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GUELPH, ONT., CANADA, SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 8, 1869.

PRICE ONE PENNY

BY TELEGRAPH

Guelph Melodeon Co'y. Dissolution of Co. Partnership.

The Co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name of BELL, WOOD & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

BELL BROTHERS, of the late firm, assume all liabilities, and all notes and accounts are to be paid to them at the old stand, East Market Square, Guelph 15th April 1869.

MELODEONS & CABINET ORGANS

In the old stand, under the name of W. BELL & Co. Through the late firm received a First Prize at the last Provincial Exhibition for several instruments of music.

IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE

OF VALUABLE Farm Stock, Horses, Farming Implements, &c.

Mr. George T. Strickland has received instructions from JACOB HESPELER, Esq., to sell by Public Auction on his farm, adjoining the Village of Hespeler.

ON THURSDAY, MAY 13th, 1869

The following valuable property, viz: 10 good working horses, 10 milch cows, (Dorseth grade), 19 head young cattle, 100 sheep, 1 very excellent thorough-bred Dummer bull 4 years old, 8 lumber wagons, 7 sleds, 1 hay lifter, 8 sets of harness.

THE NEW MEDICAL BILL

A meeting of the medical men of the Southern Division of the County was held at Coulson's Hotel, Guelph, on Friday, the 7th inst., to take into consideration the features of the New Medical Bill.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT IN THE TOWN HALL

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DENTISTRY

Dr. R. Campbell, in order to meet the requirements of his increasing business, has been making improvements at his office which will be very acceptable to his patrons.

W.M. STEWART

Has now a full shop of NEW DRY GOODS, purchased and imported.

DIRECT FROM THE BRITISH MARKETS

W. S. gives the BEST VALUE and GREATEST

BARGAINS

Of any House in the trade.

Terms Strictly Cash.

Special attention called to a lot of Nottingham

LACE CURTAINS

CHEAP.

W.M. STEWART.

Guelph, 16th April. 4w

DOMINION STORE.

Wholesale and Retail.

Fire Crackers

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY!

AT MRS. ROBINSON'S

Evening Mercury. SATURDAY EV'ING, MAY 8, 1869.

TOWN ITEMS.

Remember the Rev. Mr. Steele's sale of household furniture on Monday, at 1 p.m., at his house near the Marble Works.

Two prosperous Guelph merchants visited Elora on Monday, and made an offer for an excellent building site, which is still vacant.

Dust.—This pest is at its height, and is not only disagreeable to pedestrians, but injures the goods of our merchants exposed for sale. Can't the corporation get a water cart?

TRUCK HONOURS.—There has been numerous runaways of late, consequent upon the owners of horses leaving them unattended in the streets or in the yard.

GUELPH POST OFFICE.—The amount of commission, &c., secured by the Postmaster of this town during the year ending June 30, 1867, was \$2,208.

The Rev. H. D. Steele, of Nova Scotia, but at present residing in Guelph, has received and accepted a call from the congregation of Ramsay, in the Ottawa Presbytery, and is to be inducted into his new charge on the 20th inst.

CHURCHY TO ANIMALS.—Under the act of Parliament introduced by Sir Jno. A. Macdonald, butchers can be prosecuted for the careless conveying of cattle, or for keeping the feet of calves or sheep tied in such a manner as to cause pain. We would therefore advise them to be careful.

CLEAR AWAY GARBAGE.—We learn that in some of our alleys and back yards there is refuse matter lying of a character calculated to endanger the public health. Those who are negligent in this respect incur the liability of being summoned before Mr. Saunders. See Police Report.

PINE APPLE SOCIAL.—Mr. Hugh Walker has sent us a very nice pine apple, for which we will accept our thanks. As will be seen by advertisement, his usual Saturday reunion takes the shape of a pine apple conversation this evening, when the public will be regaled with pine-apples cheap.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.—We have not heard that anything special is to be done here on the 24th, with the exception of the rifle match. Cannot the people get up some other amusement for the evening at all events? Guelph is not generally behind other places in celebrating the Queen's Birthday with enthusiasm.

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PLANT TREES.—What an improved appearance Guelph would present if the people would plant shade trees in front of their houses! and how much better it would be if some of our farmers in Elora, Guelph, Garraux, and other townships, instead of cutting down so many trees would reserve a certain portion of their farms for their preservation.

DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE.—The G. A. D. C. may well be congratulated on the success of their performance in the Town Hall, last Friday night.

THE WHITE HORSE OF THE PEPPERS.—The White Horse of the Peppers was well acted throughout, the characters being admirably sustained by all the performers.

THE RECEIPTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ANARATH.—The receipts of the township of Anarath, from all sources, for the year 1869, amounted to \$4,769.16; while the expenditures for the same period reached only \$4,495.50, leaving a balance of \$273.67 in the treasury.

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Medical Association of North and Centre Wellington.

A meeting of this Association was held on Thursday last at Whyte's Hotel, Ferguson, at 3 p. m., for the purpose of electing office-bearers for the ensuing year and of discussing the merits of the new Medical Bill.

Business was commenced by Dr. Munroe moving, and Dr. Finlayson seconding the resolution, that Dr. G. T. Orton be President for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously. It was next moved by Dr. Middleton, and seconded by Dr. Lightbody, that Dr. Paget be Vice-President. Carried also unanimously.

On motion of Dr. Clarke, seconded by Dr. McQuire, Dr. Herod was called to the chair, and Dr. McCulloch to act as Secretary. The New Medical Act of last session was then considered clause by clause, and discussed. It was then moved by Dr. Perkins, seconded by Dr. McGregor, and unanimously resolved, "That the several clauses of the new medical bill being duly read and considered."

Meeting of Dominion Telegraph Stockholders.

A meeting of the above was held in the Committee Room of the Town Hall last (Friday) night, to discuss the present position of the affairs of the Dominion Telegraph Company, and decide what action to take in the premises.

Mr. Massey having been called to the chair, and Mr. Criddle appointed Secretary, a desultory conversation ensued, in which Messrs. Hogg, Raymond, Goldie, Wilkie and others took part.

That Messrs. Massey, Hogg, Raymond, Goldie and Wilkie be a committee to act with Mr. Allan, Director here, in getting all necessary information from the Board of Directors of the Dominion Telegraph Company in Toronto, and report to an adjourned meeting to be held here this night forthwith.

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Dominion Parliament.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTAWA, May 7.

THE BUDGET. Hon. Mr. Rose made his financial statement last night. After stating how he intended to bring the subject matter of his speech before the House, he said that on referring to the estimates laid before the House on March 18th, 1868, the receipts were estimated at \$14,665,000, in round numbers.

The House on March 18th, 1868, the receipts were estimated at \$14,665,000, in round numbers. This was the gross sum the Dominion was expected to receive. In this connection, hon. gentlemen would bear in mind the difference to which he had adverted, and to which he next came. Eliminating from those receipts what was found in subsequent examination to belong to the Provinces, the receipts on the Dominion account proper were found to be \$13,835,000; and the further sum ascertained to belong to the Provinces was \$566,000, making the total receipts \$14,401,000 against an estimated receipt of \$14,665,000.

A statement of the receipts and expenditure for the year 1868-9, the real revenue, as estimated by the experience of the ten months, would be \$13,744,656, showing a gross falling off in receipts of \$1,369,344. When the Government found the revenue falling short that it did not come up to their anticipation, that one month after another the result was still more disappointing.

'Let's Have a Drink.'

A temperance paper gets off the following:—"The ridiculous, absurd American custom of 'asking' is responsible for seven-eighths of the drunkards of this country, and means it, too—of all the liquor consumed in this country, Abolish that custom to-day, and where there are eight barrels of liquor drank now there would be but one. We believe this, and believe it can't be gained. We appeal to any number of drinkers for their opinion on the matter. To this custom we owe our 'drinking between drinks,' which we think a very bad thing, but not so bad as the custom of 'asking.'"

What a ridiculous piece of folly it is to go into a place, if in the mood for liquor, and to ask five or six acquaintances to go up to drink with you; yet it is done all the time, and by parties who perhaps want the money for stockings; but not to do it when your acquaintances are about, is to be looked upon as 'small potatoes.' Take the following as an illustration of a delightful 'fix' liable to arise from this absurd custom.

Meet a friend just as you are about to go to work, and you say, "Hello! Enter, and he comes in on a group of four or five of his friends who have just entered, and are conversing for a moment. You are introduced by your friend all round by your friend. Where are you now? with a dollar in your pocket and five or six fellows on your hands, only one of which you ever saw before, and morally bound by custom and impelled by false pride to ask them to join you in a social glass. You can't get out of it; they know you come in for liquor, and as your friend introduced you and didn't invite, why you must do the honors, and you say you are glad to see them (an infernal lie) and ask them up. If you are known at the bar all right; if not you have to borrow of your friend. How's that. Perhaps some of the party might ask you some other time, but the chances are that they would not know you from a baked apple.

High-handed. To the Editor of the Evening Mercury.—"Sir: Having heard a good deal about the 'A. D. C.' I vested a quarter in the enterprise last evening for the first time, and was quite taken down in a part of the programme which is customary on all such occasions, viz: the 'going out' at intermission. I, in company with several others, knowing that considerable time would elapse before they were ready again, went out at the end of the play, and on going back, being the last out, was refused admittance.

There is a steady stream of emigration from Prussia this season. On one day 1,500, and on the next day 2,000 of the peasantry were conveyed to Bremen, where they were to take passage to America. The military successes of their country do not seem to make them love it a whit more.

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