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GUELPH, ONT., CANADA, TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 11, 1869.

PRICE ONE PENNY

IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE

OF VALUABLE FARM STOCK, HORSES, FARMING IMPLEMENTS, &c.

AT HESPELER.

ON THURSDAY, MAY 13th, 1869

The following valuable property, viz: 19 good working horses, 10 milk cows, (Durham grade), 19 head young cattle, 100 sheep, 1 very excellent thoroughbred Durham bull 4 years old, 8 number waggons, 7 sledges, 1 hay lifter, 8 sets of harness, 1 circular saw (for wood) with horse power attached, 1 threshing machine, 1 roller, 2 buggies, 1 potato plough, 2 ploughs, 1 gang plough, 1 garden engine, buffalo robes, 1 reaper and mower combined - Lutz's make, nearly new, 1 road scraper, chains, 1 hay rake with wheels, 1 fence-post-hole drill, lot of new chains, forks, hay racks, single harness, collars. Also, a lot of

Furniture belonging to the Farm House, and a lot of Blacksmith's Tools,

and other lots too numerous to mention.

The Auctioneer would respectfully call the attention of farmers and others to this sale, as the whole will positively be sold without reserve, as Mr. Hespeler has leased the farms - Sale at 10 o'clock a.m. sharp.

TERMS - 25th and under, Cash, above that sum 6 months' credit on approved security.

G. T. SHICKLAND, Auctioneer.

May 3 1869

THE QUEEN'S HOTEL,

West Market Square, Guelph.

J. MILLER, Proprietor.

THIS FIRST-CLASS HOTEL has recently been opened and fitted up in a style to meet the wants of the TRAVELLING PUBLIC, and secure to his patrons all the comforts and convenience of a home.

Particular attention is paid to the Table,

which will always be furnished with all the delicacies of the season.

FIRST-CLASS SAMPLE ROOMS FOR COMMERICAL TRAVELLERS, with

LIVERY STABLE

Attached to the Hotel to meet the requirements of all permanent as well as transient customers.

Guelph, March 3.

JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE,

Opposite the Market House.

CHEAP FARES

To Travellers Going South or West in the United States.

The undersigned is authorized to sell TICKETS to any point South or West by the popular and safe line

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD.

FARES CHEAP, and Tickets good for any reasonable time.

JOHN JACKSON, dw

ARCHIBALD McKEAND,

(Successor to John W. Murton),

Banking and Exchange OFFICE,

No. 9, JAMES STREET, HAMILTON.

BILLS OF EXCHANGE, uncurrent Money and Specie bought and sold at best rates.

5-20 Bonds bought and sold at a slight advance on New York rates.

Agent for the National Steamship Company, weekly Line of Steamers between New York and Liverpool. Also, for the London and New York Steamship Company, fortnightly Line between New York and London.

Tickets via the Michigan Central R. R. and the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana R. R. for all points West and South, Royal Mail Line to Montreal and intermediate ports.

Agent for the Knishaw & Edwards' celebrated Fire and Burglar Proof Safes.

Guelph, Dec. 1. daw 14

CO-PARTNERSHIP.

The undersigned beg to inform the public that they have entered into partnership for carrying on the business of contractors and builders, and are prepared to execute all orders for building in stone or brick.

Any Quantity of Stone on Hand and Cut to Order.

To suit purchasers. All orders left at the store of Hirsch & Kennedy, Produce Merchants, West Market Square, Guelph, will receive prompt attention.

Guelph, April 1. PIKE & DAVIDSON, 43m 96m

HARTFORD Fire Insurance Company

(Incorporated in 1810. - CAPITAL, \$2,000,000)

Special Rates for Dwellings and contents for terms of one to three years. E. MORRIS, Agent

Guelph, December 21.

TOWN OF GUELPH. COURT OF REVISION

The Court of Revision for the Town of Guelph will commence its first sitting in the Town Hall precisely at seven o'clock,

On Tuesday Evening, 18th of May, and resume its sitting at the same hour on each succeeding evening until the Court shall be closed.

N. B. - No appeals will be received after the 24th May, except in accordance with the Statute.

Town Clerk's Office, JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk, Guelph, 4th May, 1869. dwdt

BILLIARDS

GREAT EXCITEMENT.

Billiard Hall Refitted New Style Tables Exhibition Twice a Week

AT O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL.

Guelph, 2nd February. dtd

FACTORY FOR SALE OR LEASE

A good factory for sale or to let. Apply to S. BOULT, Guelph, Ont., (one 11) Guelph, November 19, 1868. daw 14

REMOVAL AND DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

GUELPH MELODEON AND ORGAN COMPANY



McLEOD, WOOD & Co., in returning their sincere thanks to the public for the liberal patronage bestowed on the late firm of BELL, WOOD & Co., would beg to state that having dissolved partnership with the other members of the firm, they intend carrying on and manufacturing Melodeons and Cabinet Organs, one door East of the old stand,

LARGE MARKET SQUARE

in that large three-story stone building known as the old American Printing Office, and hope by strict attention to business and liberal terms to merit the confidence of the musical public.

The partners are all practical mechanics, and as they intend using the best of stock, and their men being all tried Melodeon makers, the public may depend on getting as good an instrument as can be obtained in the United States or the Dominion of Canada.

TWO FIRST PRIZES

We were awarded two first prizes on both Melodeons and Cabinet Organs at the Provincial Exhibition of 1868, and one of our partners the same Mr. Wood whose tuning has taken nearly all of the first prizes at Provincial Fairs for the last eight years.

We wish specially to inform the public that, being practical mechanics, and having taken with us nearly all the workmen, whose work has gained such a reputation in Canada, we defy our late partners, or any men whom they can procure from Prince's or any other establishment, to turn out work equal - far less superior - to the instruments made by us. We do not intend to rest our claim for support on puffing, but invite comparison as the best test of the superiority of our work.

We would remind the agents of the late firm and intending purchasers that although the factory is one door East of the old stand, all the work is made by the same workmen, and under the supervision of two of the partners who have always managed the mechanical part of the business of the late firm, and the tuning is exclusively done by Mr. Wood, so that we have now facilities for turning out more perfect instruments than could be done in the old factory.

Repairing done as usual, and in future PIANO TUNING will be done by Mr. Wood exclusively. Price of tuning in town \$1.50.

All instruments warranted for five years.

Orders by letter will receive careful attention.

Remember the Stand - Old Advertisement Office, East Market Square.

M. McLEOD, R. B. WOOD, J. JACKSON, Guelph 17th April.

Guelph Melodeon Co.'s

Dissolution of Co. Partnership.

The Co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name of BELL, WOOD & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

JOHN RYD, Witness. W. BELL, R. B. WOOD, ROBERT BELL, ROBERT McLEOD.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

BELL BROTHERS, of the late firm, assume all liabilities, and all notes and accounts are to be paid to them at the old stand, East Market Square, Guelph 15th April, 1869.

BELL BROS'S

The senior partners of the above firm still continue to manufacture

MELODEONS & CABINET ORGANS

In the old stand, under the name of W. BELL & Co. Through the late firm received two First Prizes at the last Provincial Exhibition, we were determined to make a still better instrument, and with that end in view secured the services of some of PRINCE & CO'S best workmen, including a tuner who is undoubtedly the best in Canada. We therefore confidently affirm that our instruments are much superior to any made elsewhere in Canada, and at least equal to any made in the United States.

All our instruments warranted for 5 years, and we feel satisfaction guaranteed. Send for our catalogue.

Address, W. BELL & CO. Guelph, April 20, 1869. daw

Wellington Boot & Shoe Manufactory

WYNHAM-ST., GUELPH.

JOHN A. McMILLAN

Has much pleasure in informing the public that he is prepared to fill orders for

EVERY DESCRIPTION OF

Boots & Shoes!

For Spring and Summer Trade.

Home manufacture, and as cheap as an house in Toronto or Montreal.

Dealers in Boots and Shoes are requested to call and examine my Stock and Price before ordering elsewhere.

An immense stock of Boots and Shoes always on hand.

WANTED.

A Partner, with \$5,000 or \$6,000 cash. A splendid opening for a practical man.

Address, JOHN A. McMILLAN, Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wynham Street, Guelph, March 21 1869. d&w

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MRS. HUNTER.

HAS pleasure in informing the ladies of Guelph and vicinity that she has made arrangements to carry on -

DRESSMAKING

in connection with her business. Having secured the services of a thoroughly competent dressmaker, highly recommended by the first families of Toronto and Boston, ladies can depend on having dresses satisfactorily made in the latest and most fashionable styles.

STRAW MILLINERY.

Hats and Bonnets cleaned, turned, dyed and re-made in the latest fashion.

JUVENILE CLOTHING.

On hand and made to order. A large assortment of Goods suitable for the season on hand and arriving daily.

Stamping for binding and embroidery, new patterns.

Agent for the Hamilton "City Dye Works," and the Barley Sewing Machine.

MRS. HUNTER, Berlin Wool, Fancy Goods Store, &c. Wynham-st., Guelph, 7th April. dw

SPECIAL NOTICE

The subscriber in returning thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed on him in former years, announces that he has erected a NEW OPERATING ROOM at considerable expense, introducing all the improvements of the day, as well as

New RUSTIC Accessories.

He is prepared to execute: Photographs and Portraits of all kinds.

From the Looket to Life Size

Equal, as regards finish and life-like appearance, to the best made in any of our branches as usual, done in a satisfactory manner.

In Large Photographs with Frames he intends offering Special Inducements during the coming Holidays.

Parties requiring large sized Photograph with handsome frame, or any other Portrait of themselves or friends, will find it to their advantage to call and examine specimens and prices.

Rooms: Directly over John A. Wood's Grocery Store, Wynham-st.

WILLIAM BURGESS, Guelph December 12. dw

IMPERIAL Fire Insurance Company

OF LONDON. (Established 1803.)

HEAD OFFICES - 1 Old Broad Street, Pall Mall, London.

GENERAL AGENCY FOR CANADA, 24 St. S. Grant Street, Montreal.

Subscribed and Invested Capital and Reserve Fund

£1,965,000 STERLING

Funds invested in Canada - \$105,000

INSURANCE against loss by fire effected on the most favorable terms, and losses paid with the utmost promptness and liberality. No charge made for policies or endorsements.

Riverton, Bross, General Agents, 24 St. Sacrament Street, Jones Dodsworth, Inspector.

JOHN M. BOND, Agent, Guelph, Guelph, 11th Nov. dw

A RARE CHANCE.

A Six Year's Lease and Furniture of a First-class Hotel in the Town of Guelph for sale.

To be sold by private sale, a six year's lease and furniture of one of the best Hotels in the Town of Guelph. The subscriber being about to leave Canada, wishes to dispose of the above. For further particulars apply to

M. DEARDY, Deady's Hotel, Guelph, Guelph, 8th Febr. dw

Evening Mercury.

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 11, 1869.

Strange and Startling Phenomena at Elora and Salem.

From our correspondent.

The inhabitants of Elora and Salem have been kept in a state of constant excitement and fear since Friday night last, in consequence of certain remarkable phenomena, which by many are supposed to indicate the early occurrence of an earthquake of a serious nature, or the existence of great unassisted in "the bowels of the earth." In both those villages several families were roused from their slumbers on Friday night by dull, heavy, rumbling noises, followed by repeated knockings, and shaking of the doors and windows, and in some houses, a distinct vibrating motion of the furniture and flooring. These phenomena continued at intervals of fifteen or twenty minutes throughout Saturday, Sunday, and Monday - with the exception of the rumbling sounds, which became less distinct - and we hear that up to the present time the vibration is still communicated to most of the buildings, and is creating considerable attention.

In proof of these facts we may mention that the agitation is quite noticeable in Mr. Higginbotham's distillery, where all the window sashes and doors may be seen quaking, and two large bottles containing acetic acid tremble at short intervals.

In Mr. Gay's office some lower posts (single and far apart) shake together, and in Mr. Martin's tinshop the tinners are frequently put into motion. The most alarming effect, however, of the mysterious and hidden cause is apparent at Mr. Ross' mill dam, which was visited by a large number of people on Monday, and was noticed to vibrate distinctly. Strange sounds were heard in the vicinity of the dam, and at times a shock felt similar to that usually communicated by the working of heavy machinery close by. In Salem the same phenomena were present - so much so that Mr. Fischer, cabinet-maker, was persuaded that some one had entered his workshop, and that the sounds being emitted as of the dragging of chairs, tables, &c.; and Mr. Geo. Eddleston and several others heard similar noises on Sunday night. As a matter of course, opinions are divided as to the cause of these singular occurrences.

Some think that it is owing to a local influence, the air, as they suppose, being heavily charged with electric fluid; others - and as far as we can learn, those whose opinions should not be despised - believe it to be altogether subterranean. We shall probably have further particulars. We learn that on Monday evening the excitement in Elora and Salem was unabated, and that groups of people might be seen standing in various places discussing these startling occurrences.

Board of School Trustees.

The Board met last night. Present, Mr. Stevenson, chairman pro tem; Messrs. Pirie, Fraser, Kennedy, Newton, McNeill, Mitchell, Cuthbert, Watson, Harvey, Innes, Rev. Mr. Ball and Dr. McNeil.

The financial estimate of the Board for the current year was taken up and considered, and on motion of Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, was adopted.

The following children were on motion admitted from pupils to the different schools: George Elliott, Edward Skyring, Dinah, Sarah and Anne Pearson, Margaret Hooper, John McKee.

Moved by Mr. Innes, seconded by Mr. Harvey, That Elizabeth Thomson, of Puelich, be admitted a pupil in the Senior Girls' school. - Carried.

Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Innes, That Mr. McNeil and the mover and seconder be a committee to co-operate with the Local Superintendent in the purchase and distribution of books for prizes for the town schools at the midsummer examination. - Carried.

Moved by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the caretaker of the schools be instructed to report to the chairman of the School Property Committee any damage done, or repairs needed to the school property. - Carried.

The Board then adjourned.

Trees for Public Roads.

A correspondent of the Ohio Farmer says: Nothing will go further towards making a neighborhood inviting than will its roads when once lined with hardy, grateful trees. We would urge upon every one who owns land upon our public roads to plant trees as far as his land extends. The beauty and graceful shade will well repay him, and the increased value of his land will be a noble profit. It is a pleasure to anticipate that time when our roads will be marked by handsome lines of trees protecting us from the burning rays of the sun, and in the winter from nipping winds. These two lines of trees, planted, as they would be, with the widest interval, would go far towards supplying needed belts of trees, to protect farms and gardens against inclement winds, so pernicious to exposed vegetation. Many already recognize the importance of such protection, both in summer and winter.

An attempt at contrast should never be made upon the street or road, especially by planting trees of different shades of color or habit alternately. Different trees love different soils. The selection they naturally make should be observed, and each tree, as far as possible, allowed its choice, which, with the varied tastes of planters, will always give sufficient variety. All trees of suspicious habit or foliage should be avoided unless introduced for some particular purpose. A very common mistake made in planting trees too near each other. When so planted, it is as the trees grow and symmetry apart, would go far towards supplying needed belts of trees, to protect farms and gardens against inclement winds, so pernicious to exposed vegetation. Many already recognize the importance of such protection, both in summer and winter.

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