

BUSINESS CARDS.

DR. BROCK

RESIDENCE The Stone House opposite Davidson's Old Marble Yard, Elora Road. Guelph, Oct 19, 1871.

OLIVER & MACDONALD

BARRISTERS and Attorneys-at-Law Solicitors, Notaries Public, &c. Office—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec-sts., p. stairs, Guelph, Ont. A. M. OLIVER, JR. A. M. MACDONALD. Guelph, Oct 27, 1871.

AUSTIN C. CHADWICK

BARRISTER, SOLICITOR IN CHANCERY, Notary, &c. Town Hall Buildings, Guelph, Guelph, June 28, 1871.

STEPHEN BULL

ARCHITECT, CONTRACTOR and BUILDER. Planning Mill, and every kind of Joiner's Work prepared for the trade and public. The Factory is on Quebec Street, Guelph March 17 1870.

GEORGE PALMER

BARRISTER and Attorney-at-Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Notary Public and Conveyancer Office, over T. Harvey & Co's Drug Store—corner of McDonald street Guelph, 17th August.

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.

FREDERICK BISCOE

BARRISTER and Attorney at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Conveyancer, &c. Guelph. Office—corner of Wyndham and Quebec streets, Guelph, August 3, 1871.

GUELPH ACADEMY

WILL OPEN ON MONDAY, JAN. 8, 1872. COMFORTABLE Accommodation for a few Select Boarders Terms on application at Dwy's Bookstore. JOHN MARTIN, Guelph, Dec 25, 1871.

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN

Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, GUELPH, ONTARIO.

F. STURDY

House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER. Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham street, Guelph, Feb 27, 1871.

NELLES, ROMAIN & CO.

CANADA HOUSE, General Commission Merchants and SHIPPERS, 34 South Clinton St., Chicago, Ill.

Soden's Public Cab.

THE Subscriber having purchased Mr. D Coffey's splendid horse 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 reasonable rates. I will attend all the regular trains, also Concerts and Balls, and can be engaged for Marriages or Funerals on the shortest notice. Order plates kindly permitted at Mr Harvey's Drug Store, 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. R. SODEN, Guelph, Oct 19, 1871.

PRIZE DENTISTRY

DR. R. CAMPBELL. LICENTIATE of Dental Surgery. Established 1854. Office next door to the Advertiser Office, Wyndham-st., Guelph. Residence opposite Mr. Boul's Factory, Quebec-street. Teeth extracted without pain. References—Dr. Clarke & Tuck, Medicine, Herod, McGeffer and Co., Guelph; Drs. Buchanan & Pugh, Toronto; Drs. Elliott and Meyers, Dentists, Toronto. Telephone 18th Aug. 1871.

W M FOSTER, L D S,

SURGEON DENTIST GUELPH. OFFICE—Over E Harvey & Co's Drug Store corner of Wyndham and Macdonnell-sts. NITROUS OXIDE (laughing gas) administered for the extraction of teeth. THE HOT AIR which is perfectly safe and reliable.

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, 1871.

Imported Berkshire Boar

THE subscriber has just imported by Mr Joseph Kerley, Halifax, the splendid young Berkshire Boar Swindon Duke, sired by the Rev J G Bailey, Swindon, England, sired by "Missolonghi," dam "Sensation" by Never too Late, True Love by Never too Late, g d Miss Mistletoe by Mr Bruce's Boar, g d Miss Thrusherton's Boar. SWINDON DUKE will serve sows this season Terms, \$4 cash. The Subscriber has also a good Berkshire Boar, large breed, which will serve Sows. Terms \$1 cash. ALLAN SIMPSON, Guelph, Nov 22, 1871 dsw-wtf Blackmit

House and Lot for Sale

FOR sale, in Harrison, on easy terms, a square in the best part of the village, a granite lot with a commodious twelve room house, 17 x 56; kitchen 16 by 20; a good well. Apply to JOHN SMITH, builder, Harrison, Dec 29, 1871.

Guelph Evening Mercury

THURSDAY EVEN'G, JAN. 25, 1872

GUELPH TIME TABLE

Trains leave Guelph as follows Grand Trunk Railway, East 3.10 a.m., 7.35 a.m., 11.04 a.m., 3.45 p.m., 6.50 p.m. For the West 2.00 a.m., 9.50 a.m., 5.55 p.m., 8.30 p.m. *This train only goes to Berlin. Great Western --- Guelph Branch Going South depart at 6.50 a.m., 1.05 p.m., and 4.55 p.m.; also by mixed train every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 1.40 p.m. Going North, depart at 11.45 a.m., 4.55 p.m., and 9.05 p.m.; also by mixed train every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1.05 p.m. Trains leave Harrison every morning at 10 a.m., reaching Guelph at 1.05 p.m., and in addition a mixed train every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9 a.m., reaching Guelph at 1.40 p.m. The train which passes Guelph going north at 11.45 p.m., runs every day to Cliford, arriving there at 3.15 p.m., and a mixed train which passes Guelph every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1.05 p.m., reaches Cliford at 5.00 p.m.

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

BY TELEGRAPH

Two Children Burned to Death.

Reported Conflict in Mexico

Confiscation Proposition.

Detroit, Jan. 24.—At East Saginaw, yesterday, Mrs. Wiltz, having occasion to visit a friend, locked her three children, all less than 4 years old, in the house, which soon after took fire and two of the children were burned to death. The eldest child escaped by jumping through the window.

Matamoros, Jan. 24.—Gen. Capistran, President of the Supreme Court of the State of Tamaulipas, issued a proclamation yesterday against the Government, and advising his friends to prepare for action. He had heretofore wielded great influence on the frontier force in the suppression of the revolution. Severe fighting was reported at Camargo yesterday between the forces of Gen. Cortina and Gen. Quroga in which the revolutionists were victorious.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 25.—The Kentucky House of Representatives yesterday concurred in the Senate Bill admitting negroes as witnesses in the State Courts.

Paris, Jan. 24.—A tremendous scene occurred in the French Assembly today. A dwarf who is also a lurchback, named Naquet, proposed the confiscation of Napoleon's family property. The proposition was received with shouts of derision and only 20 hands were held up in its favor.

PARLIAMENTARY

The only subject of importance brought up in the Legislative Assembly yesterday was the motion of Mr. M. C. Cameron for a Select Committee to enquire whether any and what corrupt inducement or offer was made to the Hon. E. B. Wood, to induce him to resign his position as Treasurer of the Province of Ontario, by the Hon. E. Blake or any other member of the present Administration.

Mr. Blake moved an amendment to strike out the words "any other members of the Administration," as he was the one charged by Mr. Cameron, and it was carried by 42 to 16. Mr. Cameron, after the vote was taken, said, that in consequence of the action of the House he declined to proceed further in the matter. The original motion, as amended was then carried.

Town and County News

PERSONAL.—Mr. C. F. Cliff, of Randall, Farr & Co's factory, Hespeler, returned from England on Friday last. He is looking well after his trip across the Atlantic.

CHANCERY SITTINGS.—The Spring sitting of the Court of Chancery for this district will be held in Guelph on the 3rd April.

FIRE IN BRAMPTON.—We learn by special telegraph that the carriage shop of Anthony Bros. in Brampton, was burned down last night.

CURLING.—The north of Sterling men, who challenged the curlers who hail from the south of that place, are anxious to know when they will be ready. They are waiting impatiently for the fray.

THE CONCERT TO-NIGHT.—We would remind our readers of Rosa D'Euxa's grand concert this evening. The programme is one of the best ever offered in Guelph, and the character and talents of the fair singer are sure to command a full house. Reserved seats can be had by applying at Mr. T. J. Day's bookstore. Be sure and secure them early, and let there be a full house.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES IN HESPELER.—These services in connection with the new Methodist Connexion Church, Hespeler, will be held on the 28th and 29th Jan., when sermons will be preached by the Revs. J. Caswell and J. K. Smith. A tea meeting will be held on Monday evening when interesting addresses will be delivered by Rev. J. Caswell, of Lynden J. B. Muir, M.A., and D. Smyth, of Galt.

ERAMOSA AGRIC. SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the Eramosa Township Agricultural Society was held at the Centre Inn, on the 6th inst., when the following officers were chosen:—President, John Grievie; Vice-President, Thomas Waters; Directors, Isaac Anderson, John McKerie, Jonathan Ford, Geo. Coghlin, Thomas Hamilton, Henry Dunbar, Hugh Black, Joseph Parkinson, Wm. Farris; Auditors, Alex. McQueen and Lazarus Parkinson; Secretary-Treasurer, Wm. Tolton.

Wellington County Council.

January 24.

The Council met at 10 a. m., pursuant to adjournment. The Warden in the chair.—Present all the members except Dr. Orton. The Warden read the following Address.

WARDEN'S ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN.—Since the last meeting of Council, accounts have been presented me from the Registry office, Guelph, for copying certain documents for the North Riding office amounting to \$310, and also for mounting plans and maps in the Guelph office \$10, all of which I ordered to be paid.

I beg to call your attention to the great and steadily increasing expense of criminal justice in this County, amounting during the past year to nearly \$9000. Of this amount the sum of \$3,700 was paid by the Provincial Government. Believing it to be the first paramount duty of every general government to provide for the administration of justice, I would recommend you to petition Parliament so to amend the law as that the expense of summoning and the remuneration for the attendance of jurors and all indemnity paid to Crown Witnesses shall be provided for by the Provincial Government, and also that the charge of \$1 per day for constables attending hearings before Magistrates under the summary punishment acts should be charged with the other costs and not against the Council as has been the case heretofore. This item alone would be a considerable saving annually.

I would recommend that no accounts for Jail supplies be ordered by you to be paid until they have passed the County Board of Audit, and the respective shares to be borne by the County and the Government to be appointed.

Before you separate it will be requisite for you to make some provision for the keeping open and maintaining the County Roads.

JOHN MAIR, Warden.

Guelph, Jan. 24, 1872.

Moved by Mr. Nicol, seconded by Mr. Laidlaw, that the Warden's Address be referred to a Special Committee consisting of Messrs. Leslie, McCarthy, Leslie, Connell and Laidlaw. Carried.

The Treasurer read the financial statement of the County for the year 1871, and in response to a query by Mr. Massie, stated that the business of the County for the past year had been transacted at a cost to the County of about \$72 for Bank accommodation. He ventured to say that there was no other County in the Province had been able to transact their business at so economical a charge.

Mr. McCarthy read the following Report of Committee to select Standing Committee for 1872.

Finance.—Messrs. Leslie, Orton, Gibson, Hanson, Oatley, Robert, Robert, Rea, McCarthy, Darby and Johnston.

Assessment.—Messrs. Laidlaw, Henderson, Orton, Massie, Maudsley, Connell, Stevenson, Dawson, Roberts, Sutherland, Rea, Nicol, Piper, Buschlen, Johnston and Jolly.

Roads and Bridges.—Messrs. Bruce, Jolly, Maudsley, Connell, Robert, Robert, McMillan, Darby, T. Hamilton, H. Hamilton, Robinson, Hanson, McManus, McKerie and Henderson.

Education.—Messrs. Howard, McCarthy, Orton, McGowan, H. Hamilton, Fleahiff, Train and Broadfoot.

County Roads.—Messrs. Leslie, McGowan, H. Hamilton, Bruce, Darby, Robert, Maudsley, Connell, Robinson, Rea, T. Hamilton, Piper, McMillan, McManus, Hanson, Broadfoot, Gibson and Stevenson.

County Property.—Messrs. Massie, Laidlaw, Brohman, McCarthy, Sutherland, McKerie, Johnston, Nicol and Ogden.

Printing.—Messrs. Howard, McKerie, Laidlaw, the Warden and Clerk.

The report was adopted.

Moved by Mr. Rea, seconded by Mr. Laidlaw, that 40 copies of the Treasurer's Report be printed for the use of the Members of this Council. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Laidlaw, seconded by Mr. Nicol, that 50 copies of the list of members of the different Standing Committees be printed and ready for circulation by to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Carried.

The Warden read a communication from Mr. C. Julian, County of Grey, in reference to granting public aid to Miss Rye to enable her to bring out children to the country.

Moved by Mr. Laidlaw, seconded by Mr. Johnston, the above communication be referred to a select committee consisting of the Warden, Messrs. Nicol, McGowan and Laidlaw.

Moved by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. Johnston, that the Warden and Mr. White be appointed auditors of criminal justice accounts.

The Council then adjourned.

The Council met at 2 p.m.; 30 members present.

The Warden read a petition from the ratepayers in Township of Erin for the establishment of a fair in the village of Hespeler.

In accordance with the prayer of the above petition, the County Solicitor was instructed to prepare the necessary by-law.

The Warden read application from S. S. No. 8, Eramosa, for a certified copy of report of the committee appointed under the new act by the County Council to investigate certain complaints of said section. Granted.

The Warden read a communication from the County Council of Perth regarding the recent division of that County for registration purposes, and asking this Council to co-operate with them in petitioning the Legislature to repeal the recent Registry Act. Referred to the County Property Committee.

The County Solicitor was instructed to give fuller consideration to that class of County Roads, referred to in his opinion given last session, as second-class County Roads. Carried.

The account of James Innes for County printing was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Warden read a petition from certain ratepayers in Luther regarding the bridge on the dividing line between Luther and Proton, recently destroyed by fire. Referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

The Warden read a petition from the ratepayers in Puslinch in regard to aid for the erection of a Drill and Store Shed in that Township.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Roberts, that the sum of \$400 be voted towards the erection of a Drill Shed in Puslinch. Carried.

The Warden read a petition from Mr. Nichols, Court House Keeper, for an increase of Salary. Referred to the Finance Committee.

The Warden read a petition from certain ratepayers in the Township of Maryborough, praying for the sum of \$700 towards building a new bridge over Spring Creek at Edmunds. Referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

Moved by Dr. Orton, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, that the Warden be instructed to telegraph to the Hon. Mr. Gov to ascertain whether the Government have decided to cancel the division of the County for Registration purposes. Carried on a vote of 17 to 14.

The Council then adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Jan. 25.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at 10 a. m. All the members present except Dr. Orton.

Mr. Fleahiff's name was added to the Committee appointed to reply to Mr. Julian's communication.

The Warden read a communication from the Treasurer regarding rates paid by Peel and Minto, and also that the biosworth toll-gate had been sold for \$40 and paid for.

The Warden stated that he had received no reply to the telegram addressed to Hon. Peter Gow, and that the County Solicitor would be prepared with his opinion on County Roads to-morrow.

The Warden read applications from Mr. W. G. Kidd, Kingston; Mr. Joseph Carbert, M.D., Orangeville, and Rev. R. Torrance, Guelph, for the office of Ex-aminer.

The Warden read a communication from the County road of Middlesex regarding disposal of surplus Government Fund.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Roberts, that the following gentlemen be a Committee for the purpose of dealing with the above communication, viz: Messrs. Leslie, McCarthy, Sutherland, Laidlaw, and Frazer.

The Warden read a memorial from County Council of Lambton, recommending arbitration for damages where the construction of drains and water courses demand them. Referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Leslie, Connell, Darby, Roberts, Broadfoot, Stevenson and Eanson.

The Warden read accounts for printing from Messrs. Culloden and Shaw, and M. S. Pirie. Referred to the Finance Committee.

The Warden read a communication from Mr. Johnston regarding an account for expenditure on roads and bridges under his charge as Commissioner appointed by the Council. Referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

The Warden read a report of the Commissioners on the Town Line between Peel and Nichol. Referred to the County Roads Committee.

The name of Mr. Piper, by request, was taken off the County Roads Committee and placed on the Road and Bridge Committee.

The Council then adjourned to 3 p. m.

Knox's Church Sabbath School Soiree.

The annual Soiree of the above Sabbath School took place in the church on Wednesday evening. There was a large attendance of children as well as parents and others connected with the congregation. After all had partaken of the refreshments so plentifully provided in the basement, the company adjourned to the church, where after devotional exercises the Superintendent, Dr. McGuire, gave a very suitable opening address. Mr. Maclean, the Secretary, then read the annual report. Although there has not been a large accession to the number of scholars during the past year, the attendance has been fair, considering the sickness prevalent among children during the year. The attendance averaged from 120 to 150. Last Sabbath it was 167—83 boys, and 84 girls. During the year 40 new scholars were admitted, and 80 have left, the most of whom have left town. There are 23 teachers, 8 of whom have been appointed during the year. There are on the roll 115 boys, and 110 girls, and from this number there should be a larger attendance than there generally is. Parents would greatly strengthen the hands of the teachers if they would insist on the regular attendance of their children. There have been 200 volumes added to the Library, which now contains 700 volumes. A large number of the Band of Hope, British Workman, Children's Paper, and Sunday School Worker have been distributed during the year. The report refers to the excellent effect the Sunday morning meetings have, in having the subject thoroughly discussed and explained. The Treasurer's Report was also read, which was very satisfactory. \$10 was given to Knox College; \$10 to Foreign Missions; \$5 to Red River Missions, \$10 to French Canadian Missions, \$5 to Kankakee Mission, and \$20 to Home Missions.

The programme was then gone through, which consisted of singing by the infant and other classes, all of which was admirably done; also recitations by Herbert Dunn, Janet, Mary and Agnes Anderson, Jas Hunter, Minnie Ball, Willie Ellis, Ellen Wilkie, Geo. Ball, Bessie Wilkie, Albert McMillan, Lydia Beckland, and others, which were greatly enjoyed and applauded. In the course of the evening Mr. Wm. Wilkie also gave an interesting address on the working of Sabbath Schools in the old country. The company separated at a seasonable hour, after spending a most pleasant evening.

SMALL-POX.—The small-pox is decreasing in Montreal; 23 deaths last week. A bad case of small-pox occurred in Toronto on Monday evening. A young lady in a boarding house on Bay street was taken bad, and the doctors insisted on her instant removal for fear of the contagion spreading. The Hospital was full, and the patient had to be removed to an unfurnished room in the House of Refuge, where a bed had to be made on the floor, and she was left without medical attendance or a nurse till the following morning. Owing to neglect in the early stage of the disease, the doctors have small hopes of her recovery.

WARDEN OF WESTWORTH.—We congratulate Mr. Jas. Somerville, of the Dundas Banner, on his election as Warden of Westworth. He will do honour to the position, and will discharge the duties of the office with great ability.

Annual Meeting of South Riding Wellington Agricultural Society.

Concluded yesterday.

Classes 84 and 85—Fine arts were well filled, both in the professional and amateur lists, many of our first artists sending their best paintings and drawings for competition. This part of the Exhibition far exceeded the anticipations of the most sanguine. There were no less than 282 entries, and although what was considered a large space had been set apart for these productions, still it was too small to accommodate to advantage all that were exhibited, and the Committee had a hard task to arrange so that each might have a fair share of space and light, but we think those gentlemen accomplished their task to the general satisfaction of exhibitors.

Class 86—Ladies' work, braiding, embroidery, &c. In this class the competitors were, in every sense of the word, spirited, each section being filled beyond precedent. The large number of entries will testify to the interest taken in this department by the ladies, the number exhibited being 454. This was considered by all to be the best display of ladies' work ever exhibited at any Exhibition (excepting the Provincial one) in this Province, and reflects great praise on the ladies who with such commendable spirit entered their different articles for competition.

Class 87—This department of ladies' work, although not as well filled as the preceding one, still showed a strong spirit of emulation among our young and elderly ladies. In the more artistic articles exhibited in this class—such as flowers made from silver wire, feathers, wax, seeds, &c.—there were some very handsome specimens, which were most creditable to the fair makers. In the section for worsted work in Berlin wool, there were no less than 56 entries; this large number was, to a certain extent, no doubt, owing to the handsome prize offered by J. B. Thornton, of an illustrated Bible, valued at \$25. The number of entries in this class were 290.

Class 89—Sewing machines. As usual in this department there was a very keen contest between the different establishments represented, each eager to carry off the much-coveted first prize. Of late years great improvements have been made in this very useful domestic machine, and the manufacturers put forth his claim as having the best one in use, consequently, when they meet for competition, every effort is made to establish the claim.

Class 41—Musical instruments. In this class the principal competition was in organs and melodions, there being only three or four pianos shown. In the former sections, however, there was a fine collection of handsome, well finished instruments, which gained for the makers well merited commendations. The principal exhibitors were Messrs. Bell & Co. and McLeod, Wood & Co., who have gained many prizes at all the exhibitions of late years, both in this and the sister Province of Quebec, and have established for themselves a name that will ensure success in their manufacture.

Class 43—Book-binding, printing, &c.—some excellent specimens were exhibited. The competition, however, was small, and another year we hope to see a greater interest taken in this department.

In saddlery the show was small, but the carriage and team harness, which for workmanship and finish were well worthy the honors gained.

Shoe and bootmakers work good, but poorly represented, there being only a few entries, and they by two manufacturers.

Class 46—Leather. This was the most meagre part of the Exhibition, there being scarcely any entered. We are sorry to see so little interest taken in shows of this kind by manufacturers of this important article of commerce, but hope in future years they will manifest a better spirit.

Class 47—Woolen, flax and cotton goods, furs, &c. Some sections in this class were well represented, while in others no entries were made. In factory made goods the firm of Armstrong, McCrae & Co. stand alone; whether this arises from indifference on the part of other manufacturers, or whether they are afraid to compete with a firm that takes all the first prizes at our Provincial and Central Exhibitions, we cannot tell, but certain it is that few compete in this class of goods.

In domestic manufactures, the show was not up to the mark in point of numbers, but the articles were good. We noticed a fine collection of leather gloves and mits, made in Acton and Waterloo by Messrs. Story and Henry, which did them great credit; some of the ladies' gloves were really first-class goods, and got up in superior style.

JAS. ANDERSON, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

To cash balance last audit.....\$ 271 94

Sept. 2, " Government grant..... 700 00

" 30, " Guelph Township Council..... 250 00

Oct. 6, " C. & A. Sharpe..... 30 00

" 12, " County Grant..... 3000 00

" 12, " Sale of Booths..... 285 00

" 13, " John Risk..... 10 00

" 13, " W. D. Hepburn, returned Judges fee..... 6 00

" 16, " Armstrong, McCrae & Co..... 10 00

" 16, " J. T. Brill..... 20 00

" 16, " Receipts at gate..... 4465 11

" 18, " Punch Count Grant..... 22 00

" 18, " Wm. Wilkie, also gave an interesting address on the working of Sabbath Schools in the old country. The company separated at a seasonable hour, after spending a most pleasant evening.

Nov. 5, " County Subscriptions..... 224 00

" 5, " J. A. Wood..... 112 50

" 5, " J. C. Buckland..... 20 00

" 5, " George Sleeman..... 10 00

" 5, " Henry Metcalfe..... 25 00

" 5, " Superintendent's account of stalls, &c. &c. 237 94

\$11,001 49

Printing account.....\$ 541 70

Miscellaneous..... 367 72

Stationery, postage, and exp..... 53 54

Building account..... 2845 00

Expenses..... 1070 38

Prize account..... 5512 00

\$10,590 43

Balance..... 611 06

Arthur Murton..... 300 00

Secretary's Salary..... 300 00

Toronto Correspondence.

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