

The Agricultural College again.

The Opposition are determined to fight it out on the Agricultural College, if it takes up nearly the whole time of the session. On Friday they made another attack on the Government on the question of concurrence in \$7,000 for gratuities to officers whose services have been dispensed with. This gave Messrs. Lauder, Cameron, and Lykert a chance for bringing up the matter of the payment of a gratuity of \$1,500 to Mr. McCandless, late Principal of the College; and the former moved an amendment, indirectly censuring the Government for paying this gratuity. It was met by an amendment by Mr. Sinclair, recognizing the propriety of paying such gratuities in particular cases. The reasonableness of this proposition was so apparent that Mr. Lauder's amendment was only supported by three members, and the mover himself, acting on a correct conviction for once in his life, voted against his own amendment, and in support of Mr. Sinclair's!

The candid statement made by Mr. Mowat in regard to his dealings with Mr. McCandless, shows how considerate the Attorney-General was to this officer. He was retained in his position, as Mr. McCandless truly says, until the success of the College was imperilled, and even after his incapacity was proved beyond all question. Mr. Mowat, in allowing him quietly to retire without exposing his incompetence to the world, made a most liberal arrangement with him, and allowed him a gratuity which was no doubt amply sufficient to cover all actual or supposed loss he might suffer by the immediate resignation of his position. Such generous treatment is in marked contrast to McCandless's conduct since he severed his connection with the College. You cannot convince a fool of his folly, no more than you can convince a conceited upstart of his utter incompetence for the work he undertook; and so—as we firmly believe—this same pseudo Professor has been employing all his time in urging on the Opposition to ventilate his supposed grievances in the House, in the hope that he may somehow "recover" his professional reputation, and at the same time have his revenge on the Government for not condoning his mismanagement. But we are satisfied that the more this matter is stirred the worse it will be for the ex-Principal, who does not seem to have even sense enough to hide his own incapacity, but has urged on a course of action which has tended very much to expose it.

Of course, Mr. McCandless is very anxious to tell all his imaginary grievances, and at the sitting of the Public Accounts Committee on Friday, Mr. Lauder thought there was a fine opportunity for giving him a chance to do this, and for the examination of papers referring to the gratuity paid him. But he demanded papers, which, according to the resolution of the House, the Committee had no right to ask for, and when the Chairman had decided that the Committee should confine itself to its strictly legitimate work, Mr. Lauder found that he was balked in his design, and so left the examination of Mr. McCandless till another time.

Mr. Cameron, in the House, sought to bring this affair up as a matter of privilege. He objected to the ground taken by the Chairman, that the Committee had nothing to do with the circumstances connected with the removal of Mr. McCandless, but had only to see that there were vouchers for the expenditure. The House, however, concurred in the view taken by the Government, and held that it was no business of the Committee to make such inquiry; that such power only belonged to the House, when the Committee had reported to it. The Speaker accordingly ruled that this question of privilege was out of order, and so Mr. Cameron's indignant appeal went for nothing.

HALTON.—The election trial for Halton will take place at the Court House, Milton, on Tuesday, the 8th December before his Lordship, the Chief Justice. The Reform convention for the same constituency will be held on the 15th December, when delegates from each Electoral subdivision in the County, will meet for the nomination of candidates in the interest of the Government. The Milton Champion believes all local interests will be laid aside, and a solid united vote given to the parties who may be the choice of the convention. We fervently hope that this will be the case.

The directors of the Caughnawaga Ship Canal Company have resolved to construct the canal at their own expense, without the Government's interference. The company has fixed its capital at \$5,000,000, and many of the wealthy men of Montreal have taken shares to the amount of \$10,000 each. They expect to be able to recover the whole expenditure in a few years after the completion of the canal out of its revenues, and afterwards to pocket large dividends.

The Convention of the Liberal Conservative Association of East Elgin, held on Thursday at Aylmer, resulted in the nomination of Mr. Thomas Arkell, of St. Thomas, merchant, who was the unanimous choice.

Taking advantage of the depressed state of the market, the Dominion Premier purchased 40,000 tons of steel rails to be used on the Pacific Railway, at \$54 a ton—less than the price of iron rails a few months since.

Whenever Lauder gets obstreperous, he has to be brought to his senses by Mr. Fraser, and this has given rise to a new word, for whenever Lauder gets such a lecture it is said that he has been "Frasered."

Mr. J. Allen, of Mono Mills, has been chosen Opposition candidate for Cardwell in the Ontario Legislature.

The other day, while the members of the Ontario Legislature were waiting for the Speaker's coming, the versatile member for Lincoln (Mr. Lykert) suggested that, the House not being in session, a member of the Government should volunteer a song for the general entertainment, but the first line of "GOOD BYE CHARLIE, WHEN YOU ARE AWAY," caused him to regret that he had urged his request.

MISS DE MONTFORD.—The New York Times says:—The supposed wonderful powers of the De Montford woman, the eccentric, and all the theme of much excited comment in the New England press and in private circles in Massachusetts, where most of the exhibitions have been given. Miss De Montford apparently enjoys the confidence of many thousands, who refuse to believe that the more remarkable of the mesmeric feats which she exhibits each evening are performed by collusion with clever "confederates." Several journals have printed accounts of persons who confess to having been compelled by "an irresistible fascination" to follow this singular lady from place to place, and to be completely subject to her will, and some physicians find it difficult to explain the phenomena which have been witnessed at the performances.

A curious Frenchman has recently made a calculation showing that a man talks on an average three hours a day, and at the rate of about twenty-nine octaves pages an hour. That would make about 600 a week, fifty-two good-sized volumes a year, and in a life-time of fifty years 3,600 volumes. He does not state the number of volumes spoken by the other sex, but the statistical student can multiply the product by four.

HALLOWEEN AT BALMORAL CASTLE.—Hallowe'en was celebrated at Balmoral on the night of November 2, in a very extraordinary manner. There was first a torchlight procession, in which Queen Victoria and Princess Beatrice took part, and afterward in front of the castle a huge bonfire was lighted. A hob-goblin approached, drawing a cart containing the effigy of a witch, and surrounded by fairies carrying long spears. A magic circle was formed, and the presiding elf tossed the effigy into the flames, after which the numerous company vigorously danced Scotch reels to the strains of a bagpipe. It was intended to have a ball in the castle, but as some of the company at the bonfire behaved themselves rather indecorously this part of the celebration was abandoned.

SPECIAL SERMON.—The Rev. I. B. Howard will preach a sermon on "Gambling" in the Wesleyan Church to-morrow evening. It is to be feared that this seductive form of vice is more prevalent in our midst than many persons are aware of, and it is well that our young men should have timely warning upon this subject.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY
New York Saloons.

Result of the Recent Trials.

New York, Nov. 28. — As a result of the recent conviction of a German saloon keeper for selling liquor without license, the saloon keepers applied at the License Bureau yesterday in such numbers that they formed in line and waited their turn, and numbers failed of receiving attention. Two hundred licenses were issued, netting \$14,000 to the City Treasury.

TOWN HALL.

RETURN OF HERNDONS

Opera House Company
FOUR NIGHTS ONLY!
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th.

ENTIRELY NEW LIST OF PLAYS

No piece repeated that this Company has ever performed in Guelph.
Saturday Evening, Nov. 28th.

"OUR AMERICAN COUSIN."

Admission 25 and 50 cents. Doors open at 7 1/2; commence at 8.
Guelph, Nov. 28, 1874.

FAMILY: FEW AND POCKET BIBLES

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Unprecedentedly Low Prices!

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East Side Wyndham Street, GUELPH.

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AT JOHN A. WOOD'S.

RAYMOND'S SEWING MACHINES

Family Sewing Machine (single thread Hand Lock Stitch) double thread No. 1, Foot power, No. 2, for heavy work. Farnished with plain tables, half, or Cabinet Cases, as required.

CHARLES RAYMOND, GUELPH, ONTARIO.

ST. ANDREW'S FESTIVAL.

A. O. BUCHAM

Begs to intimate to the Ladies of Guelph that he has just opened a large and fashionable stock of NEW KID GLOVES imported direct for our own trade, and invites attention to the following list:

- Ladies' White Kids, Single Button, in every size, at 50 cents per pair.
- Ladies' White Kids, Double Button, in every size, 75 cents per pair.
- Ladies' White Kids, Four Buttons, in every size, \$1 per pair.
- Ladies' Lavender Kids, Single Button, in every size, 50 cents per pair.
- Ladies' Lavender Kids, Double Button, in every size, \$1 per pair.
- Ladies' Lavender Kids, Three Buttons, in every size, \$1 per pair.
- Ladies' Light Evening Shades, Double Button, in every size, \$1 per pair.
- Ladies' Black, Mid and Dark Shades, Best Rouillon Kids, warranted first quality, in every size, \$1.10 per pair.
- Misses' White Kids, Single Button, in Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
- Misses' White Kids, Double Button, in Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
- Misses' Light Evening Shades, Single Button, in Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, manufactured in Paris expressly for the Fashionable West End.
- Misses' Mid and Dark Shades and Black, in every size.
- Gents' White Kids, in the following sizes, \$1 per pair—7 1/2, 7 3/4, 8, 8 1/2, 8 3/4 and 9.
- Gents' Lavender Kids, in the same sizes.
- Gents' Mid and Dark Shades and Black, in every size, first qualities.

We also invite attention to our stock of Evening Flowers, Lace Handkerchiefs, Lace Shaws, Lace Vests, Lace Pelermes, Lace Ties, Sash Ribbons, Promenade Scarfs, Shetland and German Wool Shawls and Squares; for evening wear, White and Colored Tarlatans, Grenadines, Silks, etc.

A. O. BUCHAM,

Fashionable West End Dress, Mantle and Millinery Establishment.

WILLIAM STEWART

Is now Selling at Greatly Reduced Prices, Dress

Goods, Millinery, Shawls and Mantles; Blankets, Sheetings,

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WILLIAM STEWART.

AT AN IMMENSE REDUCTION.

FOR CHRISTMAS

- Electro plated Crust Stands, elegant patterns.
- Ivory handled Table, Dessert and Pocket Knives.
- Nickel Silver and Electro plated Forks to suit.
- Table, Dessert and Tea Spoons.
- Electro plated Butter Coolers.
- Tea and Coffee Pots.
- Table Napkin Rings.
- Bread Platters and Bread Knives.
- Toast Backs, Call Bells.
- Tea Trays and Waiters.
- Coal Scuttles.
- Vases and Parolians.
- Fire Irons and Stands.
- Skates, Slights for Boys and Girls.
- Snow Shovel, Single Bell.
- English Whips, Bird Cages.
- Also a large assortment of Lamps, new patterns, very cheap; Lamp Glasses, Globes, Shades, Wicks, Burners, etc., etc., at

JOHN HORSMAN'S,

HARDWARE MERCHANT, GUELPH.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY IN GUELPH.

The Sons of St. Andrew Will celebrate the ANNIVERSARY of their Patron Saint, by a

CONCERT and BALL

IN THE TOWN HALL, On Monday Evening, November 30th.

The Concert will be given under the management of Miss Jeanie Watson and Mr. J. P. Hardy, the well-known Scottish Vocalists, who will be assisted by popular amateurs.

A SPLENDID QUADRILLE BAND

Has been engaged for the Ball. Tickets, admitting lady and gentleman, \$2.50; gentleman's single ticket, 25c; extra lady's ticket, 50c. Refreshments extra. Tickets may be had at the Drug and Book Stores, and from the members of the Committee. Doors open at 7 o'clock; concert to commence at 8 o'clock; concert to commence at 8 o'clock; concert to commence at 8 o'clock. JOHN ANDERSON, Secretary. Guelph, Nov. 17th, 1874.

TWO EXTRA

Berkshire Boars.

The undersigned has two thoroughbred Boars, which will serve Sows this season on his premises, Cork street, Guelph. Terms, \$1 cash, or \$1.50 credit. ALLAN SIMPSON, Blacksmith. Guelph, Nov. 24, 1874. dtw-wot

BERKSHIRE BOAR JOHN A.

The undersigned begs to notify the breeders of swine that he has purchased the above boar, imported from England by George Roach, Esq. of Hamilton, and will serve Sows this season. Terms, \$4, cash. Pedigree—John A. was sired by Sampson, out of Swindon, by 2nd Duke of Gloucester, dam Nipper, out of Bobtail, by Tim Whittier. JOHN BUNYAN, Macdonnell Street, Guelph, Proprietor. Oct. 28, 1874. dtw-wot

NELSON CRESENT

GROCERY.

W. A. Suddaby begs to inform the inhabitants of Guelph and vicinity that he has commenced business in the store lately occupied by R. S. King, opposite the Guelph Sewing Machine Factory, where he has opened up a new and complete stock of Groceries and Provisions. As all goods have been bought at the lowest figure for cash, they will be sold as cheap as by any other house in Guelph. He hopes by keeping a good article, and by paying strict attention to business, to merit a share of the public patronage. Goods delivered to any part of the town. W. A. SUDDABY. Guelph, Nov. 9, 1874. do

CHEAP MEAT.

When Beef is Cheap why not Sell Cheap, and give the Public the Benefit.

JOSEPH SMART,

Butcher, Stall No. 4, Guelph Market, begs to return his sincere thanks to his numerous friends and patrons whom he has had the pleasure of supplying for the past fourteen years, and takes this opportunity of informing them, as well as the public generally, of his intention to lower the price of meat forthwith, and sell it for less than it has ever been sold in Guelph, being determined not to be undersold by any butcher or storekeeper. In doing so, he solicits a continuance and increase of the liberal patronage he has hitherto received, assuring his friends that all his meats will be of the best quality, and that every order will receive prompt attention, and meat carefully delivered to all parts of the Town.

- Beefsteak..... 10 cents per lb.
- Beef—roasts..... 7c to 9c
- Beef—boiling..... 4c to 6c
- Lamb chops..... 10c
- Lamb, by the gr..... 8c to 9c
- Corned beef and pickled tongues always on hand.
- Every joint of meat will be labelled in plain figures, no two prices made, so purchasers can see and judge for themselves before purchasing anywhere else.

THE ITALIAN WAREHOUSE.

The following NEW GOODS have just been received:—

- CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S CELEBRATED PICKLES.
- LEA & PERRIN'S WORCESTER SAUCE.
- HARVEY'S SAUCE.
- BEEFSTEAK SAUCE.
- READING SAUCE.
- ESSENCE OF ANCHOVIES.
- MUSHROOM CATSUP.
- CALF'S FOOT JELLY.
- CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S JAMS AND JELLIE S.
- POTTED MEATS (all kinds.)
- ANCHOVY PASTE.
- POTTED YARMOUTH BLOATERS.
- DUTCH ANCHOVIES.
- ENGLISH MALT VINEGAR.
- Cranberries, Finnan Haddies, Bloaters, Fresh Oysters, &c.
- EXTRA VALUE IN TEAS AND SUGARS.
- INSPECTION INVITED.
- LOCH & WEIR, McQuillan's Block, Upper Wyndham Street. GUELPH, NOV. 28, 1874. dw

R. MacGREGOR & Co.

SIGN OF THE "BIG BOOT."

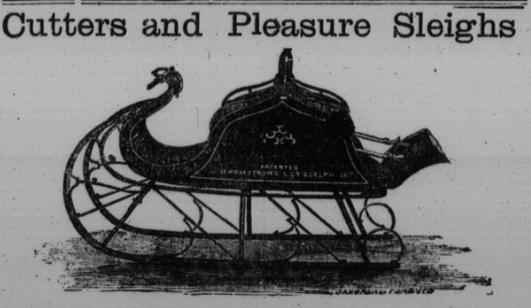
RUBBERS AND OVERSHOES

Keep your Feet Warm! Keep your Feet Dry! and Reduce your Doctor's bill.

RUBBERS AND OVERSHOES

Take good care of yourselves, good people are scarce. R. MacGregor & Co. Successors to W. D. Hepburn & Co. GUELPH, Nov. 23, 1874. dw

Cutters and Pleasure Sleighs



J. B. ARMSTRONG & Co

Have now on hand a large assortment of Cutters and Pleasure Sleighs, of new and original designs, which, as heretofore, will sustain the enviable reputation our manufactures have attained throughout this Province, and our prices will be found satisfactory on examination. Call soon and select what will suit you. J. B. ARMSTRONG & CO., wt-dlaw Macdonnell Street, Guelph, near the Grand Trunk Passenger Station.

THE FRUIT DEPOT

New Havana Oranges, Malaga Lemons, Malaga Grapes, Cocoanots, 100 brls Choice Winter Apples.

The Best Oysters in Canada

CANNED OR IN SHELL WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. HUGH WALKER, Wyndham-st., Guelph. Guelph, Nov. 17th, 1874. dw

LAMPS!

Hand Lamps, Table Lamps, Pendant Lamps, Bracket Lamps, OF NEAT DESIGNS AND LOW PRICES.

John M. Bond & Co.

Wyndham Street, Guelph. Guelph, Nov. 16, 1874. do

NEW GOODS

The following invoice of Goods has just been received from the Celebrated Establishment of Cross & Blackwell, of London, and as it comprises goods such as are not brought to Guelph by any other house you are invited to inspect them:—

- Wax Moons for Carriage Lamps, Night-lights, 6 and 8 hours, Cadbury's Cocoa Essence, Raspberry and Strawberry Jam, Raspberry Vinegar, Calvesfoot Jelly, Lemon, Macleira, and Vanilla Jelly China Preserved Ginger, Capt. White's West India Pickle, and Curry Paste, Mango Relish, Pickled Onions, Kipperd Herrings, English Yarmouth Bloaters, Smoked Cods, Roas, Anchovy and Bloaters Paste, Strasburg Meats, Potted Ham, Chicken and Game, Harvey's Sauce, Lea & Perrin's Worcestershire Sauce, English Malt Vinegar, and Anchovy Sauce. ALSO,

White Clover Honey, in Comb, Cranberries from Lake Superior, AT JOHN A. WOODS, Alma Block and Lower Wyndham Street, Guelph. 012 do.

FARMERS' DIARIES. — If our farmers knew how little trouble it is to keep a diary, and with what satisfaction they would look over it in a few years, we feel sure they would, many of them, be induced to begin one. A simple record of the weather and the operations of the farm, the writing of which would not occupy two minutes a day, will, in after years, be not only a source of pleasure, but also of great practical benefit; by reference back to the record of former years, one can see how late he planted certain crops, and at what time they matured, also items of interest to the family prices, &c. At Day's Bookstore will be found a large stock of Diaries and Farm Account Books. Day will sell you a large foolscap Diary for 35 cents, and Pocket Diaries from 15 cents upwards. Begin now, and it will pay you well for the few minutes' lost in entering your day's work.

FOR SALE—TYRCATHLEN LOTS. The Venerable Archdeacon Palmer has placed in my hands for sale the Lots in his new survey, immediately in rear of his residence and lying on the north side of Grand street. The situation cannot be surpassed in the town—convenient to Market, Post Office, Church and Schools, commanding a magnificent view of the town and surrounding country. The lots are of different sizes, and well suited for private dwellings, with a first-class soil for gardening. Those lots on Tyrcathlen Terrace are well adapted for gentler residences, and will only be sold to those who will bargain to put up good buildings. Plans of the Lots can be seen at my office and particulars learned. Terms very liberal. Purchases made this Fall, interest on balance of purchase money will not commence until 1st April, next. If desired, the lots will be pointed out on the ground. Also, 17 other lots lying to the north of Palmer street, in Macdonnell's survey, and on Queen and Arthur streets. An early call is solicited. CHARLES DAVIDSON, Land and General Agent, Town Hall Building, Guelph. Guelph, Aug. 31, 1874. dtw

GREAT SALE

WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY, &c.

AT R. CRAWFORD'S

Jewelry Store, next the Post Office. You can get great Bargains in Watches, Clocks and Jewelry, such as Gold Watches formerly \$150 now \$130 do do \$100 .. \$80 do do \$75 .. \$65 do do \$40 .. \$35 do do \$85 .. \$30 do do \$80 .. \$40 do do \$40 .. \$35 do do \$35 .. \$30 do do \$30 .. \$25 do do \$20 .. \$16 do do \$18 .. \$14 do do \$12 .. \$10

R. C. finds that his time is too much divided between his Factory and Store, and he has resolved to go out of the store by the new year. He has determined to sell his valuable stock at such prices as will effect an entire clearance. Call and examine for yourselves. Money saved is money gained. Clocks at lower prices than ever offered in Guelph. Store next the Post Office, Guelph. Oct. 31, 1874. dw

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