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Business Cards.

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

AUSTIN C. CHADWICK, Barrister at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, &c., Market Place, Guelph. Office entrance—next door to the Queen's Hotel. dw

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

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.

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

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

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

PARKERS HOTEL,
—DIRECTLY—
OPPOSITE the MARKET, GUELPH
First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.
The best of Liquors and Cigars at the Bar.
JAMES PARKER, Proprietor.
Guelph, Feb. 6, 1872 dwy

HART & SPEIRS,
Conveyancers, Land, Loan, Insurance and General Agents,
4 Day's Block, Guelph
In reference to the above, Wm. Hart begs to inform his friends and the public that he has entered into partnership with Mr. Jas. S. Speirs in the above business, and while expressing his grateful acknowledgements for the liberal share of patronage bestowed upon him for the past three years, would respectfully solicit a continuance of the same to the new firm.
All business entrusted to us will receive prompt and strict attention.
Deeds, Mortgages, Wills, Leases, &c., &c. neatly and correctly prepared.
MONEY always on hand in sums to suit borrowers, on mortgages or good personal security. No delay or extravagant charges.
Our list of Town and Farm Property is large and varied, and parties in want of real estate of any kind should call on us before purchasing elsewhere.
Agents for the Commercial Union Assurance Company of London, England.
HART & SPEIRS,
My14-dw 4 Day's Block, Guelph, Ont.

JESSOP & CORBET,
General Insurance, Loan and Real Estate Agents.
Office—ONTARIO BANK BUILDING
GUELPH ONT.
Life, Fire and Accident Policies issued in first-class Companies on the most favourable terms.
Several valuable farms and town property for sale on easy terms.
$6,500 to invest on first-class security.
Parties requiring or desiring to invest money will find it to their advantage to give us a call. Charges moderate.
JESSOP & CORBET,
Ontario Bank Building, Guelph, Ont.

N. HIGINBOTHAM, Agent for the following first-class companies:—Royal Fire and Life, Scottish Imperial Fire and Life, Ætna Fire and Life, Agricultural Fire (Isolated), Isolated Risk, Fire and Traveller's Life and Accident Insurance Comp'y; Also, Agent for the Hamilton Provident Loan Society, one of the most liberal in Canada. No lawyer's fees charged.
Office with JESSOP & CORBET,
Ontario Bank Building, Guelph, Ont.
May 14, 1872 dw

NEW BAKERY.
The Subscribers beg to notify the people of Guelph that they have started a new Bakery
On Essex Street, one door south of Dr. Keating's,
Where they will always have in stock a supply of bread of the first quality.
Having secured the services of Mr. George Watson as baker, they feel assured in giving satisfaction.
☞ Bread and Flour promptly delivered in any part of the town.
They hope by strict attention to business, and making bread of the best quality, to merit a share of public patronage.
A. McPHAIL & Co.
Guelph, March 12 1872 3md

New Advertisements.

PAINTER WANTED.—Apply at once THAIN, ELLIOTT & Co. 18-3td

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

BOARD.—A few respectable gentlemen boarders can be accommodated at Mrs. Campbell's Waterloo Street, near the Gas Works. Tu6d

FAMILY CARRIAGE FOR SALE.—Apply to R. S. Brodie, MERCURY office, Guelph. dwtf

40 ACRES of GOOD PASTURE in TOWN TO RENT. RIVER upon one side of it. Apply at the Law Office of the undersigned.
May 8, 1872 dtf ROBT. MITCHELL.

DURHAM BULL. — The subscriber has a thorough bred Durham bull, which will serve cows this season at his farm lately occupied by Mr. John Kirkland.
May 2d-wl-tff J. W. B. KELLY.

DR. CLARK has resumed the practice of his profession. He will remain in his office, Quebec Street, every Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a. m. to 3 p.m. for consultation. may17-dw1m

LIME, LIME.—Several hundred bushels of Fresh Burned Lime on hand, and for sale at the Kiln, Lot 27, 2nd Con. Nassageweya. Price, under 100 bushels, 15c per bushel; over 100 bushels 12½ cents.
May 17-d2w2 WALTER LAING.

BAND INSTRUMENTS FOR SALE.
An E Flat Cornet and B Flat Bass (silver), also a Brass Snare Drum (all new), formerly used by the Lacrosse Club of Black Angels to
R. SAVAGE,
Guelph, May 1st, 1872. dtf Guelph

TO MASONS.—Tenders will be received by the undersigned for the erection of a Stone Barn 40 x 60, on his Farm, York Road. Tenders received until the 25th of May. Plans and specifications can be seen on the premises, or on application to Robt. Cochrane, York Road. m4-td

SHEEP LOST—About three weeks ago; 12 in number; principally last year's lambs, and one oldish ewe with black mark over her eye, with lamb at foot. The finder will be liberally rewarded on application to Robert Cochrane, York Road. m4dwtf

WOOLEN RAGS, CARD, OR YARN WASTE.—Best cash price paid.
Apply to SMITH & WILBY,
m16dwlm 116 Adelaide St. East, Toronto.

THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH, remodelled and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers. Free omnibus to and from all trains. First-class Livery in connection.
May 14 dwtf JAS. A. THORP, Proprietor.

BEDDING OUT PLANTS FOR SALE.
Asters, Stocks, Balsams, Pinks (different varieties) Zinnias, &c. &c.
Orders left with Mr. Hugh Walker, or Sam. Calver, Union Cemetery, will be promptly attended to. 16-12d

ADVERTISING EXTRAORDINARY. — The Fence on the Maple Leaf Grounds will be let to advertisers, either by the mile or inch. First come, first served. The Club will not bind themselves to accept the lowest bidder. Apply to the Secretary.
By order of Directors. dt

TO MECHANICS AND OTHERS.—The subscriber has about 50 of the best lots in the West Ward, Guelph, which he is prepared to sell cheap and give a good title free from incumbrance.
HENRY HATCH,
March 27,-tf Land & Loan Agent, Guelph.

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. mld w3m

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 the 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. dw3m

ICE, ICE.
The subscriber begs to inform the inhabitants of the Town of Guelph that he can supply them with Ice.
DELIVERED DAILY
At their houses, at a moderate charge. Parties leaving their orders for the same at Mr. John Webster's, Cork Street, or at Mr. Porte's confectionery store, Wyndham street, will be punctually attended to.
RALPH SMITH.
Guelph, April 29th, 1871. dew

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.
In the matter of EDWARD PARKS, of Eden Mills, an Insolvent.
The Insolvent has made an Assignment of his Estate to me, and the creditors are notified to meet at his place of business, in Eden Mills, on Wednesday, the 22nd day of May, at 10 o'clock, a.m., to receive statements of his affairs, and to appoint an Assignee.
W. J. PATERSON, Interim Assignee.
Guelph, May 16th, 1872 3td

GUELPH RIFLE ASSOCIATION.
A rifle match, open to members of the G. R. A., will be held
ON THE TWENTY-FOURTH INST.,
(THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY),
at which $25 will be distributed in ten prizes. 1st, $5; 2nd, $4; 3rd, $3; 4th, $2, and remaining 6 prizes $1 each. The match will commence at 9 o'clock a.m. sharp. Ranges 300 and 400 yards. Enfield or Snider Enfield Rifle, pull 6 lb., to sighting shots allowed on payment of ten cents each. Entrance fee 25 cents. Position any. Rules of the Association to govern. E. NEWTON,
Guelph, May 16-td. Secretary.

THE 30th BATALLION CUP will be shot for at one o'clock. Ranges, 200, 400 and 500 yards: five shots at each range; three men from each Company to compete.
EDWIN NEWTON, Secretary.

A FIRST-CLASS FARM FOR SALE IN PUSLINCH
The Subscriber offers his farm, Lot No. 21, 10th con. Township Puslinch, containing 100 acres, for sale. 90 acres are cleared and free from stumps; the balance heavy hardwood.
There are on the farm a two-story dwelling house 42 x 28, with back wing 40 x 28, a frame barn 80 x 51, stable and driving house with stone foundation 51 x 36, and a young orchard beginning to bear of about 200 trees; also a stone house on a corner of the lot 31 x 24, lately used as a store. Water is abundant on the place.
2. Gore lot No. 21, 32 acres, mostly clear, adjoining the above farm, has a stone house 34x34, with a good log house and a blacksmith shop—a suitable location for a blacksmith.
3. Gore Lot No. 19, 30 acres, 5 acres clear, with a log dwelling house, the rest good hardwood, with a sprinkling of pine.
The above lands are within ten miles of the town of Guelph, and 3 miles of the village of Aberfoyle.
The whole will be sold together, or separately, to suit purchasers.
Possession can be given at any time.
Apply, if by letter, post-paid, to Duncan Campbell, Aberfoyle P.O. may20-wtf

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

MR. WM. H. LOWRY, Guelph, has passed a creditable examination at the Military School, and obtained a second class certificate.

FOR MANITOBA.—Mr. T. W. Cooper, Provincial Land Surveyor, of this Town, left this (Monday) morning, with a large party of men, on an extensive survey for the Dominion Government in Manitoba, and we understand will be absent for six months.

THE total assessement of Orangeville for the present year is $181,000, being an increase of $50,000 over last year. There are very few towns in Canada that can show an equal increase in the value of property in one year. The population as given by the assessor differs very little from that published in the census returns.

OFF THE TRACK.—On Saturday night a freight train on the Grand Trunk Railway ran off the track near the gravel pit on the York Road. The accident was caused by the breaking of an axle on one of the changeable gauge cars. Six cars were thrown off, and some of the freight damaged. The track was cleared early on Sunday morning, and the freight was quickly transferred from the wrecked cars to others. No one was hurt.

EXCURSION TICKETS.—The Great Western Railway Company will, on the 24th inst., (Queen's Birthday) issue return tickets at one fare for the *double journey, from and to all stations* on the main line and branches, by *first train*, good only to return on the same day by any regular time-table trains. The G. W. R. Co. deserve the merited appreciation of the public for the favors continually placed within its reach.

THE W. G. & B. RAILWAY.—A meeting of the ratepayers of Walkerton was held on Friday night to take steps for the celebration of the formal opening of this road to the County Town of Bruce. Trains on this line are now crossing the Durham Road daily, and run up half way to Paisley. There is no doubt but that place will be reached before the 7th of June, the day named in the by-law. The formal opening of the road to Wakerton will be at an early day.

FAST TIME ON THE G. W. R.—The condition of the Great Western Railway has been so much improved this spring, the Chicago Night Express is enabled now to run with regularity from the Bridge to Detroit, the distance of 229 miles, in eight hours and five minutes, being two hours and ten minutes less than the time of the Morning Express. Already 79 miles have been laid with steel rails, while it is proposed to add about 80 miles more in 1872, and complete the remainder of the line with steel in 1873, whereby the Great Western must retain the high reputation which it always enjoys of being one of the best roads on this continent.

WESTMINSTER REVIEW.—We have received from the Leonard Scott Publishing Co. the Westminster Review for April. The contents are:—Trial by Judge and Trial by Jury; the Political Reconstruction of Germany; the University College of Wales; India: the Musalman Panic; Christian Theology and Christian Scepticism; Napoleon the First—the man; the Migration of Labour; the Question of Race in France; Spiritualism and its Evidences; the Distribution of Representation; Contemporary Literature. Some of the articles in this number are of special interest, and all of them display much ability. Copies are for sale in the bookstores in town.

Encouragement to Manufactures.

A largely attended meeting of the ratepayers of Stratford was held there on Friday evening, the 18th inst., to consider this important subject—the Mayor presiding—when the following resolution was moved by Mr. Daly, seconded by Mr. Buckingham, "that it is expedient, and be it resolved, to offer freedom from taxation for five years, and bonuses of $10,000 and $15,000, respectively, to companies or individuals erecting suitable buildings in town and employing therein skilled workmen to the number of not less than 80 to entitle them to $10,000, and 120 to entitle them to $15,000, and on proposals of a bona fide and satisfactory nature being sent into the joint committee, the Town Council be requested to submit a by-law, founded thereon, to the vote of the ratepayers." Carried unanimously. We understand that in view of the spirit of the above resolution those interested in the matter at Stratford have been in communication with the principals of more than one of our own established industries, and that negotiations have actually been in progress during the last week or ten days with the Guelph Sewing Machine Company with the view of removing their establishment to Stratford, but with what result we have not yet heard. We, however, feel persuaded that we only express the genuine feelings of the community when we venture the hope that that Company will not see it to its interest to break ground elsewhere, and thus leave a gap in our manufacturing industries we would all heartily deplore.

Are the Hamilton Weigh Scales Wrong.

To the Editor of the MERCURY.

SIR—I sold twelve cattle on Thursday last to Mr. Thomas Lawry, butcher, Hamilton, at $5.62½ per 100 lbs. They were weighed at the market scales, but I objected to the weight, and Mr. Lawry agreed to weigh them on the John Street scales. The purchaser drove them home contrary to my wish. One was slaughtered, and the remaining eleven were brought back on the same day and eight of them were weighed. Three of the cattle, which weighed 3050 lbs. at the market scales, at John Street scales, after walking six miles, they weighed 3235 lbs., making a difference of 185 lbs.; or about 61 lbs. per bullock, entailing a loss to me of about $60. In view of this discrepancy I would respectfully ask which of the scales are right, or was the mistake made by the weighers?

GEORGE PATTERSON,
Cattle Dealer, Guelph.
Guelph May 18, 1872.

Shop Rules in the Hamilton Foundries.

The following Rules have been posted up in all the foundries in the city:—

1. No outside interference with the internal management of this establishment will be permitted.
2. No workman known either to agitate or support an agitation for reducing the number of hours (10) constituting a day's work will be retained in our employ.
3. No workman shall leave our employment without giving at least one week's notice; and after receiving one pay, but not before, he shall be entitled to the same notice.

The Moulders' Union agree to the first, but refuse to be bound by the second and third rules.

NEWS ITEMS.

The investigation into the charge against the Toronto printers was concluded on Saturday morning, and they were all committed for trial, on their own bail.

A frightful murder and suicide took place on Saturday morning in Chicago. A man name Simmons shot his wife and then himself. The woman was applying for a divorce. The man is dead and woman cannot recover.

The Eight Hour Movement is progressing in New York, and much interruption to the industry of the community is threatened by the agitation.

Over one hundred men, employees of Messrs. Hamilton & Sons, founders and machinists, Toronto, were locked out on Saturday, and are now out of employment.

On Friday evening Dr. George Dice, of Lowville, while sitting on the doorstep of his residence, fell over on his face dead, as is supposed from heart disease. The deceased gentleman was much respected, and had a large and lucrative practice. He was only about thirty years of age, and leaves a young widow and three children to mourn his loss.

Mr. J. N. Nixon, law clerk, was drowned in Toronto Bay on Saturday, by the upsetting of a boat

Newspapers in the South which support the Cincinnati nominations are felicitating themselves on the fact that Mr. Greeley is more than half a Southerner; that is his better half is a native of North Carolina—Miss Cheney — to whom he was married in 1836.

An American paper remarks that "the present misunderstanding between our Government and Great Britain is not the first of the same sort by any means.—President Buchanan said in a message to Congress fifteen years ago, "ever since the origin of our Government we have been employed in negotiating treaties with Great Britain and afterwards discussing their true intent and meaning."

The St. Paul's *Despatch* says;—The regular rise and fall of the water of Lake Superior, at Duluth, have for sometime attracted the attention of the curious, who attribute the phenomena to tidal disturbances. The matter has finally been brought to the attention of the United States Bureau of Engineers and the officers of the War Department will this year institute a series of observations at several hundred stations on the coast and midlake. Implements have been provided by which the least vibration or tremulous motion of the waters may be registered. This investigation will probably settle a question which has been much discussed, viz:—Do the great lakes have tidal movements?

The practice of publishing a list of the names and addres of all persons convicted of drunkenness at Liverpool, has been found to work well. Almost every week shows a decline in the number of cases.

The annual meeting of the British Society for the Liberation of Religion from State Patronage and Control was held on May 1, in Mr. Spurgeon's great chapel, the Tabernacle, at Newington, London, upwards of 4,000 people being present. Resolutions, pledging the meeting to continued agitation in favor of disestablishment and disendowment of of the English Church, were carried unanimously. Continued reference was made during the meeting to the present position of the education question in England and a strong determination expressed to leave no stone unturned to obtain purely secular instruction in State Schools.

Music, of all the liberal arts, has the greatest influence over the passions, and is that to which the legislator ought to give the greatest encouragement.—Napoleon.

The Detroit *Press* of Monday, the 29th ult., says: "Yesterday, Mr. N. W. Clark brought in from his ponds at Clarkston about one million white fish fry for the purpose of restocking Detroit River.—These are twenty days old, and about the size of a cambric needle, but exceedingly lively. They were taken down to Grasey Island and "planted" in the shoal water there by John P. Clark. It is expected that they will eventually find their way into Lake Erie.

Our kinsmen over the line have a big way of doing almost everything they undertake. The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church is now in session in the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, New York. For its special accommodation the Postal authorities have opened a Post Office in the said Academy, and a Telegraph Company has located in it a Telegraph Office.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, May 18.

The House sat on Saturday from one o'clock.

Hon. Mr. Cameron, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, reported that both the parties in the Marquette Election had requested the adjournment of the case for six weeks, and it had been adjourned accordingly.

Several Government bills were advanced a stage.

Hon. Mr. Pope moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Immigration Act of 1869. He explained that the bill was intended to repeal the Capitation Tax on immigrants; it is also provided that when vessels brought immigrants in an unhealthy state, there should be imposed a tax of two dollars per head upon the captain. The bill also provided means whereby societies who were advancing money to immigrants should be enabled to recover. There was also a provision to enable immigrants to proceed at law against masters of vessels for ill treatment. Another provision was, that immigrant runners should wear badges, for the better protection of immigrants. There was also a provision to compel hotel-keepers boarding immigrants to place a list of their prices where they may be seen. There was a provision against any immigrant runner boarding a vesssel before the medical officer came on board. Another clause provided means of enabling immigrants to prosecute complaints against railway companies. The other clauses provided that no unlicensed runner should book any passenger, that parties selling tickets to immigrants for more than their value should be fined $30, and that the Governor in Council should have the power of preventing the landing of vicious immigrants.

After some discussion the bill was read a second time.

A Mare's Nest.

(From the Fergus Express.)

Our contemporary of the *North Wellington Times* has a happy knack of discovering what are frequently termed mare's nests. Scarcely a week passes without the commission of a blunder by the bright luminary of old fogyism.

In his last number appears a long rigmarole story about the assumed ill-treatment of Mr. Brodie, employed some time as a valuator of Crown Lands, in the County of Wellington, which, in its misrepresentation of facts, far outstretches the herodian efforts of our down stream friend. Its asserts that the gentleman in question was dismissed from his position as land valuator by the present Ontario Government, and fiercely exclaims that this is a case of oppression equal in enormity to the sending about his business of Mr. Peachie, the frozen out Brantford gardener. Mr. Brodie was never dismissed by the Blake Government, simply because he was never in their employment. At the commencement of winter he sent in his books, and then, upon the advent of the new Government, made written application for re-appointment. By his own acknowledgement,—by the very fact of this application—he was aware that the office was vacant. The Government, exercising discretion in the matter, and for reasons best known to themselves, when they determined on proceeding with the valuation of lands this spring—months after Mr. Brodie's services had ceased—selected Mr. Molloy, P.L.S., formerly of the township of Eramosa, as valuator for this County.

That Mr. Molloy is as well fitted for the position as Mr. Brodie, there can be no doubt whatever, and that he will fairly and impartially discharge the duties of his office, without endeavoring to influence the voters politically, one way or the other, no man who knows him can doubt.

That Mr. Brodie's skirts are not as clear in this particular as they ought to be has been positively declared by Mr. Hanson, Deputy Reeve of Luther. Believing this, the Government were perfectly right in making their selection for the position—and especially after the Lewis affair in Proton—to be careful in chosing a gentleman who would be free from suspicion in this particular. Whether Mr. Brodie has been badly used by Mr. Hanson we do not pretend to determine, but that he was not dismissed by the present Government—that he sought re-appointment at their hands—and that he was not called down to Toronto by them, as the *North Wellington Times* asserts—we confidently state without fear of contradiction.

Origin of the Wedding Ring.

Some doubt seems to exist in the minds of antiquaries and others as to the origin of the sancity of the ring, that most important feature in our marriage service, as in by-gone ages it was given to the bride only as a gift among other presents. The form of it was doubtless a symbol of eternity. It was the custom among the Anglo-Saxons for children to be betrothed at an early age, and at such ceremonies the bridegroom gave the "wed" (whence our word wedding) or pledge, which consisted of a number of valuables, amongst others a ring, which was placed on the girl's right hand, where it remained until it was transferred to her left when she was married. Or that occasion the bridegroom put the ring on each of the bride's left hand fingers in turn, saying at the first, "in the name of the Father," at the second, "in the name of the Son," at the third, "in the name of the Holy Ghost,' and at the fourth, "Amen;" after which the father presented the husband with one of the bride's shoes as a token of the transfer of authority, whilst the bride was made fully aware of the fact by a blow on her head given with a shoe. The husband bound himself down by oath to use his wife well, in failing of which she might leave him, although he was allowed by prescriptive right to bestow on her and his apprentices moderate castigation. Popular opinion in time formed itself into law, and even now-a-days there is an idea current in some parts of the country that the husband may beat his wife, provided that the stick be no longer than the wielder's arm and no thicker than his middle finger. An old Welsh law considered three blows of a broom stick a fair punishment upon any part of the lady's body except her head. Those were queer homely days, when people believed in the truth of the doggrel!—

"A woman, a whelp, and a walnut tree,
The more they're beaten the better they be."

Now, however, there are such personages as policemen and stipendiary magistrates, such punishment as the treadmill and the cat, as many a ruffinaly wife beater has found out to his cost.

BY TELEGRAPH

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

A LARGE WATERSPOUT.

The Mexican Revolution

Mr. Seward on the Treaty.

New York, May 19.—There was quite a heavy rain throughout this section of country to-day.

Chicago, May 19.—During a heavy rain storm which passed over North-Western Iowa and Dakotah, on the night of the 15th inst., a large water spout descended to the earth, striking a few miles from Whiteswan, Dakotah, covering the earth for a great distance around with water to the depth of from eight to thirty feet. Fortunately it did not strike in the vicinity of any settlement and no person was injured, but considerable stock was lost.

New York, May 20.—A Matamoras special to the *Herald* says that despatches confirming the report that Gen Diaz is at Jalusco with two thousand men has been received. Jaurez has ordered Corello to concentrate all his available forces at San Luis and move to Gadajalara to operate against Diaz. Garsia De La Cadena and Pedro Martinez have again started for Zacatacas. Donato Guerro is operating against Rocha in Durango. One brigade of the latter's forces pronounced for Diaz and joined the revolutionists. Allatorre was defeated in the mountains by Mendez and Negrete. Trevino is holding his forces awaiting the attack of Cevallos. The latter is in Reynosa with his infantry and cavalry at Camargo.

A correspondent of the *Herald* has interviewed ex-Secretary Seward on the Alabama claims. Mr. Seward said that people do not understand the Alabama claims and consequently get excited. If they were dissatisfied with the Washington Treaty they ought to call up the Johnson-Clarendon Treaty which was a fair and honorable settlement to both countries, and have it ratified by the Senate. No better terms will ever be obtained. He favoured the adoption of the supplemental article to the Washington Treaty.

Local and Other Items.

FEVER.—The Welland *Tribune* says that cerebro-spinal fever sometimes called "spotted fever" has made its appearance in Wainfleet and Humberstone.

POISONED.—One day last week a family named Duggan, residing on the Lake Shore, Huron Township, were poisoned by eating boiled rhubarb leaves for greens. For several days they were dangerously ill, but we are glad to add that they are all recovering.

REDUCTION OF CABLE TOLLS.—Cable messages to Great Britain, only *under ten words*, may now be transmitted at one dollar per word, with 25 cents extra added. Thus a message of five words will be $5.25. For messages above ten words the tariff is as hithertofore.

WHEAT.—The Buffalo *Commercial Advertiser* thinks the recent rise in the price of wheat is owing to the exhaustion of stock on hand in the Eastern seaboard markets, and not because the supply is is not equal to the demand. It thinks as soon as the canals are opened so as to permit the western supply to come forward the price will recede again.

EMIGRATION.—America continues to be more than ever the "land of promise" to the poor of the Old World. We learn that emigration from Europe is assuming unparalleled proportions this year.—The emigrants come chiefly from Pomerania and the East, and the guiding motive is a desire to avoid military service. The number of emigrants passing through Bremen from the 1st to the 31st of March is 9,734; 7,092 of these were booked for New York. The total for the first three months is 13,334 conveyed in 34 vessels, as against 4,629 in 25 vessels in the corresponding period of 1871.

RETURNING TO WORK.—The Brantford *Courier* says:—"It gives us no small degree of satisfaction to learn that a large number of the workingmen's league have determined to resume work on Monday ensuing, having been out of work long enough to see the evil it entails on both classes. Matured deliberation softens original conclusions, hurriedly made, wonderfully; and men begin to find that when their judgment is exercised they soon see there can be no wisdom in wasting the material resources of the capitalist, upon whom so much depends. The ribaldry of unthinking and excited leaders has done much to prevent an amicable settlement of the dispute; but being over-done, has had the very opposite effect to what those leaders desired. The firm of Waterous & Co. will in future pay their employees by the hour, which no doubt will be productive of satisfaction among them all.

TRAVELLING LIKE THE WIND. — The fastest through time ever made on the Central Hudson River railroad was made on Friday. A special car with Wm. H. Vanderbilt, Resident Director Pierson, Asst. Supts. Lapham and Priest, with Secretary E. D. Worcester, left Buffalo at 11:30 a.m., and arrived at the Delavan House in Albany, at 6:10 p. m.—297 miles in six hours and forty minutes! Several stops were made of from 5 to 10 minutes each. The run from Syracuse to Albany, 147½ miles, was made in two *hours and forty-eight minutes*. Eighty-seven miles of this run was made in eighty minutes, including seven minutes of a stop at Little Falls; leaving the running time eighty-two minutes. This beats the time made on the western part of the road on Friday, and is the fastest ever made by any railroad train in this country, and probably the fastest ever made on any railroad in the world.—*Troy Whig.*