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Change of Business. We beg leave to intimate that with the intention of devoting our time exclusively to the Wholesale Manufacturing, we have disposed of our Retail and Custom Business to Messrs. H. MACGREGOR & CO., who will carry on the business, and for whom we bespeak the patronage of all old customers, and the public generally. From an acquaintance of some years we can confidently recommend them as worthy of a liberal support.

W. D. HEPBURN & CO. WITH reference to the above we have the pleasure to state that we have purchased the stock of Messrs. W. D. HEPBURN & CO., on favorable terms, and are making large additions to the same, which will be complete in a few days.

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TWO GRAND CAPITALS OF \$5000 each in greenbacks. Two prizes \$1,000 each in greenbacks. Five prizes \$500 each in greenbacks. Ten prizes \$100 each in greenbacks. One fine toned Rosewood Piano, worth \$500. Ten Family Sewing Machines, worth \$100 each. Five Gold Watches and Chains worth \$500 each. Five Gold American Hunting Watches, worth \$125 each. Ten Ladies Gold Hunting Watches, worth \$100 each. 500 Gold and Silver Lever Hunting Watches (in all worth) from \$20 to \$300 each. Gold Chains, Silverware, Jewelry, &c., &c. Number of gifts 6,200. Tickets limited to 0.00.

AGENTS WANTED to sell Tickets, to whom liberal premiums will be paid. Single tickets, \$1; six tickets, \$5; twelve tickets, \$10; twenty-five, \$20. Circulars containing full list of prizes, a description of the manner of drawing, and other information in reference to the distribution, will be sent to any one ordering them. All letters must be addressed to MAIN OFFICE, L. D. SINE, Box 86, 101 W. Fifth-st., Cincinnati, O.

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NOTICE TO Carriage Makers. The proprietors of the GUELPH WHEEL WORKS are pleased to inform their customers and trade generally that, owing to the increase of business they have been compelled to move their Works to the large and commodious shops lately known as the Agricultural Works of Thain, Elliott & Co., and with their increased facilities they can do a very large trade in the manufacture of Carriage and Buggy Wood Works. Or parts thereof, of every description or style at very low rates, and studying the interests of their customers.

BLACKSMITHS. We can supply them with the best and far-famed oil tempered. WARNOCK SPRINGS (the best springs manufactured) already fitted to the rear (at no extra charge). Bodies made to any style to suit the customers. All orders for Wheels, Gears, Bodies Spokes, Hubs, Rims, or SPRINGS promptly attended to, and shipped to any part. Call and see our stock before you purchase elsewhere. All work warranted in every respect. Send for price list. Respectfully yours, ROBERT DALGLEISH & CO., Guelph, Feb. 18, 1874.

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BY-LAW NO. A By-Law to aid and assist the Credit Valley Railway Company, by giving \$10,000 to the Company by way of Bonus, and to issue debentures therefor, and to authorize the levying of a special rate for the payment of the debentures and interest.

Whereas, by the Act passed in the thirty-fifth year of Her Majesty's reign to amend the Act passed in the thirty-fourth year of Her Majesty's reign and intitled "An Act to incorporate the Credit Valley Railway Company," and to extend the powers conferred upon the said Company, it is provided, that in case aid is desired from any portion of a township municipality, if at least fifty of the persons who are rated on the last revised assessment roll, as freeholders, who may be qualified voters under the Municipal Act in any portion of said township municipality, do petition the Council of such municipality to pass a By-Law, in such petition defining the metes and bounds within which the property of the petitioners is situate, and expressing the desire of the said petitioners to aid in the construction of the said Railway by granting a bonus to the said Company, and stating the amount which they so desire to grant and be assessed for, the Council of such municipality shall, within six weeks of the receipt of such petition, introduce the requisite By-Law, and submit the same to the qualified voters of the said portion of such municipality, for raising the amount so petitioned for, by the issue of debentures of the municipality, payable in twenty years or by equal annual instalments of principal with interest, and for the delivery to Trustees of the debentures for the amount of said bonus at the time and on the terms specified in said petition, and for assessing and levying upon all the rateable property lying within the section defined by said petition an equal annual special rate, sufficient to include a sinking fund, for repaying the debentures with interest thereon.

And whereas, fifty persons and upwards who were rated on the last revised assessment roll as freeholders, and who are ratepayers qualified to vote under the Municipal Act, and being such qualified ratepayers within the portion of the Township affected and hereinafter defined, that is to say:—The Gore, front and rear, the first and second concession east and rear, and all that portion of the seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh concessions of the Township of Puslinch lying and being south of the line between lots numbers twenty-five and twenty-six.

And whereas, for such purpose it is necessary for the portion of the said Township above defined to raise the sum of ten thousand dollars in the manner hereafter mentioned. And whereas, it will require the sum of one thousand one hundred dollars, to be raised annually by special rate on the whole rateable property of the said portion of the Township of Puslinch above described for paying the said debt of ten thousand dollars and interest on the debentures to be issued therefor, as hereinafter mentioned.

And whereas, the amount of the whole rateable property in that portion of the said Township of Puslinch above described, irrespective of any income in the nature of tolls, interest or dividends from a mill in the said Township, and of all other rates to be levied in each year in the said above described portion of the said Township, is nothing. And whereas, for paying the interest and creating a yearly sinking fund for paying the said debt of ten thousand dollars as hereinafter mentioned, it will require an equal annual special rate of two mills and eighty-seven hundredths of a mill in the dollar in addition to all other rates to be levied in each year in the said above described portion of the said Township.

1. Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the Township of Puslinch, that it shall and may be lawful for that portion of the said Township of Puslinch above described to aid and assist the Credit Valley Railway Company by giving thereto ten thousand dollars by way of bonus. 2. That for the purpose aforesaid the Reeve or other head of said Township of Puslinch shall cause any number of debentures of the said Township of Puslinch to be made for such sums of money as may be required for the said purpose, in sums of not less than one hundred dollars each and not exceeding in the whole the amount of ten thousand dollars, which said debentures shall be sealed with the seal of the said Township of Puslinch and signed by the Reeve or other head of the Municipal Council of the said Township, and countersigned by the Treasurer of the Municipality, and shall define the portion of said Township of Puslinch for and on account of which they are issued.

3. That the said debentures shall be made payable in twenty years from the day hereinafter mentioned for this By-law to take effect, at the Royal Canadian Bank in Toronto, and shall have attached to them coupons for the payment of interest at the rate and in the manner hereinafter mentioned. 4. That the said debentures shall bear interest at and after the rate of six per cent per annum from the date thereof, of which interest shall be payable half yearly on the first days of January and July in each year at the Royal Canadian Bank, in Toronto. 5. That for the purpose of forming a sinking fund for payment of the said debentures and the interest thereon at the rate aforesaid, an equal special rate of two mills and eighty-seven hundredths of a mill in the dollar, in addition to all other rates, be raised, levied and collected in each year upon all the rateable property in the said section or portion of the said Township of Puslinch hereinafter mentioned and described during the said term of twenty years from the coming into effect of this By-law, unless such debentures shall be sooner paid.

Provided always and it is hereby declared that this By-law is passed subject to the following stipulations and conditions, viz:— That the said debentures shall be deposited with Trustees in the time and manner provided for by the Charter of the Company and on the terms and conditions therein mentioned. That this By-law shall take effect and come into operation on, from and after the First day of July, A.D. 1874. And be it further enacted that the votes of the electors of the portion of the Municipality above defined, shall be taken on this By-law as follows, viz:— At the place and on the terms and referred to in the notice appended to this By-law (being the place at which the election of members of Council are held) on the Seventeenth day of April, 1874, at the hour of nine o'clock in the fore-

noon and ending at five o'clock in the afternoon of the same day; and that the following person be Returning Officer to take the votes at such place:—At the Town Hall Aberfoyle, and that James McLean be Returning Officer. TAKE NOTICE.—That the above true copy of the proposed By-law which will be taken into consideration by the Council of the Township of Puslinch, at one month from the first publication in the General Mercury and Advertiser, the date of which first publication was on the Twenty-sixth day of March, A.D. 1874. And the votes of the electors of the said described portion of the Township of Puslinch will be taken thereon as follows: On Friday the Seventeenth day of April, A.D. 1874, commencing at nine o'clock in the forenoon and closing at five o'clock in the afternoon of the same day in the place mentioned, set out in, and fixed by the eighth clause of the above true copy of the said proposed By-law. JAMES McLEAN, Clerk. Puslinch, March 18th, 1874. dw

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