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PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY.

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Letters containing money, properly registered, will be at our risk.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Business men will find THE EVENING and WEEKLY MERCURY to be unrivalled advertising mediums, as their respective circulations are as in advance of any other in North Western Canada, and is the only means by which extensive settlements can be reached by the judicious advertiser.

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Executed on short notice, at reasonable rates, and in the best style of the Art. Having every facility at our command, in this department, we defy competition as to style, quality and price.

McLAGAN & INNES, Publishers.

OFFICE—Macdonnell Street, East of the Golden Lion, Guelph, Ontario.

October 29, 1867. daw-1f.

Military Tailor

J. JONES,

Late Master Tailor in the 17th Regiment,

IS READY to receive orders for making all kinds of

Military and Civilian's Clothing,

the latest and most fashionable styles. Having had long experience, he guarantees to give satisfaction to all who may favor him with their patronage.

Residence—Nottingham-st., near Gordon-st. Guelph, 16th Oct., 1867. dlm

Eating House.

C. H. DAVIS

RESPECTFULLY informs the people of Guelph and neighborhood, that he has opened a public

Eating House and Refreshment Rooms,

A few doors above the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, where will be provided Meals at all reasonable hours, at moderate prices.

Oysters, Sardines, &c

TO ORDER ON SHORT NOTICE.

An opening for a couple of Boarders.

CHAS. H. DAVIS. sid d o t f

October 22, 1867.

H. HOGG'S

FLOUR AND FEED STORE

Opposite the Market Shed.

CONSTANTLY ON HAND, all kinds of Mill Feed, Chopped Peas, Middlings, Shorts, Bran,

Cornmeal, Oatmeal, Flour!

Bacon, Sugar-cured Hams, and Potatoes.

Guelph, 28th August, 1867. dw-1f

Valuable Building Lots for Sale

IN EVERTON.

THE subscriber offers for sale, cheap for cash, two valuable building lots in the Village of Everton, being No. 122 and No. 123, as laid out on the map made by Wm. Haskins, Esq., P. L. S.

There are two-fifths of an acre of land in the two lots, and being close to the Disciples' Meeting House, and in a central part of the Village, form excellent sites for building on. For terms apply at the Manuery Office, or (if by letter post-paid) to DUNCAN ROBERTSON, Everton P. O.

Guelph, Nov. 15th, 1867. wtf

Cordwood Wanted.

WANTED about 30 cords of good

GREEN BEECH or MAPLE

Cordwood. Quantities of from 5 cords upwards will be taken. Apply at once to the Manuery Office, Guelph.

Guelph, 5th Nov, 1867. dwtf

Thoroughbred Galloway Cattle for Sale.

FOR SALE, a Thoroughbred Galloway Cow, with pedigree, took two First Prizes at the Provincial Exhibition. Also, a thoroughbred Galloway bull calf, six months old. For sale cheap by

JAMES O'NEIL, Anglo-American Hotel, Guelph.

Business Education!

THE importance of a thorough Business Education is so generally appreciated, that it is not surprising to find that the number of students attending the various Business Colleges is increasing rapidly.

THE BRITISH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COLLEGE has in full operation such a course of instruction as to give it practical fitness to do the work proposed. An important characteristic of this Institution is its nature, organized actual business system, whereby the College is made a type or model not only of an extensive business house, but even of a large trading community.

The time required to complete the full course varies considerably, according to the attendance, attention and ability of each student. Young men however are earnestly cautioned against the injurious practice of hurrying through the course from the mistaken idea that they will thus be gainers by the saving of money in the tuition of board. Infinitely more advantageous would it be to the student, since his full course of tuition is already paid for, to incur the comparatively small additional expense of a few weeks board, in order to make himself completely master of the course; and thus, by a small present outlay, qualify himself for some lucrative situation.

We were again awarded the First Prize at the late Provincial Exhibition, Kingston, for the best specimen of Business Penmanship, and an Extra Prize for our system of Writing.

For Penmanship, Circulars, &c, address—MUSGROVE & WRIGHT, October 12, 1867. daw-1f TORONTO

MEDICAL HALL,

GUELPH.

JUST RECEIVED!

At the Medical Hall a large assortment of

LAMPS, SHADES, WICKS, & C.

—ALSO—

No. 1 Coal Oil

FOR FAMILY USE.

Perfectly clear and free from smell.

N. HIGINBOTHAM,

Guelph, 20th Nov, 1867

FURS,

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WE have opened our stock of FURS, of our own manufacture, which we will sell at LOW PRICES, viz:

Extra Dark Mink, Royal Ermine, Siberian Squirrel, River Mink, Ladies' Hoods, GENTS MUFFERS and GLOVES, SLEIGH ROBES, &c.

F. GARLAND, Market Square, GUELPH.

The Highest Price paid for Raw Furs

Guelph, Oct. 31, 1867. s8d w 732

TEAS. TEAS.

A LARGE Lot just received of New Crop

TEAS.

A SPLENDID ARTICLE,

AT 75 CENTS,

Equal to any sold at 57 1/2 Cents!

E. CARROLL & CO.

No. 2 Day's Block.

Guelph, Nov. 13, 1867. daw,1f

CONFECTIONERY!

EVERY description of

Confectionery Wholesale

H. BERRY.

Guelph, Nov. 7, 1867.

HAY IN TRUSSES

Constantly on hand. Also fine Straw for beds.

TERMS CASH.

JOHN WEST.

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET.

THURSDAY EV'NG, NOVEMBER 21.

GUELPH POST OFFICE.

Arrival and Delivery of Mails.

Table with columns: DELIVERY, A.M., P.M., CLOSURE, A.M., P.M. Lists destinations like Hamilton, Great Western, Grand Trunk, Toronto, etc.

Cattle Fairs.

Elora, 1st Tuesday of every month. New Hamburg, 1st Tuesday of each month. Guelph, 1st Wednesday of every month. Berlin, 1st Thursday of every month. Elmira, 2nd Monday of every month. Waterloo, 2nd Monday of every month. Waterloo, 2nd Tuesday of every month.

Local News.

HARPER'S BAZAR for this week, a splendid number, has been received at Day's bookstore, opposite the market.

It is said that a man named Jones has been arrested for the murder of Ford, near Owen Sound, and that there is strong circumstantial evidence against him.

BASE BALL IN DUMFRIES.—A game of base ball was played in Dumfries, on the 14th inst. between twelve married men and an equal number of bachelors. The latter were beaten by ten runs. A return match was played on Saturday afternoon last, and the benedicts were again victorious, winning by 25. Pretty good for the old chaps!

THE ABORTION CASE IN HAMILTON.—The jury that sat to inquire concerning the death of Sarah Edwards have at length concluded their investigation, and given the following verdict:—"That the said Sarah Edwards came to her death by inflammation of the bowels, from the effects of medicinal and instrumental means administered or used by some party or parties with the intention of producing an abortion, and from the fact of Daniel Davis and Mary Barnett (as shown in evidence) using every means to evade the authorities, and from the contradictory nature of the evidence, the Jury are of the opinion that the said Daniel Davis and Mary Barnett are implicated in procuring said abortion, and, therefore, in bringing about the death of said Sarah Edwards." Warrants have been placed in the hands of the police against these parties.

ACCIDENT TO DR. BOOMER.—We learn from the Reformer that the Rev. Dr. Boomer of Trinity Church, Galt, met with a very serious accident on Thursday evening last, which nearly proved fatal to him. He was returning from Berlin by the Blair Road, having in the carriage with him Mrs. Boomer and Mr. James Davidson. Dr. Boomer and Mr. Davidson were on the front seat, the Dr. driving, and when about a mile and a half from Galt the right front wheel of the carriage ran over the side of a culvert on the road.—The sudden jolt threw the Dr. out of the carriage, and his legs becoming entangled in the reins he was dragged about one hundred yards along the road. Very fortunately one of the reins broke and Mr. Jas Davidson managed to stop the horses by turning them to the side of the road with the other, otherwise a still more serious accident might have occurred, as the horses had become restive and somewhat inclined to run away, in which case the other inmates of the carriage would have been in jeopardy of their lives. The night was dark, which added to the danger and anxiety of the party. The Dr's injuries were very painful, his legs and back being badly bruised, but we are happy to learn that they are not dangerous, although he will be confined to his room for some time.

CHALLENGE RIFLE MATCH.—Colonel Hawley and Colonel Harenc of the 60th Rifles and 53rd Regt., now lying in London, having challenged the Western District and 7th Batt., to pit 25 picked shots from the two regiments against 25 volunteers, to shoot for the sum of \$150, the match was to have come off yesterday (Wednesday). Corporal Macdonald and private Smith, of the Eramosa Rifle Company were telegraphed for by Col. Taylor on Saturday to go up as two of the com-

New Books.

THREE ENGLISH STATESMEN.—This is the title of a book just published by Harper Bros. of New York, a copy of which has been sent us by W. E. Tunis & Co., news agents. It contains a course of lectures on the Political History of England, and embodies besides sketches of the lives of Pym, Cromwell and Pitt, as the representative men of three different epochs in England's political history. The lectures are by Goldwin Smith, the distinguished writer on political history and political economy. To the student of history, the politician, as well as to the general reader, these lectures will be of great interest, for while conveying much information, they also deal with politics in a thoroughly philosophic spirit. The book is handsomely printed and bound, and may be had at the bookstore of Mr. T. J. Day, Market Square.

MACE'S FAIRY BOOK.—This is a most interesting and entertaining book, being a series of home tales, pleasantly told and eminently fitted for reading in the family circle. They are written by M. Mace, editor of the "Magazine of Education," published in France, and translated by Mary L. Booth. A high moral tone pervades all the stories, and no better book could be put into the hands of young people. It is published by Harper Bros. of New York, and is beautifully printed and handsomely bound in colored cloth, gilt edged. The "Fairy Book" will be a most appropriate and suitable holiday present. We have to thank W. E. Tunis & Co., Clifton, for a copy of the book, which is for sale at T. J. Day's bookstore.

Erin Township Council.

The Municipal Council of the township of Erin met at the Town Hall, Erin village on the 15th inst.—members all present, the Reeve in the chair. An account of Mr. Cooper's was referred to the Finance Committee. Three claims for damages done to sheep were presented to the Council. It was moved by Mr. Berry, sec. by Mr. McMillan, that the claims of John Close, Jeremiah Warden, and Jas. Summerville, for damage done to sheep by dogs, be paid.—Carried. The sum of \$2.67 was ordered to be paid to Mr. T. W. Cooper, for survey of the watercourse between Wm Teeter and Alex Laird's, as a proportionate share of the expense. Leave was granted to introduce a by-law offering a bounty for the destruction of wolves within this township, which was read a first and second time. The sum of \$3.24 was refunded to Mrs. Wheeler, being an overcharge of taxes; also the taxes of Mrs. Dohl and Mrs. Burgess, for 1867. The committee appointed to examine the bill between lots 27 and 28 in the 5th con., report, that they have examined the bill above referred to, and consider that the county surveyor should be called upon to determine which will be the easiest way round on James Summerville's lot. All which is respectfully submitted. George Martin, Chairman. Report adopted. Mr. Arch McArthur and Mr. Edw. Bonestell were refunded \$1 each of dog-tax, they being erroneously assessed for dogs. The Clerk was directed to notify the Trustees of those school sections interested in the application now before the Council for the formation of a new school section, to attend the next meeting of Council. Moved by Mr. McMillan, sec. by Mr. McKinnon, that this Council receive from Isaac Green \$67 in full for back taxes on Lot 29 in the 4th con., the Council on examination having found an overcharge of \$16.91 of back taxes against said lot. The sum of \$3 was granted to repair a bridge on the sidewalk between Lots 5 and 6, in the 11th con. Angus McLellan was refunded 50c as an overcharge on taxes. A by-law was introduced to repeal the by-law granting a bounty for killing Lynx in the township, which was read a first and second time. The Council went into committee of the whole and repealed the above by-law. The Council resumed and the by-law was read a third time and passed. A by-law was introduced providing a bounty for the destruction of Lynx, which embraces—that any justice of the peace of this township may examine the party applying for the bounty and give a certificate for the payment of the same; it was read a first and second time. The Finance Committee met and reported as follows:—Your committee had under consideration an account of \$7 from T. W. Cooper, for survey and report on the sidewalk between Lots No. 27 and 28 in the 5th concession, and would recommend the payment of the same; also that Mrs. Dohl, Mrs. Burgess and Mrs. Johnston each receive \$3. Geo. Martin, Chairman. The report was accepted and payments ordered. The Clerk was instructed to give E. W. Atwood a Store License to sell liquor in Hillsburg, by paying the sum of \$12 for the balance of the year and complying with the by-laws. A by-law authorizing the payment of money for the Drill Shed, was read and passed. A by-law to divide the township into Electoral Divisions was introduced, read and passed. The Council resolved into committee of the whole on the by-law granting a bounty for the destruction of wolves, and filled up blank by granting a bounty of \$12 to any person killing a wolf within this township; parties to apply to any Justice of the Peace of this township. The by-law was read a third time and passed. David Hans was refunded the sum of \$10 of amount paid by him for tavern license, having quit keeping tavern about the end of July. The Clerk was instructed to get 300 copies of the minutes of Council of the present year printed in pamphlet form at the Mercury Office. The Council then adjourned till Monday, 9th December.

Grand Rifle Competition.

The promised rifle match between 25 of the 60th Rifles, and an equal number of our District Volunteers came off at London on Wednesday last, and after splendid firing on both sides resulted in favour of the 60th. But two men from the Wellington Battalion were among the competitors. These were Sergt. McDonald and Private Smith, of the Eramosa company, the former of whom made 35 points and the latter 32. The highest number of points made in the match was 49. The men of the 60th scored 910, and the volunteers 885 according to the Free Press, thus making the odds 25, but a gentleman who was present assures us, that the score of the volunteers was 898, thus making the number of points in favor of the 60th only 12. But it is creditable to the volunteers that they should come within even 25 points of equalling such crack shots as their opponents. The shooting was at three ranges of three, four and five hundred yards.

MR. CUTHBERT, opposite the English church, has received a large supply of violin strings, &c., which he will sell very cheap. See advertisement.

ACCIDENT.—On Monday last a man named James Sheppard was seriously injured in consequence of his horses running away. There was a rack on the wagon on which Mr. Sheppard was seated, and from which he was thrown with violence, one of the hind wheels of the wagon running over him and fracturing four ribs. Under the careful treatment of Dr. McGuire he is progressing favorably.

In Milwaukee last Saturday night, the wife of a German named Lehman died; she was buried at 1 o'clock on Sunday.

Postal Reform.

In the course of an article on this subject, which is absorbing much more public interest than the question why John A. Macdonald and Cartier had not equal measures of Royal favor meted out to them, the Dumfries Reformer has the following:

"With reference to newspaper postage we think it would be better to abolish it altogether. The amount which it yields to the general revenue cannot be a very large sum. By statistics furnished by the Post Office authorities we ascertain that the number of newspapers passing through the Post Offices of Ontario and Quebec for the year ending 30th June, 1867, amounted to fourteen millions. Out of this number eight millions only were Canadian, the remaining six million being from Europe and the United States. The postage on the eight million of Canadian journals at a cent each would yield to the revenue only \$40,000. Would not the great benefits derived by the community from the free circulation of newspapers more than counterbalance the loss the country would sustain by the abolition of this source of revenue? Most assuredly! Instead of the circulation of the press being hindered and trammelled by the imposition of heavy rates of postage, its onward progress should be encouraged by freeing it from every clog that would impede its triumphant march. Upon the press we depend for circulating a knowledge of our resources, our institutions, and the numerous advantages this country offers to the down-trodden and toiling masses of the old world.—The intelligence and the education of our own people would also be largely promoted by the free circulation of the press throughout the Dominion, and in a thousand and one other ways would the people and the country be benefitted by a great success in the mother country, where it was inaugurated in the year 1861. In Britain deposits not less than 25 cents may be made at any money order office throughout the country, or at any other post office the Postmaster General may appoint. A deposit book is provided for each depositor, in which the amount he puts into the Bank is entered and attested by the clerk receiving the same and by the dated stamp of the office. Each depositor receives an acknowledgment from the Postmaster General of the sum deposited, which is conclusive evidence of his claim to repayment of the sum with interest. The depositor can withdraw his deposit by making a demand in a particular form at any of the Post Offices within ten days after sending the demand. Interest at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent is allowed on deposits over £1. The largest sum one person can deposit in a year is \$30. This system has proved a great success in Britain, affording a safe and sure investment to the poorer classes of the community. On the 31st of March, 1864, only three years after the inauguration of the system, the number of depositors amounted to 372,955, and the accumulated deposits and interest reached \$4,097,492. It is likely that the plan adopted in Canada will be somewhat similar to that of the mother country. This plan of Savings Banks has been highly successful here, and so successfully there cannot fail to accomplish a like result here, if the same care be bestowed upon its organization and management.

Aberfoyle Ploughing Match.

This ploughing match came off on the farm of Mr. McKenzie, 7th concession of Puslinch, on Friday last. There was a sharp frost in the morning which delayed operations till nearly noon, and in consequence the ridges were made narrower, so that the ploughmen might be enabled to finish their work in time. There was a very large turn out of ploughers, there being 27 competitors altogether. Although the weather was cold there was a good turn out of spectators, who took quite an interest in the proceedings. The ploughing was acknowledged by all to be very superior, and on the whole far ahead of that done at any previous match in the Township. The judges, committee, ploughmen and spectators were most hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie during the day. In fact, open house was kept; all were welcome, and all went away more than satisfied. The Judges were Messrs. John Bolton, Eramosa; B. H. Kean and John Martin, Naasagawa. We are indebted to the Secretary, Mr. Robert Fleming, for the prize list, which is as follows:

1ST CLASS.—1st, Thomas Arkell; 2nd, Charles McIntosh; 3rd, John McRobbie; 4th, James McCrone; 5th, P. McLean, jr. Charles McIntosh got the prize for best finish.

2ND CLASS.—1st, Wm. McGhill; 2nd, James McNaughton; 3rd, Edward Mulroney; 4th, John McDermaid; 5th, Francis Beattie, jun. Francis Beattie got the prize in this class for best finish.

3RD CLASS.—1st, Hugh Clark; 2nd, Hugh McDermaid; 3rd, Kenneth McKenzie; 4th, George McFarlane; 5th, Gilbert Barber. In this class Kenneth McKenzie got the prize for best finish, and well he deserved it, for considering his size and age his work was splendid.

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Cable News!

Special and Exclusive Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

Rome being Fortified!

Opening of the British Parliament.

THE ROYAL SPEECH.

The Manchester Fenians

PREPARATIONS FOR CARRYING OUT THE DEATH DOOM.

THE "SICK MAN" SERIOUSLY INDISPOSED.

The U. S. to be Represented in European Congress.

Paris, Nov. 19.—Experienced engineers have laid out, and the Pontifical troops are actively engaged in building substantial works of defence at all the approaches to Rome, and the sea fortifications are rapidly approaching completion.

Madrid, Nov. 19th.—Julian Pavia has been appointed Governor of Porto Rico.

London, Nov. 19.—Parliament opened to-day. The Queen was not present, and a Royal Commission read the speech from the throne, in substance as follows:—King Theodore having rejected all the demands of Great Britain for the release of her subjects, cruelly and without just cause imprisoned by him, Her Majesty had no alternative but to send a military expedition to Abyssinia, and reference is made to the supply bills needful to defray the expenses of the war. The invasion of the Papal Territory is now over; the Pope has expressed that Napoleon will soon withdraw his forces from Italy, and thus avert unfriendly relations with Victor Emmanuel. Fenianism suppressed in Ireland has taken the form of organized societies for murder, and this must also be suppressed by the firm fulfilment of the law and by the loyalty of the people. The speech concludes with the promise that her Majesty's government will bring before Parliament Reform Bills for Ireland and Scotland, and other domestic measures of an important character. In the House of Commons, the address to the Queen was moved by Sir Wm. Hartdyke, and was seconded by Col. James Hogg, a member for Bath. The address in the House of Lords was proposed by Earl of Brownlow, and seconded by Lord Hylton. Both addresses were carried.

London, Nov. 19th.—In the House of Commons, this evening, Lord Stanley made some explanations in connection with recent events on the continent. He said England had been invited to join a general European conference, but had declined to do so unless a distinct plan of action was first presented. Lord Stanley thought that participation in such a congress would only add to the responsibilities of England without doing any good. Nearly all the members who spoke to-night took occasion, in the course of their remarks, to condemn the recent action of France in sending a military expedition to Italy.

Chicago, Nov. 20.—The fight between Duffy and Busay for \$1000—side came off this afternoon. About 2000 persons witnessed the fight. 135 rounds were fought in 5 hours and 42 minutes. Busay was the winner.

London, Nov. 20.—The Queen's speech to Parliament and the pacific address of Napoleon to the French Chambers have had a tranquillizing effect upon Europe, and tend to restore confidence in all the principal political and financial centres of the continent.

Manchester, Nov. 20.—As the day for the execution of Fenians approaches the government redoubles its precautions against any outbreak or attempt at a rescue. Regular troops have been pouring in here by railway for two or three days past, and the city is now crowded with soldiers.

Manchester, Nov. 20, evening.—In addition to the large military force here the municipal authorities have provided for the security of the peace by swearing in over 2000 citizens as special policemen.

London, Nov. 20, evening.—No official information of the reported calamity at Tortola has been received at the Colonial office. The story of the disappearance of the island of Tortola below the sea is doubtless a great canard.

London, Nov. 20, evening.—A despatch from Constantinople states that the Sultan is seriously ill.

Paris, Nov. 20, evening.—It is reported the American minister Gen. Dix has proposed to Napoleon that the United States be represented in the coming general conference, and that the Emperor approves of their admission into the Congress as one of the great powers.

Florence, Nov. 20.—The Bank of Italy is about to issue notes of the denomination of one franc each, to supply the deficiency in the smaller metallic currency. The speech of the Emperor Napoleon at the opening of the French Chambers had a good effect here. It pleases the Italians who believe that the ultimate gratification of the wishes of Italy is implied in the words of the Emperor if not actually promised.

The Emperor Francis Joseph when in Paris, found time to take what may be called the royal promenade of Paris—the walk in the sewers. It is known that these famous sewers are the military subterranean boulevard of the Emperor Napoleon. The Emperor Francis Joseph expressed himself wonder (emerveille) with the admirable arrangements of this underground city.

In the manufacture of steel pens at Birmingham 2,500 persons are employed. The yearly product is over 725,000,000 pens, consuming about 5,000 tons of steel.

According to the terms of a new bill on the military organization in Bavaria, the duration of service will be, for the infantry, three years in the active army and three in the reserve; for the cavalry four years in the former and two in the latter.