, in a state of doubt; but still inclined to think that so far as a man is concerned it dies with the body; but "*nous verrons*." The thing, perhaps, which troubles me most is the curiosity (which I suppose will remain unsatisfied after my death) as to what people will say of me then. Whether they will tell the same lies of me which they have done while living, or, acting on the principal of the maxim "*De mortuis nil nisi bonum*," their lies will be of an opposite character. If the order of things permits the soul, or the mind, or whatever else it may be called, to know after it has quitted the animal (if it does quit it) what is said or done, I expect to find very few moist eyes, and still fewer regrets. I am satisfied that no one can say truthfully otherwise than that it will be for the best. I am inclined to think that, perhaps, you will be the one to miss my daily visits more than any one else will miss me at all. I have long had this step in contemplation, and should have taken it before only I was wanting in pluck to ask for poison, and I think that for a fellow to cut his throat is a low, ungentlemanly way of making his exit, in addition to which, from attempts which I read of in the papers as having failed, it seems to me that it is not everybody who knows how to go about it scientifically. With my best wishes for your success in your profession and otherwise, I now bid you farewell.

I. N. WINSTANLEY.

J. M. REEVE, Esq., Barrister, &c., Toronto.

7 P. M.

The above was written between 10 and 12 a. m. I now desire to add that my ideas have not changed.

I. N. W.

An inquest was held on the body in the afternoon by Coroner Riddell, and the jury rendered the verdict "That the deceased came to his death through taking a quantity of oil of almonds, knowing the same to be poison." Two or three of the witnesses stated in the course of the investigation that they had never seen the deceased under the influence of liquor during the six months he had been in the city, but had repeatedly heard him refuse to drink any. It seems that he was in the habit of drinking one glass of beer a day, but could not be prevailed upon to go beyond that.

The deceased was about forty-seven years of age, but looked considerably older. Notwithstanding the strange philosophizing and grim levity he indulged in in the above letter, it is believed that the immediate cause of his destroying his life was the preying on his mind of disappointments he had sustained during his his career. There was nothing in his conduct on Saturday to excite any suspicion of the terrible step he had in contemplation. He chatted and laughed with those in the office quite unreservedly.

The deceased studied law with Mr. Leith and with the Hon. J. Hillyard Cameron, and was considered a very clever member of his profession. The letter given above is an index to his mental habit. He was fond of engaging in discussions of a psychological or metaphysical character. It was stated in evidence at the inquest that his sister had received from him a letter of similar import, which had been posted on Saturday afternoon.

The Opposition and the Railways.

The Hamilton *Times* shows up the inconsistency of the Ontario Opposition and their Hamilton organ in regard to the grants to railways. It says:—"The fact that we were getting at the rate of $3,000 a mile for over a third of the Hamilton and North-western, and $2,500 a mile for the remainder, could not draw from the *Spectator* more than a surly and grudging acknowledgment of what had been done. Curiously enough, on the same day that our city contemporary was thus having a fling at the Grits for only giving the Hamilton & Northwestern Railway Company nearly all it asked, the *Spectator's* Tory friends in the Legislature were endeavouring to prevent another of our Hamilton Railways—the Wellington, Grey, & Bruce—from getting anything at all. When the resolution came up granting two thousand dollars a mile for that portion of the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway lying between Palmerston and Wingham, Mr. Bykert and his Tory followers amused themselves for the conflict. He said he was not prepared to allow this resolution to pass without proposing an amendment to the effect that the Government had no right under the Act to make the grant to the Wellington, Grey and Bruce. Boultbee and Lauder supported the amendment, which was pressed to a division and lost."

MARCH.—The cold weather of March is not confined to this country. The Caledonian railway in Scotland is said to be blocked up with snow; there has been a heavy fall of snow in London, and even in Constantinople. English springs are in general earlier than our own, but this year the winter seems to be protracted there as well as here. There is satisfaction in the reflection that the winter on the whole has been remarkably mild, and that a long season of warm weather in March is not considered healthy.