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PRICE ONE PENNY

HAIRDRESSERS' AGREEMENT

WE the undersigned Hairdressers of Guelph, hereby agree to the following tariff, to come into effect on MONDAY morning the 10th of August, 1868.

For Shaving 10 cents
Hair Cutting 15 "
Shampooing 20 "
GEORGE ALLEN, W. F. SOMMERS,
JOSEPH MIMMACK, J. W. SIPLE,
Guelph, 7th August.

BILLIARD HALL!

Adjoining Coulson's Hotel,
GUELPH, ONT.

Four No. 7 French Standard American tables.
W. O'CONNOR, Proprietor,
Guelph, June 25.

FUNERALS.



WILLIAM BROWNLOW, UNDERTAKER.

SHOP, in rear of the WELLINGTON HOTEL, Douglas Street. Hours in rear of Mr. F. W. Stone's Store, and opposite the Fair Ground. The subscriber informs that he is prepared to attend

FUNERALS

As usual in Town and County. Coffins always on hand and made to order on the shortest notice. Terms very moderate.
WM. BROWNLOW,
Guelph March 29 1868.

CHEAP FIREWOOD!

THE Subscriber is prepared to enter into contracts to supply Firewood, consisting of Cedar, Tamarack, Hemlock, Pine and Balsam in quantities of not less than five cords. Price, delivered, \$2 25 per cord. Persons hauling the wood themselves will be supplied at \$1 75 per cord. As the subscriber incurs no charge of carting to the fall, the timber must be removed during this summer.

CEDAR POSTS FOR SALE

Also for sale about 3,000 cedar posts, cheap. Apply to H. HATCH, at his office, or to Mr. Wm. Cooper, on the farm adjoining the residence of L. Lewis, Esq.
Guelph June 16.

FOR SALE.

SODA ASH—'Gambles',
CAUSTIC SODA—'Gambles', 'Widnes', 'Aikell Comely', 'Carrett's',
SAL. SODA,
CHLORIDE OF LIME,
PALM OIL.
W. T. BENSON,
37 St. Peter Street, Montreal
Montreal, 1st April 1868

PRESTON MINERAL BATHS!

AND SULPHUR SPRINGS,
A CONNECTION WITH THE
NORTH AMERICAN HOTEL,
PRESTON, ONTARIO.

THESE popular Baths are open for the accommodation of the public. The Spring which supplies these Baths possesses medicinal qualities not surpassed by any other in America.
E. CORNELL, Proprietor,
Preston, June 16.

Canada Clothing Store!

WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

BARGAINS

Positively selling off at
20 PER CENT BELOW COST

COUNTRY Merchants and Tailors are particularly invited to inspect the stock of CLOTHS, CLOTHING, TRIMMINGS, &c., which for quality and cheapness cannot be equalled in the Dominion. We challenge competition.

A number of first-class Sewing Machines for sale at from \$10 upwards, in good working order. Call before purchasing elsewhere and get a bargain.
RICHARD AINLEY,
Guelph, 26th July.

CLARK'S EXCELSIOR

Washing Composition!

The best and rarest Discovery of the Age, for Washing Purposes,
Worth Twenty Dollars a Year
In a family of eight or ten persons.

It will wash in hard or soft water. Clothes require no rubbing. The dirt is boiled out in ten minutes, and the washing may be on the line before breakfast. It is warranted not to injure or discolor the clothes, and will also remove paint, grease, or stains of all kinds. Give it a fair trial and you will never be without it. "Family Rights," containing full directions for making and using the Composition, \$1 each. Sold at the Patentee's Music Store, and at A. B. PETRIE'S Drug Store.
W. WARNER CLARK,
Patentee, Guelph, Ont.
July 16th.

CASTLE GARDEN SALOON

MARKET SQUARE,
GUELPH, ONT.

THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has refitted it in a very superior and substantial manner, and hopes to share a portion of the patronage of the public.

THE BAR

will be supplied with the best

Wines, Liquors & Cigars

And the table with all the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

LUNCHEON!

Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock.

OYSTERS AND GAME,

Etc. Dinner and Supper parties provided short notice, at reasonable charges.

JOHN MILLER, Proprietor.
Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whitby

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.
Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868.

NO MONOPOLY!

In the Drug Business.

REMOVAL!

TO THE

A. B. PETRIE

HAS REMOVED HIS

DRUG ESTABLISHMENT

TO THE

Old Post Office!

West side of Wyndham Street, where he will be happy to attend to the wants of all who may favor him with their patronage. None but the finest and best Drugs, Chemicals, Dyestuffs, &c., kept on hand.

Guelph, 16th August.

NEW MARBLE WORKS,

Woolwich-St., GUELPH.

THE Subscriber would intimate to the public of Guelph and surrounding country that he has opened New Marble Works in Guelph, where he will have for sale and manufacture to order

MONUMENTS, TOMBS, TABLETS, HEADSTONES, POSTS, &c.,

OF ANY SIZE OR DESIGN.

Being a practical workman, and having had over 17 years' experience in some of the largest Marble Factories in Canada and the Eastern States, he has every confidence in being able to give satisfaction to those who may favor him with their patronage. The shop is on Woolwich St., a short distance north of Geo. A. Bruce's Carriage Factory.

ALFRED S. FEAST.

Guelph, August 15.

MEDICAL HALL!



E. HARVEY & CO.

WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

DYE STUFFS!

THE Subscribers desire to draw attention to the largest and best assorted stock of Dye Stuffs ever imported into the Town of Guelph, including—

Logwood, Chip & Ext. Brazil Wood,
Camwood, Nic Wood,
Peach Wood, Hypemic Wood,
Madder & Madder Compound
Indigo and Indigo Compound,
Flavine, Tin Crystals,
Red Sanders Wood,
Cochineal, Quercetion,
Alum, Copperas,
Blue Vitriol, &c. &c

At all the ANALINE DYES, by the ounce or quantity.

E. HARVEY & CO.,

Cor. Wyndham & Macdonnell Sts. Guelph.
Guelph, August 17.

HALIFAX HOTEL,

HOLLIS STREET, HALIFAX, N.S.
THIS Hotel is the largest and most commodious in the city of Halifax, and being centrally situated will be found most convenient for business men and tourists.
HENRY HESSLEIN, Proprietor,
Halifax, 12th August.

AMERICAN HOUSE,

BOSTON, MASS.
The largest first-class Hotel in New England, offers to Tourists, Families and the travelling public, accommodations and conveniences superior to any other hotel in the city. During the past season additions have been made of numerous suits of apartments, with bathing rooms, water closets, &c., attached; one of Tutin's magnificent passenger elevators, the best ever constructed, conveys guests to the upper story of the house in one minute; the entire house has been thoroughly carpeted, and the entire house thoroughly re-furnished and furnished, making it in all its appointments, equal to any hotel in the country.—
Telegraph Office, Billiard Rooms and Cafe on the first floor.
Aug 15 do 6m LEWIS RICE & SON, Proprietors

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.

THURSDAY EV'G, AUG 20, 1868.

Local and General Items.

A seed fair will be held in Galt on Tuesday, the 25th inst.

Lowell boasts of a forty pound baby, his arms girt a foot at the elbow.

Shamburg is the appropriate name of a town in the ex-oll region of Pennsylvania.

Peaches are abundant on the east shore of Lake Michigan, and the crop is double that of any other previous year.

Montreal cricketers are making efforts to induce the All England Eleven to visit them.

A woman has been arrested in London as a vagrant for exciting the public sympathy by begging with a straw baby.

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe is writing a new novel at her summer retreat at Stockbridge.

A French actress, having been published as dead instead of married, said it didn't make any difference except to her husband.

Five hundred men were thrown out of employment by the burning of the Jarosow Chemical Company's works, Gateshead, England, on the 2nd.

A young girl in the Dartmouth Lunatic Asylum, opposite Halifax, seized her keeper, threw her down, made her escape, jumped into the sea, and was drowned.

Matthew Craig, an old man living at Galt, was in his usual health on Sunday evening last, and on Monday morning was found in his bed a corpse.

A cheese factory at Glenorris, which has been in operation for the past two months, was closed last Friday for want of milk. An offer of 9¢ cents has been made for the cheese on hand.

A notice appeared in the Kingston News last Wednesday, that on Thursday next the dry goods merchants would resume taking silver at par. Let them; that is their affair.

Before the war, the highest salary paid to male teachers in New York public schools was \$1,500, and to female teachers \$900. The highest rates at the present time are \$2,000 for male teachers and \$1,700 for females.

An Italian barber, who passed in New York as a Duke for five years, playing the dickers with the young ladies, has been arrested for swindling in Germany. Several hundred love letters and eighty photographs were among his effects.

John Allen, the "wickedest man in New York," who has been foisted into notoriety, as a penitent by the Independent and other religious papers, now advertises that he has got tired of that sort of thing, and "respectfully requests no curiosity seekers to call on him, unless they wish to spend at least one dollar at the bar."

LACROSSE MATCH.—A match between some of the lacrosse players of the Six Nation Indians, at Brantford, and the Guelph Club is announced to come off here on Monday, 31st August. The cricket ground near Mr. Goldie's mill will be fenced in for the occasion, and 15c. admission will be charged to defray the expenses of the Indians. Their names will be given hereafter. We believe it is their intention to give a concert in the evening.

ON A VISIT TO GUELPH.—The Rev. Mr. Wall, for some time assistant minister to Archdeacon Palmer during the American war, is now on a visit to his friends and acquaintances in Guelph. At the close of the war Mr. Wall returned to Virginia, where he received a cordial welcome by his Bishop and the people among whom he had labored. We are happy to learn that he is now Rector of one of the best parishes near Baltimore. He was greatly esteemed while a resident in Guelph by people of all denominations. The Rev. gentleman looks well and hearty.

MELANCHOLY AND FATAL ACCIDENT ON LAKE SIMCOE.—A melancholy and fatal accident took place near Bell Ewart on Saturday, the 15th inst. A party of six left the wharf in a small sail-boat to go to Ferguson's Point, to take part in a picnic. When about a mile from the point the swell from the west meeting with another from the north, filled the boat, which immediately capsized. Miss Julia Reid, daughter of Mr. Wilson Reid, of East Gwillimbury, who had been in a bad state of health, was held up by Mr. T. Graham, who struggled to save her for about twenty minutes, when she burst a blood vessel; the blood and froth issued from her mouth, and she soon expired.—Some of the parties kept the body from sinking, while the others clung to the keel of the boat to keep it balanced. A boat came to their rescue, and after all most superhuman efforts the rest were saved.

Some of the citizens of Goderich had a good time a few days ago, by going on board the United States gunboat Michigan and honoring the Yankee Captain by drinking his navy rum and champagne.

Accounts from all parts of New Brunswick are highly favourable for harvest prospects.

FLORA CORRESPONDENCE.

From our own Correspondent.

There is not a village in the Dominion that has made more rapid strides, in the building line this season, than Elora. Mr. Mitchell has his store on Mill street in a forward state, and will expose his first-class harness, etc., in it shortly. Mr. Thomson's store, adjoining, will be ready for occupation in about a month. The buildings are of stone, with dressed corners, and make an excellent appearance.

Mr. Jno Godfrey has erected three stone stores on Metcalf street, one of which will be occupied by Mr. Bowes, a pushing dry goods and millinery man, who does a very large trade. The single store will be occupied by Mr. Stephenson, watchmaker, and the remaining one by a Montrealeir in the dry goods' line.

Mr. Dalby is adding a store to the south end of his hotel, which will be filled with a choice stock of hardware in a very short time by Mr. Connell, who has already established a good trade here. The upper flat will be occupied by the Masonic Society as a lodge room. The block is decidedly the most imposing one north of the county town.

Mr. John Waddell is erecting two stone stores on Geddes st., which will be ready for the roof next week.

Mr. Wm. Stafford has his two stores on the same street in a forward state. The Professor is a funny fellow; he built the foundation of stone, the first storey of concrete, and the second storey of brick. It is hard to tell of what the third storey will be composed. I'll keep you posted about it.

Mr. Thomas Cannon, photographer, has built an excellent concrete dwelling, two storeys high, in rear of his gallery, which will, when finished, be an ornament to the street. Mr. Gibb's concrete cottage is already roofed and will be finished and occupied in the course of a short time.—He is a pushing man, and is worth his weight in gold.

Mr. John Gordon, son of Mr. A. Gordon, has built a snug storey-and-a-half concrete house in a central spot, which will be ready for the roof in a week or so. A more creditable young man does not live in Elora, and we trust that the happiness of occupying the house in reversion for him, with one of Elora's fair daughters, will nerve him to still greater exertions.

Mr. Andrew Gordon has removed his workshop to the "Peak," and his show-room, in consequence, is much larger.—The two large windows have been removed, and smaller ones substituted, which is a decided improvement. He has a very good stock about ready for the fall trade.

The building of the Fergus Drill Shed was let yesterday. Mr. Andrew Forrester of Fergus secured the stone work, at the rate of \$1.55 per perch, and Mr. William Beattie, of the same village, the carpenter work for \$1530. The building will be 100 feet in length by 50 in width. The walls are to be 20 feet in height, with an arched roof. The cost of the building will be about \$4000. If possible the building will be sufficiently forward to hold the Agricultural exhibition in it this fall.

Mr. Joseph Black of the "Fergus Arms Hotel," has made extensive alterations in his hotel. A new bar-room has been fitted up in the west end, and a large number of airy bed-rooms added. Joe is a pushing lad, and will make his "pile" in a short time. There is some talk of Mr. John Gerrie, of the St. Andrew's Hotel, starting a morning Stage from Fergus to Guelph direct. This would be an accommodation to the Fergus people, and the travelling public in general.

Mr. Alexander Walker died at the residence of his brother, Nichol, on the 19th inst., after a protracted illness, which he bore with great fortitude. The deceased carried on the wagon-making business in Elora for the past seven years, and was much respected for his gentlemanly deportment. He came to this village from Galt, where he resided a number of years. He leaves a widow and four children to mourn his loss. His death was caused by chronic gastritis. Aged 34 years.

John Brown, chief constable, has picked up a stray dog named Elmo, which gives the village a decided improvement. May his shadow never grow less.

THUNDER STORM AT SEAFORTH.—An employee of Messrs. Goldie & McCulloch, of Galt, at present engaged in the erection of a mill at Seaforth, writes, to the Reflector the particulars of a severe thunder storm which occurred at that place on Saturday. He says: This section of country was visited by one of the heaviest thunder storms I ever witnessed. About five o'clock this afternoon dark clouds began to gather, and before long we were nearly in total darkness; then the lightning began to flash, followed by loud and terrific peals of thunder, and the rain came down in torrents. We had to quit work for a time owing to the darkness, when presently a flash more vivid than the others struck the gable end of the mill, which we are at present erecting for James Crombie, Esq., tearing off some of the cornice and scattering the bricks and shingles in all directions, throwing some of them a considerable distance and making an opening in the roof about three feet long. After passing through the roof it descended to the bottom by the main upright shaft, which reaches nearly to the roof and rests on a step at the bottom which is set into the timber that supports it about one inch, and passing from below the step it tore off a large splinter, spilling the appearance of the shaft very much. But it left no further traces, and I am glad to say the damage is trifling. No one was hurt although fourteen men were engaged in the mill at the time, but all were stunned and not a little frightened, most of us being but a short distance from the shaft by which it descended, and had it not been for the darkness, would have been working at it, having left it but a few minutes before. Strange to say it left no traces of fire, yet we could see the smoke, which smelled nearly the same as gunpowder.

Letter from Mr. Dunn.

To the Editor of the Mercury.

SIR,—I observed in your yesterday's issue an article purporting to be an answer to an editorial that appeared in the Advertiser of Friday last. With the main subject of the Mercury's review I have nothing to do; the arguments and statements contained in it may, or may not, be correct. People can form their own opinions on such matters.—In the Mercury's review, there are, however, I am sorry to say, certain personal insinuations and reflections, which, in my humble opinion, facts will not justify, and which, under the circumstances, I respectfully submit, are unfair, ungenerous and unwarrantable. From the animus, tone and innuendoes of the Mercury's article, it is clear that the "writer" supposes, imagines and assumes, that I had something to do with the Advertiser's editorial. I beg to set the said "writer" on this point right, as he is evidently labouring under a delusion. He is indeed a thousand miles at sea in his guess, if not more. I had nothing to do with the article in question, was not consulted with regard to it, and did not see it till I saw and read it in the Advertiser of Friday.

For any statements, arguments, expressions, criticisms, &c., it may therefore contain I do not hold myself responsible. The Advertiser, I have no doubt, can take care of itself, and I feel equally confident that the Board of Trustees (for the members of which, personally, I have the highest respect) is perfectly able to do the same thing.

The drift or tendency of the Mercury's article, whatever the intent, or ulterior motives of the "writer," is to disparage and undervalue the status and influence of the Grammar School. I am too charitably inclined to think that this is the "writer's" wish. Assuredly if he is a true friend of education it ought not to be. I am not aware that numbers in a school, any more than in an army, are a guarantee of efficiency. Judged by such a standard some of our very best institutions would rank low indeed.

At the same time, I may remark, that the number of pupils attending the Grammar School is as large as can reasonably be expected, in fact, as large as, if not larger than, that which usually attends at this season of the year. Even now it is considerably in excess of the average of Grammar Schools. I found it with some six classical pupils—last December I returned over fifty. The trouble, I apprehend, is not that the attendance is unreasonably small, but that it might be much larger. For further light on this point I refer the Mercury to the concluding part of to-day's Herald's editorial. As regards the attainments and standing of the pupils, I will only say, that if the "writer" of yesterday's article, or any critical or hypercritical friend of his acquaintance thinks himself qualified, or feels disposed, to act the part of an examiner, he will be afforded every facility for so doing. The Grammar School does not shirk examination: it courts it; and is prepared to let the results speak for themselves. This is surely fair. I am coming to conclusions without fear, impartial and dispassionate investigation of facts and causes equally fair?

The reflection upon the provincial character of our Provincial University, and, to say the least of it, unseemly and ungenerous insinuation with regard to myself, I pass over as beneath notice. They have clearly been dashed off, thoughtlessly—*currente calamo*. At all events I can afford to be again charitable and think so. I hope that the time is far distant when this University of ours, of which not only Canadians, but any people, might well feel proud, will be compelled to make its honors "cheap," or the subject of barter or mercenary consideration, as the Mercury's "writer" unmindful of the fable of the "fox and sour grapes" would seem to imply.

HEAD MASTER.

Guelph, Aug. 18th.

PIC-NIC TO-DAY.—The Band left about ten o'clock this morning en route for Puslinch Lake, where they are to enjoy their picnic. They were all packed into a large wagon drawn by four horses and on each corner of the vehicle a pole, on which a Union Jack fluttered, was fastened. As they drove leisurely down the street the lively strains of their music brought numbers out to see them pass. A large number of adolescent citizens, accompanied them, and almost every gallant had his fair lady in a buggy beside him. It said that after all who meant to go to the Lake had taken their departure, there was scarcely a "rig" left at any of the livery stables. "The more the merrier," is the old saying, and we hope they may all enjoy themselves, and find chunks of fun lying round the shores of the inland sea of Puslinch.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.—The opening games of the Billiard Tournament last evening were witnessed by a large and respectable gathering. Ten gentlemen have entered the lists for the prize cue. Each game was keenly contested, and in many instances the skill of the players was exhibited in some remarkably brilliant shots. The contest will be continued every afternoon and evening until the termination of the Tournament.

The King of Prussia is about to present a statue of Marshal Keith to the town of Peterhead, Scotland, near the March of the North.

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

(BY ATLANTIC CABLE.)

London, Aug. 18.—Soon after the arrival of the American yacht *Sappho* at Cowes, Mr. P. B. Baldwin, the captain, issued a general challenge to yachtsmen in England for a race. The challenge was at once accepted by the following named yachts—*Alive*, *Cambria*, *Onoura* and *Conquer*. A conference was held, and details of the friendly encounter agreed upon. The race, which will be for £20, will occur on Friday, 21st instant. The yachts will start from Cowes and proceed to the east through Spithead, out at sea around the Isle of Wight to the westward, and through Solent to the place of starting, a distance of perhaps 75 or 80 miles. The event has made considerable stir in the sporting circles, and a fine race is looked for.

Amsterdam, Aug. 19.—Representatives of France, Holland, Belgium, Prussia and England are now assembled at Hague for the purpose of holding a Conference, looking to the equalization of duties on imported sugar.

Vienna, Aug. 19th.—Apprehensions are entertained that the recent attempt at a rising against the Turkish authority in Bulgaria will be renewed. Accounts received from that quarter represent that the country remains in an unsettled condition, and though the insurrectionary bands have disappeared or been dispersed, the indications are that secret preparations of a formidable character are being made for another and more extensive outbreak. The attention of the Austrian Government has been called to this threatening state of affairs by an unusual demand for firearms from the other side of the Danube, and an order has been issued prohibiting the exportation of arms or ammunition from Austrian territory into the Danubian Principalities.

London, Aug. 19th.—Despatches from Madrid state that a crisis has taken place in the Spanish Government. The Minister of War has withdrawn from the Cabinet, and the Captain Generals of Madrid and Barcelona have resigned.

London, Aug. 19th.—Crop reports from Calcutta to 23rd July have been received; they state that cotton in the northwestern districts of India has suffered from heavy rains, and the yield in that part of the country will fall below the estimates of the planters. Advice from Hong Kong to July 10th received, states that a commission appointed to consider the subject, reported against the granting by the Colonial Government of licenses for gambling. To this the Governor of Hong Kong made a hostile reply, which gave great offence to the merchants of the colony.

Paris, Aug. 17.—The Corps Legislatif will reassemble in December. The elections for members of the Corps Legislatif have been postponed until next year. At a review of troops at Marseilles yesterday which attracted an immense crowd of citizens, a popular demonstration was made in favor of peace. Loud cries were raised by the spectators for peace and against war. The crowd was orderly, and there was no interference on the part of the police.

The Feeje Islands.

Some time ago the United States made a demand on the King of the Feeje Islands for the sum of \$45,000 as compensation for the crews of the two American vessels who had been cast upon his shores, and eaten by his cannibal subjects. The King paid one instalment which so depleted his exchequer that he was unable to meet further obligations, and requested the States a short time ago to take one of his Islands, and relieve him from financial embarrassments that he might concentrate his attention on the subjugation of some of his rebellious subjects. The American Government however took too long to consider, and a company was formed in Australia, which raised the money and paid it over to the United States Consul, and thus prevented the realization of the hopes of the American government. The company, however, in negotiating the payment, secured the title of the Islands, and being British subjects, thus brought their newly acquired territory under the protection of the British flag. These Islands are 225 in number but only 80 of them are inhabited. The total area of them is said to be about 8,000 square miles, and the aggregate number of inhabitants 300,000, who, though not many years ago savages and cannibals, have been for the most part converted to Christianity. The English Wesleyan Methodists have sent missionaries thither, and they report 50,000 of the natives as attending their ministrations. Only seven years ago, the King, anxious for a foreign protectorate, to cede these Islands to Great Britain, but though the British Government promised to give the subject its favorable consideration, it never made any other reply. The action of the Melbourne Company will, of course, lead to a British protectorate.

SOCIAL THIS EVENING.—Remember

the Primitive Methodist Social (Thursday) evening, to be held in the Lecture Room of the Church, at half-past seven o'clock. A good time is expected.

During a thunder storm on Saturday afternoon the lightning entered the window of a school house in Ashfield, charring a piece of studding. No other damage was done.

FIRE.—The New Hamburg *Beaver* says: A fire broke out last Saturday in Mr. Jackson's field adjoining the railway which destroyed considerable fencing and over one hundred shocks of wheat. The fire was with difficulty subdued by digging and ploughing around it, and is supposed to have been caused by a spark from a passing locomotive. On the same day a fire also broke out in a hemlock swamp, belonging to Mr. Glasser, on the twoline between Wilmot and North Easthope, which for a while threatened to do serious damage to the crops surrounding the swamp. Mr. J. Hunsberger's barn was for some time in imminent danger of being consumed. By the energetic exertions of the neighbours the fire was confined to the barn, where it