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Guelph, July 1st, 1873.

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Guelph, Oct. 7, 1873.

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Guelph, March 1, 1871.

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Guelph, Feb. 13, 1873.

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Teeth extracted without pain.  
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Veterinary Surgeon,  
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Having had great experience in all diseases of Horses and Cattle, he will be pleased to give his treatment will receive the greatest attention. Charges moderate. 0191wy

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First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.  
The best Liquors and Cigars at the bar.  
He has just fitted up a room where Oysters will be served up at all hours, in the favorite styles.  
Pickled Salmon, Lobsters, and Sardines.  
Guelph, Feb. 1873.

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Dressmakers,  
Perth street, north of the Eramosa Bridge, Guelph, Oct. 24th, 1873. 115184t

**NOTICE.**  
The members of the Guelph Rifle Company will parade at the Drill Shed, on THURSDAY EVENING, at 7:30 o'clock, sharp. A full attendance is ordered.  
By order, **GEORGE BRUCE,**  
Captain Commanding.

**WANTED**  
At the Fashionable West End  
Four experienced dressmakers; also improvers and apprentices to the dressmaking business. Two millinery apprentices and two active message boys. Apply to  
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**Guelph Evening Mercury**  
THURSDAY EVENING, OCT. 30, 1873  
**Town and County News.**

**PARADE OF THE RIFLES AT HALF-PAST SEVEN TO-NIGHT.**  
We learn that Mr. Thos. Holliday, brewer, Guelph, to-day leaves on a trip to the old country.

**THE AGNES WALLACE TROUPE** make their first appearance to-night. We learn from a St. Catharines paper that the members of the troupe presented their manager, Mr. Villa, with a valuable gold-headed cane on Monday night at the Murray House, St. Catharines, as a token of respect and esteem.

**GRIP'S** last cartoon represents Sir John in policeman's uniform, expressing his fervent wish to catch Riel, whilst the latter is at his elbow, transparently disguised. Mr. McKenzie is in the background, exclaiming "Mearcy, bet I'd like fine to arrest them both!" We notice that Mr. Huntington alluded in his recent speech to one of Grip's cartoons.

**THE BRITISH QUARTERLY** (American edition) has reached us from the publishers, the Leonard Scott Co., 140 Fulton-st., New York. This magazine is packed close with the thoughts of some of the most able English reviewers upon current literature and important public topics. Amongst the several leading articles we observe very interesting ones upon "Plymouth Brethrenism," "Sources of pleasure in Landscape," and "The Revolution in the Anglican Church." The very complete review which is given of current literature contains a favorable notice of "Hester Morley's Promise," a work which may be familiar to some of our readers.

**ST. NICHOLAS AND BOW BELLS**—Our table is made cheerful this morning by the bright glow of color on the handsome illuminated covers of two magazines Mr. John Anderson has just placed there. That of "Bow Bells" is especially pretty; and the contents of the book do no disgrace to the smartness of the cover. The mass of information usually found in a well regulated almanack is there, relieved by plentiful and appropriate illustrations. "St. Nicholas" is a magazine for the young, conducted by Miss Mapes Dodge, and published by Scribner & Co., New York. The stories and illustrations are excellent; the paper and printing are first-class; in fact, the magazine throughout is produced in a very superior style.

**MATHEMATICAL.**—Mr. John Ireland sends the following problems, which may prove interesting to mathematical students. He refers to the difficulty of not only remembering formulas but making them, under the new programme—1. A pole weighing 200 lbs., 20 feet long, base 1 foot and ending in a point is carried by 2 men; how much does each bear? Where should a fulcrum be put that will make the pole balance? 2. A log, 10 feet long, 3 feet diameter at the bigger end and 2 feet at the loss end, weighs 300 lbs.; if a man carries the less end how much less does he carry than a man at the other end? If two men carry the larger end by a handspike, where should it be put, that the man behind may carry 100 lbs? The originating of a formula for this case is exceedingly troublesome; the equation is a cubic one and the co-efficients large.

**The New Hospital.**  
Mr. Stewart's sketch which we referred to in a former paragraph has been placed in the window of John Anderson's bookstore. It is well drawn and neatly colored, giving a good idea of what will be the appearance of the building when finished. There are to be four stories in all—basement, two upper floors, and attic with Mansard finish. The slope of the ground will bring the basement level with the ground at the rear. It is only intended to finish the central portion of the building at present, but when completed there will be a wing on each side, connected with the main building by a retiring two story attachment. The exterior design is exceedingly handsome; and we understand that the interior fittings will be no less complete. The vital matters of heating and ventilation, upon which the cure of patients so much depends, have been carefully provided for by the architect, upon a plan similar to that adopted with much success in the Toronto Lunatic Asylum. A "lift" will be provided for the purpose of sending up food, fuel, etc. from the basement; and the internal fittings generally are to be of the most approved description.

**Brenton, the double Murderer**  
PETERBORO' Oct. 29.  
The trial of William Brenton, alias Jas Fox, for the murder of Mrs Payne and a boy named William Doughty, in the township of Dammer, was closed to-day. The Court was crowded.  
The evidence given by the witnesses did not vary from what was given at the inquest in November last. The jury, after a short deliberation, returned a verdict of guilty, and the prisoner was sentenced to be hanged on the 11th of December.  
Dr. Workman, after several examinations, had come to the conclusion that the prisoner was sane, and his conduct was a pretence.

**A Jewish couple** celebrated their gold wedding at Dansfield, recently, of whom the husband had served at the battle of Waterloo.

**BY TELEGRAPH.**  
**Swallowing Despatches.**  
**Opera-House Burned.**  
**A Dense Fog.**  
**Bismarck Re-appointed.**  
**Financial Panic.**  
**Firing on a British Ship.**

London, Oct. 29.—A fog [more dense than that of yesterday] hangs over London to-day. There have been numerous accidents in the streets, and at this hour, 12.30 p.m., locomotion is almost suspended.

It is reported that General Sir Garnet Wolesey, commander of the Ashantee expedition, took out instructions to first offer the Ashantees peace on condition that they lay down their arms, and withdraw from the territory under British protection.

Liverpool, Oct. 29.—One hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars in specie was shipped for New York to-day.

Paris, Oct. 29.—In the Bazine trial to-day, M. Flahout, the messenger, testified that under fear of capture by the enemy he swallowed a despatch which he was carrying from Thionville to Metz. The despatch was recovered and delivered to the office at head-quarters in Metz on the 29th of August; but was by then thrown into the fire. Lieut. Nugus swore that he fruitlessly attempted to deliver to Bazaine a despatch entrusted to him on the 22nd of August by the Empress. He admitted after much prostration that he was also bearer of a despatch to Gen. Bourbaki. The President of the Court severely censured this witness for attempting to conceal facts.

The old Paris opera house was entirely destroyed by fire this morning.

Berlin, Oct. 28.—Prince Bismarck has been re-appointed President of the Prussian Ministry, in place of General Von Roon. It is understood that his restoration to the post carries with it in effect the control of the whole Cabinet, which he demanded previous to his resignation some time ago.

Berlin, Oct. 29.—The total amount invested by the German Government in United States landed loan is \$18,000,000, of which \$8,000,000 was negotiated during the present month.

Vienna, Oct. 29.—There is another panic on the Bourse of this city. The Government is endeavouring to effect a settlement of the financial difficulties.

Madrid, Oct. 29.—It is reported that the Carlists have fired on a British vessel, killing one man.

Boston, Oct. 29.—A fire to-night at 213 and 215 State street caused an aggregate loss to several occupants of \$75,000.

Memphis, Oct. 29.—There were nine yellow fever deaths in the past 24 hours. The Board of Health officially notifies absentees that they may return to the city, but urges that the precautions hitherto specified be scrupulously observed.

**The Professor and his late Colleagues**  
The *Ithaca Journal* publishes a report of a complimentary dinner which was given by the Professors of Cornell University in honor of Professor McCandless, at the Clinton House, Ithaca, New York State. The *Journal* says: "Professor McCandless has been connected with the University for two years, during which his enlightened and systematic efforts have contributed greatly to the development and success of the department of agriculture. He now leaves to enter upon his duties as President of the new Ontario Agricultural College, at Guelph. His colleagues took the occasion to offer him the honor of a complimentary dinner."  
"We have never seen the dining rooms of the Clinton House present finer appearance than on this occasion. The room was brilliantly lighted and decorated, and the tables spread in admirable taste. Twenty-five covers were laid.—Professor Wilson, the senior Professor of the University, took the chair as president of the evening, with Professor Caldwell as vice-president. Grace was said by Professor Babcock. After partaking of the rare entertainment served by Mr. Thompson, the meeting was called to order, and letters and expressions of respect were presented from President White and Professors Fiske and Evans, Mr. Sweet, J. W. Williams, and members of the faculty who were unable to be present."  
"We make the following further extracts from the *Journal's* report: "The second regular toast, 'The Guest of the Evening,' called up Professor McCandless, who spoke of the present event as crowning the long series of kindness and honors which the people of America, and in an especial degree, the people of Ithaca, had shown him. He recalled the occasion of his resolution to make his home in the 'Land of the West,' which he said was due first of all to an American; the friendships he had formed here, which would be the friendships of his life; and spoke of industrial education having its birth in Europe, but finding in so eminent a degree its home in the United States."  
"The success of the New Agricultural College of Ontario" was proposed, which called Professor McCandless again upon his feet, who gave a short account of its origin, purpose and prospects."

**Matters at Fort Garry.**  
FORT GARRY, Oct. 29.  
Riel has been waiting at St. Paul for Rielhot. The former goes to Ogdenburg and awaits the result of the latter's visit to Ottawa.  
The Red River is frozen over, and navigation is closed.  
A French half-breed named Machand was killed by another named Gondin at Pembina. The murderer has escaped across into American territory.

**POLICE COURT.**  
(Before the Police Magistrate.)  
Tuesday, Oct. 30.  
THE LARCENY CASE.  
Jas. Hurrun, of Puslinch, was charged with larceny by John McFarlane of the same township. Mr. Macdonald appeared for prisoner.  
The prosecutor stated that prisoner was in his employment up to Friday last. On Saturday morning witness was working at the foundation of a building, and hung his coat in the driving house. In the pocket was a pocket book, containing \$20, in four \$5 bills on the Bank of Hamilton. Went to dinner meanwhile, and left the coat there. On putting it on again about four o'clock, he found that the bills were missing, but the pocket book remained. Prisoner had been working around where witness was and had been around the driving shed in the afternoon; I also sent him to the driving shed for some oats, and gave him the key. Another man of mine went with him at the time. Suspected prisoner as soon as the money was missing, but did not like to charge him without further proof. On Monday witness and prisoner were both in Guelph. The latter stopped at Merlihan's Hotel, and paid two \$5 bills on the Bank of Hamilton, for which change was got at Sales' the baker's. On seeing the bills, witness found they matched other ones of the same kind which he had. They were new bills and like those I had lost. On Saturday prisoner had told witness he had only one dollar, and that he had asked Mr. Forbes to pay him some wages due to him. Mr. Forbes afterwards told witness he had paid prisoner \$40. Cross-examined, witness said he could not swear that prisoner had actually been in the drill shed.  
Ann Merlihan said she received a \$5 bill from the prisoner on Monday to pay a debt of \$2, and gave it to her little boy, telling him to get it changed at Sales'. Prisoner gave the boy another \$5 bill to get changed at the same time.  
Elizabeth Johnston, who changed the bills at Sales' shop, identified the bills produced as the ones she got from Merlihan's boy. She had kept them separate.  
The case was adjourned until to-morrow, in order that the evidence of Mr. Forbes might be taken.

**The Shooting Yesterday.**  
The second annual pigeon-shooting between the "shots" of the Town of Guelph and the County of Wellington came off on Wednesday, in a field near the Red Mill. The weather was pleasant and favourable, though the contestants found that the keen clear air made shooting rather cold work. There should have been fifteen competitors, but as only eight of the town men were present when the proceedings commenced and as there was not the full complement from the county, the match was shot with eight. The contest was a close one, and they were victorious a second time, by one bird.  
The following is the score:—

TOWN.	
J. Hewer, Capt.	1 0 0 1 1-3
M. Deady	0 1 1 0 0-2
T. Hewer	0 0 0 0 0-4
A. Black	0 1 1 1 1-3
H. Henry	0 1 0 1 1-2
J. Lillie	0 1 1 0 1-2
T. Holliday	0 0 1 0 1-1
G. Baskwill	0 0 1 0 1-1
J. Atkinson	0 0 1 0 1-1
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COUNTY.	
G. Sleeman, Capt.	1 1 1 1 1-4
E. Thompson	0 1 0 1 0-2
G. Atkinson	1 1 0 0 0-1
J. Lillie	0 1 1 0 1-2
G. Thompson	0 1 1 0 1-2
Jos. Atkinson	1 0 1 0 0-1
J. Martin	1 0 1 0 0-2
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At the conclusion of the match, several other sportsmen having arrived, a friendly contest was got up between sides picked by the respective town and county captains. The town's side included some county men. The following is the score:—

PICKED.	
J. Hewer, Capt.	0 0 0 0-0
M. Deady	0 0 1 1-2
T. Hewer	0 1 0 1-1
A. Black	1 0 1 1-2
H. Henry	0 1 1 1-2
W. Hewer	0 0 1 1-1
T. Holliday	0 1 1 0-2
G. Baskwill	0 0 0 0-0
W. Atkinson	1 1 0 1-2
S. Duffell	1 0 1 1-2
Anderson	0 1 0 0-1
C. Sharpes	0 0 1 1-1
D. King	0 0 1 1-2
23	

**PICKED.**

G. Sleeman, Capt.	1 0 1 1-3
J. Atkinson	1 1 0 0-2
E. Thompson	0 0 1 1-2
G. Atkinson	1 0 1 1-2
J. Lillie	1 0 1 1-2
G. Thompson	0 0 0 0-0
Jos. Atkinson	0 0 1 1-1
J. Martin	0 0 1 0-1
J. West	1 1 1 0-3
C. Book	1 1 1 0-3
F. Marsh	0 1 0 0-1
J. F. Robinson	0 0 1 1-1
J. L. Squire	0 0 0 0-0
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The defeated eight entertained their opponents to a supper at the Great Western Hotel, to which about 30 sat down. The repast was served up in first-class style by Mr. John Hewer, and a jovial evening was passed.

Seven Texas horsemen pursued a wild horse for five days, during which he hardly broke his trot, and finally escaped. A Buffalo minister recently baptized twenty-eight children with water which he brought from the Jordan, in the Holy Land.

One item in an Oregon horse-doctor's bill read: "To holding a postmortem examination on a boss who afterward recovered, \$1.50." It was paid.

Day gives 1000 pages of choice reading matter for \$1. Cheap reading this winter.

Thirty women are employed on the daily press of New York.

The French government proposes to build eight new railroads.

**Letter from Mr. MacMillan.**  
To the Editor of The Evening Mercury.  
DEAR SIR:—The controversy into which I have been dragged having culminated in the voluntary disclosure of the name of my assailant, and assuming, as it now does, a slightly political aspect, I deem it prudent, with your kind consent, to publish this letter.

I was not disappointed to find that the "sighted Catholics" champion was no less a personage than the talented and high-spirited Editor of *The Herald*, Mr. James Fahey, a gentleman for whom, personally, I entertain the highest esteem. None can deny that he is an able writer, a brilliant orator, as well as a faithful and efficient servant. The interest of his masters are quite safe in his hands. It is not, therefore, in view of these facts, surprising that the little demonstration, insignificant though, from circumstances, it may have been, and partaking as it did of a partially Reforming tinge, should have aroused to action the redoubtable Mr. Fahey. I was much pleased to find that he deemed it prudent to subscribe his name to his last communication. This circumstance affords me an opportunity of dealing with the question at issue in a broader sense, and of divesting my replies of any allusion of a personal nature. Had Mr. Fahey, in the first place, treated this matter in his editorial capacity, much that I may have thought necessary to write—of a personal character—might have been avoided. The relationship of private individual, and *Herald* Editor is too intimate, and the subject under discussion too much of a political nature, to deceive the public with the idea that it was purely out of a sense of duty to his co-religionists that Mr. Fahey's pen has been wielded in their defence. The gentlemen who took part in the presentation to Col. Higinbotham esteemed it a pleasing duty to have an opportunity of shewing him the high appreciation in which he is held—by them at least. I charge it as most unfair in my opponent to accuse me of any desire to put myself forward as a leader of the Catholics of the town; but what I do claim as my right is, that when I find none of my co-religionists taking an active part to do honor where, I think, honor is due to step forward and contribute my mite, by way of recognition of a liberal spirit, and endorsement of a policy of which I, for one, approve. I am not accountable for *The Mercury's* report of the proceedings. If the representative of that journal, who was present on the occasion, couched such report in language not exactly suitable to the sensitive composition of *The Herald* Editor, this was a matter over which I had no control, and I repudiate any responsibility for the terms used therein.

The advisability of the presentation, even viewing it from a political standpoint, I am quite prepared to defend.—That the Reform party, of which the Colonel is a staunch adherent, has claims upon the Catholics of Ontario, is a fact which cannot be denied. Since their accession to power in the Local Legislature, more patronage has been bestowed on our people than was accorded us by any previous administration. Within a very short space of time several Catholics have been appointed to important offices by the Ontario Government. In Toronto, Mr. John O'Donohoe was given the County Attorneyship; in Stratford, Mr. O'Loane obtained the Police Magistracy; and Mr. John McKeown, of Hamilton, received the important position of County Attorney and Clerk of the Peace for Lincoln.

Out of five members of the Ministry, four voted against the Orange Incorporation Bill, which was pressed upon the House by Herbert Stone McDonald, a leader of the Conservative party. Mr. Scott, the author of the Separate School Bill, a gentleman who has for years persistently fought for, and eventually obtained, rights most sacred to us, was brought from Ottawa to fill the office of Commissioner of Crown Lands. Will the *Herald* editor point me, if he can, to a similar record of liberality on the part of the Conservative Dominion Government? It is all very well for him, with holy indignation, to talk about the impropriety of trading upon our religion as a means of procuring a portion of the patronage which, in all fairness, we are entitled, if for one, to the liberty of asserting, publicly, that in proportion to our numerical strength should we be represented; and, if this right be denied us, it is quite proper for us to ask for it; and, if it still be denied, to use every legitimate means in our power to enforce it on one party or the other. When I find a man like Colonel Higinbotham liberal enough to concede us our rights—voting for our separate schools—generously aiding our hospital—contributing on every occasion towards our religious institutions, I feel it my duty to be amongst the first to tender my warmest expressions of approbation and regard. It may, in justice to the gallant Colonel, be proper for me to explain that the trifling value of the gift, and the fewness of the number of those who attended at the presentation thereof, must not be taken as an indication of the merit of the recipient. From the inception to the completion of the affair, but a few hours elapsed. To this must be added the character of the evening, which was extremely unfavorable. Had time and circumstances permitted, there would not have been the slightest difficulty in swelling this "little gathering" to the respectable proportions of a "leading Catholic" demonstration. I have no occasion to join hands with Mr. Massie. It is quite competent for me and others of my co-religionists to entertain our own political predilections, independent of Mr. Massie or any person else.

I fear, Mr. Editor, that I have already trespassed at too great length upon your space. I will therefore conclude, trusting that my friend of the *Herald* will accept the foregoing as an apology, if not as a vindication, of what I had the presumption to do on the auspicious evening of the 21st instant.

Yours truly,  
J. P. MACMILLAN.  
Guelph, 29th Oct., 1873.  
[The matter referred to in the above