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Business Cards.

AUSTIN C. CHADWICK, Barrister, Solicitor in Chancery, Notary, &c., Town Hall Buildings, Guelph. dw

WILLIAM HART, Conveyancer, Land and General Agent, Negotiator of Loans, &c. Office hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Office, No. 4, Day's Block. dw

FREDERICK BISCOE, Barrister and Attorney at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Conveyancer, &c. Guelph. Office, corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets. dw

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

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

GEORGE PALMER, Barrister and Attorney-at-Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Notary Public and Conveyancer. Office, over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store. Entrance on Macdonnell street. dw

F. H. PASS,
Painter, Glazier and Paper Hanger

All orders promptly attended to.
RESIDENCE—Two doors above St. Andrew's Church.
Guelph, Feb. 26, 1872 d3m

ROYAL HOTEL LIVERY STABLE.

The subscriber begs to notify the public that he has purchased the above livery from Mr Geo. W. Jessop, and will continue the business as heretofore. Having made considerable improvements, he will be able at all times to meet the wants of the travelling public. First-class Turnouts ready at the shortest notice.
Guelph, 6th Dec. dtf W. J. WILSON.

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

Refitted in the latest fashion. Five latest styles Phelan Tables. do

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,
Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law,
Solicitors in Chancery,
GUELPH, ONTARIO.

D GUTHRIE, J WATT, W. H CUTTEN.
Guelph, March 1, 1871 dwy

F. STURDY,
House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter
GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.

Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. f27-dwly

JOHN KIRKHAM,
Silver Plater and Brass Finisher.

All orders promptly attended to.
Shop—opposite Chalmer's Church, Quebec Street, Guelph. dwy

THE BEST HOTEL IN TOWN.
CASEY ALWAYS JOLLY.

The richest drinks, best table, most comfortable beds, merriest company, and jolliest house in town at Casey's— The Harp of Erin Hotel, Macdonnell Street, Guelph. do

DOMINION SALOON.

Fresh Oysters in every Style

The table supplied with all the delicacies of the Season in a first-class manner.
☞ At the Bar will be found the Choicest Brands of Liquors and Cigars.
DENIS BUNYAN.
Guelph, Nov. 21, 1872. do

GUELPH ACADEMY
AND
BOARDING SCHOOL
Opens on Monday, 8th of April.

Particular attention devoted to the English and Commercial Branches.
JOHN MARTIN,
Guelph, March 28, 1872 dwlm

DUIGNAN'S PUBLIC CAB.

The Subscriber begs to inform the people of Guelph that he has purchased a handsome and commodious Cab, which will always be at their service.
He will be at the Railway Stations on the arrival of all trains.
Parties wishing to hire by the hour or otherwise will be charged the most reasonable rates.
As he will make it his study to see to the comfort of all passengers he hopes to receive a share of public patronage.
Orders left at the Express Office, Mr. Hugh Walker's, and at the Post Office will be promptly attended to.
Sept. 4, 1871. do JOHN DUIGNAN.

SODEN'S PUBLIC CAB.

The subscriber having purchased Mr. D. Coffee's splendid Cab, begs to inform the public that it will be at their service at all times, either by the hour, the day, or any other way, at the most moderate charges.
It will attend all the regular trains, also Concert and Balls, and can be engaged for Marriages or Funerals on the shortest notice.
Order slates kindly permitted at Mr. Harvey's DrugStore, Parker's Hotel, and Hewer's Western Hotel.
A careful and steady driver always with the Cab. A share of public patronage respectfully solicited.
Orders may also be left at the Owner's Grocery Store, Upper Wyndham Street.
Oct. 19, 1871. dtf R. SODEN.

ONTARIO COAL YARDS.
MURTON & REID

Have received and are receiving a large stock of Delaware, Lackawanna and Western R. R. Co's COAL of all sizes.

EGG, STOVE AND CHESNUT, IN FIRST-RATE CONDITION, CLEAN AND DRY.

This Coal, for general use, is the best article in the market—low for cash.
All other Coals, such as Briar Hill, Mount Morris, Lehigh and Blossburg, in large quantities. Order early and secure your stock at present prices.
OFFICE—James Street, one door south of the Canada Life Assurance Co., Hamilton.
dw GEO. MURTON, Agent at Guelph

FARMS TO RENT.

I. Eighty acres (cleared) with good stone dwelling house, barn and outbuildings.
II. Forty acres (12 cleared), with log house, &c. Both farms are in town. Possession given about the 25th of April. Apply to
ROBERT MITCHELL,
Solicitor, &c., No. 1, Day's Block.
Guelph, March 30, 1872. dwtf

New Advertisements.

CARPENTER WANTED.—To a suitable person, $2 per day will be paid.
apldtf JAMES BARCLAY, Builder.

FARM HAND WANTED. — Wanted immediately, a good farm hand. Apply at this office. a13-d4w1

SERVANT WANTED.—Wanted immediately, a good active servant. Apply at this office. 16d

TRADE SALE.

W. S. G. Knowles will offer for sale by Public Auction at his Rooms, Market Street, Guelph, on FRIDAY, the 19th APRIL, at the hour of 11 o'clock, a.m., a consignment of 200 mats New Malaga Figs in good condition. Lots to suit purchasers. Terms cash. 3d

GUELPH BOARD OF TRADE.—The Annual General Meeting of the Guelph Board of Trade, will be held in the TOWN HALL, on TUESDAY EVENING, April 16th, 1872, at half-past 7 o'clock, for the election of officers, &c. A full attendance is requested.
GEO. MURTON, President.
GEO. ROBINS, Secretary.
Guelph, April 2nd, 1872. dd

FIRST-CLASS SAND FOR SALE.—The undersigned offers for sale, either at the Pit, or delivered when required, First-class Sand suitable for either Builders or Plasterers. Apply to JOHN FORD, Paisley Block Road. mldw3m

TO CONTRACTORS AND OTHERS.

The subscriber keeps on hand Fresh Lime, Stone, Sand, Posts, Lumber, &c., which he will sell at reasonable prices to all who may favor him with their patronage. He also keeps teams on hand, to be let by the day or otherwise, at his residence near the G. T. station, where he will see to this new business in person in the usual way, and hopes to be patronized hereafter as he has been in the past. Orders promptly attended to.
DENIS COFFEE.
Guelph, April 11th, 1872. dw6m

LIFE AND TIMES
OF
REV. ROBERT BURNS, D.D.,
TORONTO,
Including an unfinished autobiography edited by his son,
REV. R. F. BURNS, D.D., MONTREAL.

Mr. R. B. Campbell, Agent for the sale of this popular works, will be in Guelph on the 15th and 16th inst., to solicit subscriptions for delivery early in May.
JAMES CAMPBELL & SON,
Toronto, April 3rd, 1872 d2w2j

ALL THE NEW
PRINTS
AT GALLOWAY'S
Large No. 1.

HOUSE PROPERTY FOR SALE.

$1800 will buy 3 two story tenements on Cork Street, adjoining the Wesleyan Methodist Church.
$650 will buy a comfortable rough cast Cottage on Perth Street, near the Eramosa Bridge.
$700 will buy a good stone Cottage on Nottingham Street.

FARMS FOR SALE.

$1,000 will buy a splendid farm of 200 acres, 125 cleared, the balance being timbered, in Arthur, first-class land. Well watered.
$6,500 will buy a good farm of 150 acres in Guelph Township.
HENRY HATCH,
Land & Loan Agent,
March 7. dwtf Guelph

GREAT CLEARING SALE.

BANKRUPT STOCK
—OF—
BOOTS AND SHOES

Estate of John McNeil.

As the whole of this stock must be sold to close up the Estate, the Assignee has determined to offer the balance of the Goods at

Still Further Reduced Prices for 14 Days Longer,

At the same place, Wyndham Street, Guelph, when the remainder will be sold by Public Auction, or removed from Guelph.

Notwithstanding the large quantity sold, there is still a good assortment from which to select.
JOHN GARRETT, Assignee.
Guelph, April 13th, 1872. dw

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 at D. MOULTON'S
Guelph, Feb. 3, 1872. dwy

SPRAGGE'S PUMP FACTORY.

The Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has removed his Pump Factory
Next to Thain, Elliott & Co's Agricultural Works, Eramosa Bridge.
He intends to enlarge his Factory, and by adding steam power to turn out altogether more and in shorter time than before.
All orders left at the above place will be promptly attended to.
Repairing done on short notice.
P. SPRAGGE.
Guelph, March 21, 1872 dwtm

FARM FOR SALE. — The east half of Lot 1, Con. 13, Township of Peel, containing 100 acres, more or less, 40 acres cleared, the remainder excellent timber land. The property fronts on the Elora and Saugeen Gravel Road, 24 miles from Drayton Station, and 1 mile from the track of the W. G. & Bruce Railway. This farm requires no praise—intending purchasers can see it for themselves. Terms: the greater part of the money will be required down, and time will be given for the remainder, secured by the first mortgage, with 8 per cent interest. A clear Crown Patent given. Apply to the proprietor on the premises, or if by letter, prepaid, to J. Harty, Bosworth P.O. 12w3m

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TO THE PUBLIC.

I have now received per steamer "Sarmatian" my stock of

Field, Garden and Flower Seeds

Direct from the most reliable growers in England, Germany and France.
Trusting to be favored with your kind orders.
I am,
Yours, &c.,
W. H. MARCON,
d1w1 Seedsman, opposite the Market.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

BOARD OF TRADE.—Remember the annual meeting of the Board of Trade this evening.

THE Mount Forest village council has appointed a vaccinating office, and all persons neglecting to be operated are to be prosecuted

LIFE OF DR. BURNS.—Mr. Campbell, agent for the Life of Rev. Dr. Burns, will this week canvass the town for subscribers to the book. The late Dr. Burns was so well known and for many years so intimately connected with every religious movement in Canada, that his life cannot fail to be of special interest.

W. G. & B. RAILWAY. — On and after to-day, the 16th, the mixed train due to leave Clifford at 8 a. m, will not run on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between Clifford and Fergus, and the mixed train due to leave Guelph at 1.15 p. m., will not be run to Clifford on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, but only to Fergus.

LECTURE.—A lecture will be given in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening, the 24th inst., by the Rev. Bishop Nasrey, to commence at 7 p. m. The Bishop is head of the British Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada; and will speak on the condition of the coloured people in the British Provinces. All are invited to attend. Admission free.

LAST Sunday night, some evil disposed persons completely destroyed the sap which had been collected for sugar-making on the farm of Mr. Peter S. Armstrong, near Armstrong's Mill. Such conduct cannot be too severely condemned especially when taken in connection with the day on which the offence was perpetrated.

THE THANKSGIVING.—Monday was strictly observed in town as a day of thanksgiving for the recovery of the Prince of Wales. An union service was held in St. Andrew's Church at 11 o'clock, the Presbyterians, Methodists, Congregationlists and Baptists uniting in the service. Thanksgiving services were also held in the Episcopalian and Catholic Churches. The stores and places of business were closed throughout the day.

STARTLING, IF TRUE.—The Toronto *Telegraph* says:—A startling report reaches us from Orangeville. A passenger by the evening train of the Toronto, Grey & Bruce on Saturday informed one of our reporters that a young man in the cordwood purchasing had been murdered near Little Toronto station and his remains boxed and shipped to Toronto. The box having remained here for some days without being claimed it was returned to Orangeville where its contents were discovered, and an inquest is to be held on the body. The deceased, whose name our informant did not learn, was to receive a large amount of money by express at Orangeville last week, which place he visited at the time but did not draw the money. He was not seen alive after that.

Adjourned Vestry Meeting.

The adjourned Vestry Meeting of St. George's Church was held in the school room on Monday evening. Archdeacon Palmer occupied the chair, and Mr. F. J. Chadwick acted as clerk.

Mr. Reynolds on Easter Monday having given in his resignation as Church Warden, and member of the Building Committee, also as Sec.-Treasurer of the Cemetery, and being asked to reconsider the same, still adhered to his determination, and his resignation was accordingly accepted. Judge Macdonald was nominated by the Rector as Church Warden in his stead, and Sec.-Treas. of the Cemetery Committee. Mr. A. A. Baker was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy on the Building Committee.

The report of the Auditors was read and accepted.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Church Wardens of 1871 for the efficient way in which they had managed the business.

THE GENEVA BOARD.—The Geneva Board of Arbitration was in session a short time on Tuesday. The British and American counter charges were presented, after which the Board adjourned, no special feature marking their proceedings. London journals urge the arbitrators on behalf of England in the matter of the *Alabama* claims to withdraw from the arbitration rather than submit to the American claim for indirect damages.—In the House of Commons on Tuesday night, Mr. Gladstone, in reply to inquiries from Mr Disraeli and others, again assured members that the note accompanying the British Counter Case protested against the jurisdiction of the Board at Geneva over claims for indirect damages.

TORONTO TRADES' UNIONS.—The different Trades' Unions in Toronto had a grand procession on Monday. It was calculated that there were about fourteen hundred persons in the procession, all the Unions being represented, the whole being escorted by five bands of music. Speeches were made by Dr. Hall, Mr. Dodds and James Beaty, M. P., in favour of the nine hours movement.

NEWS ITEMS.

THERE were four incendiary fires in St. Catherines on Friday night.

LAKE Michigan is clear of ice. This is only an aggravation, however, as the Straits of Mackinaw still remain solid.

THE result of the Town assessment for Goderich for the present year shows a population of 4,195, and an assessment of $991,605.

THE county of Durham was blanketed on Wednesday evening, with two feet of snow. This is not bad for the middle of April.

JOHN DAVIDSON, of Goderich, is to be be the Deputy Judge of Huron County during the six months leave of absence of Judge Brough.

THE young people of the Rev. Mr. McColl's church, Dundas, presented that gentleman with a clock, valued at $53, on Monday evening last.

MESSRS. BEATTY & Co., of Thorold, advertise their new line of steamers between Sarnia and Lake Superior. The boats consist of the *Manitoba* and *Acadia*.

THE Canadian Engine and Machinery Company, of Kingston, has just turned out a first-class freight locomotive for the use of the Grand Trunk Railway.

THE St Catharines *Times* is glad to hear from various parts of the Niagara District that the fall wheat is not winter killed but that it is coming up quite promisingly.

THE race for the Queen's plate, at Ottawa, has been postponed this year from the 24th May to 11th and 12th of June. Up to the present Mr. Shedden's "Morlander" is the favourite.

Mr. Perine, of Conestoga, who was elected in Stratford the other week, as president of the first flax manufacturers' association organized in Canada, pays out annually $16,000 in wages.

THE contractors for the work of widening the deep cut on the Welland Canal have commenced operations in that part of the Canal. Large buildings for stores boarding houses and workshops for the use of the men, are being erected in the vicinity.

A WIDOWER named Philip Metcalfe was arrested at Norwood on Saturday, charged with having administered medicine to his cousin Lizzie Metcalfe, for the purpose of producing abortion. She lies dangerously ill, and it is thought she will not recover. He has been committed to stand his trial.

THE water in the rivers and streams in the neighborhood of Seaforth is higher this spring than it has been for several years. Considerable damage to bridges, fencing and other property has been done. Several bridges on the Maitland river have been carried off. The bridge at Roxboro has been swept away, and the mill dam broken.

THE people of Durham, who have lately been taking steps to secure railway accommodation, suggest the possibility of an amalgamation of the lines of the Wellington, Grey & Bruce and Toronto, Grey & Bruce from say Chatsworth to Owen Sound, similar to the amalgamation of those lines talked of in South Bruce.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN PICTON.—The most destructive fire that ever occurred in Picton commenced on Saturday morning in a large frame building on the south side of Maine street, owned by E. Sills. More than 16 places of business were burned down. The loss is roughly estimated at $150,00.

OWING to the great length of the winter a great scarcity of fodder appears to prevail throughout the country. In the Peterborough market hay sold last week at $25 per ton; at Meaford it was quoted at from $25 to $30, and in other localities it has sold at from $20 to $30 according to circumstances.

THE CANADIAN POET.—The Caledonian Societies of Ontario have assumed the task of raising money enough to provide a homestead for Alex. McLachlan known as the Canadian Poet, and we observe that the St. Catharines Caledonians, being anxious to add their mite to the fund in honor of one who has exhibited high talent, have engaged the services of Capain R. Wynne to deliver a lecture in their hall, on McLachlan and his poetry.

THE TICHBORNE CLAIMANT.—The claimant to the Tichborne estates, now in confinement at Newgate prison, awaiting trial for perjury and forgery, succeeded in obtaining bail in the requisite amount of £5,000 as fixed by Lord Chief Justice Bovill, but the judge on presentation of the bondsmen, declined accepting them, and the prisoner consequently will remain in jail until the day of his trial in June next.

DEMONSTRATION AT HAMILTON.—The *employees* in the mechanical department of the Great Western shops, to the number of 500, formed a procession on Saturday morning, and accompanied by two brass bands, marched through the principal streets. The procession was very orderly throughout, but when they passed a manufactory or printing office that was either in favour or against the nine hour movement they exhibited their feelings by either cheering or groaning according to circumstances. This demonstration was got up to celebrate the concession made by the Great Western to their demands.

FEARFUL SNOW SLIDES.—SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 13.—The snow avalanches which occurred on Thursday and yesterday at Little Cottonwood are described as the most fearful ever known in that region. A slide at the Wellington mine came from a height of 2,000 feet, carrying away everthing in its course, and burying the entire force of the Wellington workmen. After much labor the men were dug out alive with the exception of their foreman, H. H. Murray, whose body was recovered and brought here to-day. Seven men were caught in another slide but were all rescued. In the storm of the last few days snow fell to the depth of six feet on the level. Murray, who was killed at the Wellington mine, was from Rhode Island.

Elora and Salem Correspondence.

The Elora Mechanics' Institute held a re-union on Thursday evening last, in the Drill Shed. Considering the unfavourable state of the roads the attendance was larger than we expected. Mr. John Smith of the *Observer*, President of the Institute, occupied the chair. The entertainment consisted of an address by the chairman, readings and music, both vocal and instrumental. Miss Cattanach's singing was so much appreciated that she received an encore. We think that she is likely to be an attractive singer, at least to Elora audiences. Two other young ladies, whose names we did not ascertain, sang a duett with good taste. Messrs. Weatherstone and Harris sang some Scottish songs in excellent style. Mr. Cornwell read correctly and with impression "Enoch Arden" from Tennyson. Mr. McMillan gave a humorous selection from the Bedot papers, entitled "a thanksgiving dinner" which produced a good deal of amusement amongst the audience. Messrs. Smart and Harris sang a duett. Dr. Griffith read a selection from Pickwick, entitled "an unfortunate shot" which caused much laughter, and in conclusion the Elora Good Templar's choir sang the National Anthem.

BURGLARY IN SALEM.—The tinware establishment of Mr. Duncan Comrie, of Salem, was entered through a back window on Tuesday night last, by some person or persons at present unknown. The cash box was broken open and its contents, amounting to five or six dollars, abstracted. The night, being very dark was favourable for the operations of the burglar or burglars. There is no positive clue as yet to the guilty parties, but suspicion, for which, as far as we can learn there is strong grounds, points to certain village juveniles who, it seems, do not bear the reputation of strictly obeying the 8th commandment. It is thought Mr. Comrie's shop was "spotted" by the suspected youths the day before, and that when he was going home after closing his shop they laid in ambush and discovered that he was minus the cash box much to their satisfaction. We cannot too strongly censure those parents who allow their children—even supposing they *are* in their "teens"—to loaf and idle away their time around taverns and other public places, in villages and small towns. A dreadful responsibility, we say, rests upon them for so doing. Evil habits engender quickly, and eat their way insidiously to the very core, so that it is no wonder that the youth or young man who but a few short months ago was looked upon as a "model" and a credit to his parents is now completely degenerated into a low, skulking, vicious character, capable of committing any crime on the calendar, and with only a step between him and the gallows. Parents send your children to school if nothing unavoidable prevents you, and if they are past school age, get employment of some kind for them, teach them to be industrious, and don't let them loaf round taverns and street corners. If you carry out these instructions there will be fewer liars, fewer swearers and fewer thefts and burglaries in our villages and towns. If you don't do it others will have to send them whenever they commit crime, heartrending though it be to you, to where they can be no pests to society.

THE SPRING FRESHET.—The Spring freshet has done but little injury in Elora or Salem. The river is now nearly clear of ice and is much higher than it has been for years.

Town Council.

The Council met on Monday night. Present the Mayor in the chair, Messrs. Massie, Kennedy, Robertson, Elliott, Allan, Snider, Bell, Stewart, Mitchell, Crowe and Hogg.

The Clerk reported that a special election had been held in the West Ward, and that Mr. Geo. Elliott had been elected to serve the residue of the term for which Mr. McNeil had been elected. Mr Elliott accordingly subscribed to the necessary qualification and took his seat.

Mr. Mitchell read a petition from Robt. Thompson and others for improvements on Charles-st. Referred to Road & Bridge Committee.

Petitions were also presented from Wm Wilson in reference to his tenant not paying his rent; from Massie, Paterson & Co. for a transfer of shop license; from Jas. A. Thorpe for a tavern license; from John Read and others asking the use of the Drill Shed for the purpose of a gymnasium in connection with, and under the control of, the Working Men's Club.

On motion of Mr. Allan, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, the petition of Massie, Paterson & Co. was granted.

The other petitions were referred to the different committees.

Mr. Elliott, on motion of Mr Robertson, was placed on all the committees on which his predecessor was appointed.

Mr. Allan presented the report of the Central Exhibition Committee, recommending that the tender for painting the Central Exhibition Building sent in by E. T. Collins, being the lowest, $240, be accepted on proper security being given for the due performance of the work. The building to be painted with oil and lead.

On motion of Mr Allan seconded by Mr Massie the report was accepted.

The Council then adjourned.

MEETING OF FLAX MILLERS.—The Berlin *Telegraph* says:—A meeting of Flax Manufacturers was held at Stratford a few days ago, for the purpose of organizing an Association for the protection and furtherance of the flax interest in Canada. It was unanimously resolved to form a society to be called the Canadian Flax Manufacturing Association, and the following were elected as office-bearers:—President—Mr. M. B. Perine, Conestogo; 1st vice do.—Mr. Jas. Livingstone, Baden; 2nd vice do.—Mr. Andrew Forrester, Mitchell; secretary—Mr. S. S. Fuller, Stratford; treasurer—Mr. Chas. Hendry, Conestogo. Mr. J. A. Donaldson was elected an honorary member.

STRENGTH

He may be strong who bravely meets
Death, when his lot was fair and sweet,
When only joy his full heart greets,
And earth with hope is all replete;

But stronger he who nobly treads
Life's path, when all is rough and drear;
When grief with night his sky o'erspreads,
And earth is robbed of light and cheer.

Strong he may be who sternly wields
His power to meet a selfish end,
Who calmly to his purpose yields
Alike an enemy and friend;

But stronger he who for the right
Strikes low ambition and desire;
Who, servile to the outward sight,
Is master of the hidden fire.

PATIENTLY.

Toil on, O troubled brain,
With anxious thoughts and busy scenes oppress;
Ere long release shall reach thee, A brief pain;
Then—Rest.

Watch still, O heavy eyes,
A little longer must ye vigil keep;
And lo! your lids shall close at morning's rise
In sleep.

Throb yet, O aching heart,
Still pulse the flagging current without cease;
When you a few hours more have played your part
Comes Peace.

Bear up, then, weary soul!
Short is the path remaining to be trod—
Lay down the fleshy shroud and touch the goal—
Then—God!

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES
BY TELEGRAPH

A NEW APPEAL COURT.

The French Squadron on the Move.

LONDON, April 15.—The Lord Chancellor introduced in the House of Lords to-night, a bill creating supreme court appeals the judges of which are to receive a salary of six thousand pounds each.

PARIS, April 15. — Dr. Richard V. Whelan, Bishop of Wheeling, is now in this city. He writes letters to the unions condemning the doctrines and action of Pere Michand.

The French editor who was arrested by the Germans at Vitry Le Francias for publishing offensive articles, has been released.

The French squadron is preparing to bombard Tamatar, on the east coast of Madagascar, on account of ill-treatment of French residents by the natives.

Boy Shot at Corruna.

Special to THE MERCURY.

Corruna, Ont., 16.—Archibald McKenzie, eldest son of Charles McKenzie, Esq., of Sarnia, was accidentally shot dead this morning at half-past eight o'clock, in the residence of Mrs. R. Gilbert of this place, while he and his cousin, Robert McKenzie, were carelessly playing with a shot gun.

SACRILEGE.—Some unknown person or persons broke into the Roman Catholic Church here on Sunday night last and stole therefrom a chalice valued at $45.

From Port Colborne.

Special to THE MERCURY.

PORT COLBORNE, April 15.—The propeller *City of London* which wintered here in the harbor, locked through this afternoon and went down the canal to Port Robinson, to get on the dry dock for repairs. Not much prospect of vessels getting out here yet for a couple of weeks. Ice in lake as far as can be seen. Snowing here all afternoon.

The Village of Palmerston.

Palmerston situated as it is on the main line of the Wellington, Grey, and Bruce Railway, between the townships of Wallace and Minto, is surpassing the expectations of the most sanguine in the rapidity of its growth. Twelve months ago there was not a building to be seen on the premises with the single exception of one farm residence. Since that time it has been surveyed and laid out by W. G. Morris, P. L. S., into a village, and a number of lots have been sold and good buildings have been erected thereon. Already there are three general stores doing business, one first class hotel, two wagon and blacksmith shops, a boot and shoe shop, a harness maker and saddler's shop, and two butchers' shops. In the manufacturing line there are an excellent steam saw mill and lath and shingle factory, a stave factory, a tannery, and a steam girst mill, and there is in course of erection a cabinet and furniture factory. There are also a large hotel and saloon going up this season, and besides those already enumerated a number of shops, as well as private residences. It is this point which forms the junction of the southern extention of the W. G. & B. R., and is spoken of as the place where the company's workshops will be situated, as it is the most central place on the line. To any one who wishes to start a paying business excellent chances are given in purchasing lots, as it is the main object of the proprietors to build up the place. The village is surrounded by an excellent farming district, and the majority of the farmers found it to their advantage to dispose of their produce in this place this season.—*Stratford Beacon*,

Credit Valley Railway.

GALT, April 12.

Delegations consisting of Mr. Grey, Mayor, and Mr. Douglas of Woodstock; Mr. Parker, Warden of Oxford; Messrs. Goldie, Watson, Wylie, Piper, from Ayr, and Mr. G. Laidlaw from Toronto, were received in the Council Chamber by the Mayor, members of the Council and a number of the principal property holders and manufacturers of the town to discuss the question of aid by Galt to the Credit Valley Railway and its extension to Woodstock. After a lengthened investigation and discussion the question of supporting the Railway bonus was put to vote and carried unanimously.

BERLIN, April 12.

A railway meeting was held here this afternoon, Mr. J. E. Bowman, M. P., in