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MARMALADE, PEACHES and PRUNES, AT C. T. MEREDITH'S.

PURE MOCCHO and JAVA COFFEES, Roasted on the premises, AT C. T. MEREDITH'S.

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TOBACCOS, Natural Leaf, Chewing and cut, AT C. T. MEREDITH'S.

BRIAR Pipes and Pocket Knives, AT C. T. MEREDITH'S.

N. B.—The Stock of the Canada Clothing Store is selling off in the same premises, Guelph, Aug. 27. do if

New Catechism FOR THE PEOPLE.

WHO do the Largest Boot and Shoe Business in Guelph? PREST & HEBURN.

Who have the Largest and best assorted stock of Boots and Shoes in Guelph? PREST & HEBURN.

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The subscribers being the only Manufacturers in Guelph, are in a position to offer inducements to the public which no other House in the Trade can do. CALL AND SEE, and you will be convinced that large and varied as less always been our stock, the one on hand far exceeds anything ever shown by us in the past.

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Worth Twenty Dollars a Year In a family of eight or ten persons.

I will wash in hard or soft water. Clothes require no rubbing. The dirt is boiled out in ten minutes, and the washing may be on the line before breakfast. It is warranted not to injure or discolor the clothes, and will also remove paint, grease, or stains of all kinds. Give it a fair trial and you will never be without it. Family Rights, containing full directions for making and using the Composition, 8c. each. Sold at the Patentee's Music Store, and at A. B. PETRIE'S Drug Store, WATERLOO ROAD.

W. WARNER CLARK, Patentee, Guelph, Ont.

Educational Classes. THE MISSES RHEMMIE beg to announce to the ladies and families of Guelph and vicinity that their Educational Establishment will open on SEPTEMBER 15th, 1868, at their residence, Waterloo Road.

DANCING CLASSES for young ladies and children will commence the FIRST WEEK IN OCTOBER. Guelph, Sept. 11th, 1868. dofw

Resolution on Ritualism. The Provincial Synod, now sitting in Montreal, has adopted the following resolution on Ritualism: "Whereas, The elevation of the elements in the celebration of the Holy Communion, the use of incense during Divine service, and the mixture of water with the sacramental wine are illegal, the above mentioned practices are hereby forbidden in the Church of this Province; and, Whereas, The Rubrics at the end of the communion office exact that the bread shall be 'such as is usual to be eaten' the use of water bread is hereby forbidden, and this synod expresses their disapprobation of the use of vestments on the Lord's Table, and of any vestments except the surplice, scurf, or stole and academic hood, in saying public prayers and in the ministrations of the Holy Communion, and declare their determination to prevent, by every lawful means, their introduction into the Church of this Province." This leaves the question of the use of the black gown in preaching still unsettled.

The village of Tapleystown was captured and held for two hours by a savage bull. He was finally overpowered by five men and several bull-dogs.

An advertisement in one of the London papers offers a reward for the discovery of a young lady "with coffee colored eyes," who has lately left her home and friends for parts unknown.

Several large brewers are experimenting on the properties of strychnine. It is maintained that small quantities, if effected a great saving in hops, besides being an admirable tonic!

There is a village in Switzerland, which is reached only by a series of seven ladders fastened against the steep side of a mountain on which it stands.

A letter carrier in London named Toomes, was recently sentenced to five years penal servitude for stealing 12 postage stamps out of a letter. He was one of the post office extra hands; he worked for very long hours, by night and by day, and his wages were nine shillings a week.

The residue of Queen Victoria, thirty persons in number, partook of breakfast on passing through Basle. The meal was very frugal, consisting only of cold meat, bread, butter and coffee; but the bill came to \$140 in gold or \$4.66 each. Surely royalty must be highly valued out there.

SOMETHING LIKE A RACE.—A horse race has been decided on, to come off over the Baltimore Race Course in the Fall of 1870, a dash of two miles, for colts and fillies, then three years old; entrance fee \$1,000, half forfeit. Seven entrants have already been made, and among them Mr. R. W. Cameron, now of New York, and formerly of London.

THE GREAT CRICKET MATCH.—Orangeville Road, belonging to Mr. Jas. Sunderland was set on fire a few days ago and burnt to the ground. A stack of hay, the property of Mr. Jas. McBride, was also fired on the 8th inst., evidently with the intention that the flames might communicate with the barn, but a neighbor seeing it raised the alarm, and the buildings were saved.

DION IN GUELPH THIS EVENING.—Joseph Dion, the celebrated billiard expert, will pay a visit to Guelph to-day. He is accompanied by Mr. S. May, of the Revere House, Toronto. In the evening Mr. Dion will give an exhibition of his wonderful skill at O'Connor's Billiard Hall.

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SMOKING AT THE WRONG TIME.—A farmer in Windham, who was hauling in oats last week, while seated on the load with two little boys, used a match to light his pipe. The match was thrown away apparently extinguished, but directly after it was discovered that the load was on fire. The horses then ran away, a perfect stream of fire pouring from the load, but the little boys clung to it. The horses were at length stopped by some parties on the road, when they were detached, and the boys rescued from the burning load.

A movement is on foot to enlarge the Galt Grammar School, so that it shall be able to accommodate 300 scholars. Its present capacity is only 140. It is proposed to ask the Council to issue debentures to the amount of \$4,000, bearing seven per cent. interest, and payable in ten years, in order to make the necessary enlargement. The Reporter says that pupils are offering from all parts of the Province, and it is impossible to take them in at present.

THE GUELPH BRANCH.—The Galt Reporter says: The Great Western Railway Company have lately been placing the Galt and Gushp road in thorough order for the fall and winter business. The absence of all accidents on these roads has been remarkable as well as highly satisfactory, and shows that proper attention to the state of the track, and care in the management of trains, always brings with it its own reward.

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OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET SATURDAY EVEN'G, SEPT. 19, 1868.

Local News.

Dogs are making sad havoc among the sheep in Esqueving.

The Beverly Township Agricultural Society's Show will be held at Rockton, on Tuesday, Oct. 13th.

A prize of \$20 is to be given to the best Brass-Band at the Halton County Show, The Clifford cattle fair will be held on the last Thursday of each month. The next one takes place on the 1st Oct.

A son of Mr. Andrew Gordon, Elora, fell while running, on Saturday last, and fractured his collar bone.

Evening classes in connection with the Dundas Mechanics' Institute will be commenced on the 1st October, and continued three months.

We have been requested to state that the Rev. Mr. Eckford, of Brant, will (D. V.) preach in the Rev. R. Torrance's church to-morrow (Sabbath) both forenoon and evening.

At the last examination in the military school at Toronto, C. F. Gosnell, Arthur, took a second class certificate.

A young man named Haymaker, engaged cutting lath in a mill near Berlin, lost three of his fingers by a circular saw on Saturday last.

On Tuesday last, James Watson, resident near Cobourg, got his right hand into a threshing machine, where it was literally cut to shreds.

About 300 head of cattle were offered at the last Fergus fair. First class beef was not plentiful, but for such as there was good prices were given.

A case of assault on Arthur, occupied the attention of some of the Elora J.P.s on Wednesday last. Mr. Reardon came on Mr. Rafter's place, Mr. Rafter did not like it (there being an old feud between the parties) and went to put him off. Reardon wouldn't go, and a fight ensued.

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Adams, the negro, who shot Cotton at a house of ill-fame in Westminster, by which the latter has entirely lost his sight, was sentenced to only two years in the Penitentiary.

THE GRAVEL ROAD.—The Glenallan Maple Leaf says:—Men have been employed for the last few days in graveling the road in this village. We understand that the expenditure of the money now on hand will reduce the ungravelled portion of the road within one mile. We hope the County Council at its next meeting will add the small appropriation required to finish the road so that all may be completed before the fall rains set in.

THE EXPRESS ROBBERY.—Den. Thompson after being liberated was put on the witness stand, and testified that Brown the express messenger, who was in the car at the time the robbery was committed, was privy to the whole plan, which was arranged before hand between Morton, Brown and witness. The witness said: I swear positively that Brown agreed to the arrangement described, and had himself handcuffed for the purpose of making it appear that he had no hand in it; Brown received his share of the money in Toronto, it was \$10,500; I saw \$5,000 of it counted; it was handed to him in a package at the back door of the theatre.

INSANE.—The Ottawa Times of Friday says:—A medical board was appointed yesterday to examine the prisoners, and we believe, that Patrick Buckley was reported as being insane. When an old personal friend went to see him the other day, he appeared quite distracted, and answered questions in a way that was calculated to leave the impression that he had entirely lost his reason.

IMPORTATION OF THOROUGHBRED STOCK.—The Whitby Chronicle, says:—Mr. John Miller of Pickering, the well-known stock breeder, has been lately making some valuable additions to his already large and choice stock. During his recent visit to England he made purchases of some very select lots of Cotswolds, Lincolns and Leicester from the flocks of Messrs. Lane, Garne, Tombs and Cole, of Gloucestershire. The lot consists of 34—14 rams and 20 ewes. He also purchased a Boock three year old Durham heifer, of the far famed herd of Mr. Tores, of Aylesby, in Lincolnshire, at an expense of one thousand dollars.

HOUSE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.—During the thunder storm which passed over Dumfries on Sabbath night, the 6th inst. the house of Mr. Robert Aitken, below Glenmorris, was struck by the electric fluid. The house is a stone one, and is protected by a lightning rod; but the fluid seems to have passed from the rod in two divisions into the house, the one following the front, the other the back part of the house. The windows of the sitting room in the front were all damaged and the frames blackened, while the wall at the back of the house was cracked from roof to base. The lightning appears at last to have entered the cellar, where it burst itself, pulling up a part of the floor, which had been laid on a bed of straw. A rifle lying on the floor was fired along it. The family were stunned, but none of them seriously injured.

ANOTHER ACCIDENT.—We learn that a man named Jas. Henry, engaged in one of the quarries near town met with an accident last (Friday) night, which is likely to incapacitate him for a considerable time. It appears that he had gone into a shed where tools etc. are kept to bring out some blasting powder. He was smoking at the time, and having taken up the keg, which contained the powder, he was walking along with it, when a spark falling from his pipe ignited the powder, and the keg was blown to pieces. His leg was broken in two places between the ankle and the knee, and his side was severely burnt. He is severely, but we understand not dangerously, injured.

PRESENTATION TO MR. DUNN.—At the close of the Grammar School examination on Friday, the pupils presented the Head Master, Mr. Dunn, with a richly bound Photograph Album, and splendid mantle piece clock. Several of the senior pupils leave the school this week and next, to enter at Knox College and the University. Mr. Dunn has devoted a very large portion of his own spare time to these pupils, who have been got ready in half the time usually occupied. The above presentation was intended as a slight token of their grateful appreciation of his untiring labours in their behalf, and of his continued solicitude for their mental and moral improvement.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—At the shooting matches yesterday a number of parties stationed themselves outside the limits within which it was necessary the birds should fall after being fired at if the shot was to count, for the purpose of trying their hand on any that might escape the aim of the competitors in the matches. Several of course, flew unharmed beyond the bounds, and by some parties being at one of these Mr. Wm. Hooper was severely though not dangerously wounded. He was present with his gun, and had shot down a fugitive pigeon, when almost at the instant it dropped two guns, (whose owners are not known) were discharged at it and rather to one side of him. He was in the act of advancing to pick up the bird at the time, when the shots, or one of them at least, struck him and brought him to the ground on his face. His left arm was thickly perforated with shot holes, some of the grains entered his shoulder, some by his forehead, some his cheek, and we believe that one lodged in his neck and one passed through his nose. He was taken home as speedily as possible, and a doctor sent for who dressed the wounds. We believe there is not much doubt of his speedy recovery, if he is properly attended to.

SELLING NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS.—The publisher of the St. John Telegraph gives notice to his delinquent advertisers that on Saturday next, at the most public place in the city, their accounts will be sold at auction to the highest bidder.

Red River Settlement.

The Appearance of the Country, its Climate, quality of the Soil, &c.

CONCLUDED.

In view of the want and distress which already exist in the Settlement, and which must be fully increased during the winter months, as a Christian community, to help, and that liberally, our true and loyal fellow subjects in the Red River. I am glad to see that the appeals which have been made by the residents there to the people of Canada have met with a ready response; and that the Government, Cities, towns, and rural districts have sent, or are taking steps to subscribe and send money by provisions and seed for the settlers. If such assistance had not been promptly granted, many would assuredly have starved before the close of winter. Although this year will be one of distress to many of the inhabitants, yet there are few countries but has had to deplore some calamity at one time or another. Often the darkest hour is before the dawn, and it may be so with this great country. The people may learn wisdom in their day of trouble, and in future depend more upon the labour of their hands than the uncertain living by hunting. It is much easier to procure a crop—though it may miss sometimes—than to depend on the hunt, for when once the game is gone it will be for ever. To those who are entrusted with the duty of sending supplies to the settlers, I would suggest that they should endeavour to procure and send a quantity of good, clean seed, as such will be of the greatest value to farmers. Other supplies, such as flour, can easily be procured in Minnesota, but some of our best grain should be sent out for seed.

In the meantime I do not see any great inducement for Canadians or other British subjects to go to the Red River. So long as the Territory remains in its present position, there will be no encouragement to settlers. No title can be given to land. The Indians consider they have a claim to it, and until the government settles the matter with the aborigines, and gets the Territory incorporated with the Dominion of Canada, there will be no immigration worth speaking about. The greater part of the good farming land in the Territory can now be of little or no value either to the Indians or the Hudson Bay Company as a fur bearing region, for nearly, if not all, the game is gone. The American fur traders and others are doing immense damage to the Company's business, and they are yearly on the increase. There is one pernicious practice carried on by these traders which ought if possible to be promptly put a stop to, and that is the bartering of alcohol and other poisonous ingredients for furs, by which they strip the Indians, and rob them of their little goods, and also endanger the lives of others as long as these poor creatures are under the influence of their cursed drugs, for they make them act more like demons than men.

Although the country is rather too far north for the sake of British and Canadian connection, I along with thousands more would locate my family upon its soil, in the belief that it would be a good stock raising and farming country. Although probably denied some of the luxuries of more southern lands, I am fully convinced that there is not a healthier climate on the American continent. During my whole tour I never enjoyed better health, although dreadfully annoyed with mosquitoes. I heard of two doctors in the whole Territory, and they are frequently away in the United States or Canada, there being little demand for their services.

The trade between the Red River and Canada or Britain is very small compared with the United States.—When on my way there, we met 350 Red River carts in one day, going to the States for goods. Each of these carts carry on an average 800 lbs. The number of carts are so employed, and make generally two trips annually. Though a small part of these goods came from Canada or Britain, it is but trifling compared with what is supplied from the States, especially in machinery and other manufactured goods; whereas if the Lake Superior route was opened up, which would be far shorter—our merchants and manufacturers might enjoy this vast trade, which even large as it is now, is yet only in its infancy compared to what it would be if the country was properly opened up for emigration.—This route, besides being shorter, would save emigrants the trouble and annoyance of bonding their stock and other goods through a foreign country. If our Dominion and British rulers do not soon bestir themselves it will be too late, as the Americans are settling up their territory at an amazingly rapid rate. They will soon be close up to the British line, and once there they will not hesitate to cross over, and then good bye to the Hudson Bay or any other rule save the American. The fault clearly lies not with the settlers but with our authorities, for the people at present are as true and loyal subjects as any under the British Crown, and they wish to continue so, only they want a proper means of communication opened up between their country and Canada that they may trade and have free intercourse with their fellow subjects. In passing through the United States I met with several who had come from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and both Upper and Lower Canada, who would have gladly settled on British soil if only the same facilities and inducements were held out to them as are in that country. Surely it must be a grave mistake of our Statesmen and men in authority to allow the youth of our Dominion to seek their fortunes in a foreign country when we have such a vast and fertile territory as the Red River lying idle.

But I must forbear for the present, and draw these lengthened remarks—which have stretched out much longer than I expected—to a close. Trusting that our authorities will take prompt measures to have this fine territory opened up for settlement and civilization, I will conclude by saying that I intend to make it a longer or shorter visit, if not my future home. But after all my rambles I do not in any way think the less of old Canada.

Paslinch, Sept. 11th, 1868. KENNETH MCKENZIE.

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BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

American Despatches.

Washington, Sept. 18.—Mr. Wade and Mr. Colfax both doubt whether there will be a quorum present on Monday, but Mr. Colfax says in conversation that either House can take a recess from time to time until a quorum arrives, thus extending the legislative day of Monday indefinitely.

New York, 18th.—Dr. Gould of Dublin, arrived here on Thursday from the Arctic regions and gives some interesting particulars of Hall's arctic researches expedition. Capt. Hall has ascertained definitely the circumstances of the death of the last two survivors of Sir John Franklin's party. Captain Crozier and a steward of one of the vessels died in 1844, near Southampton Island. Captain Crozier's watch and compass were in Mr. Hall's possession, and he was to start in a boat, which he had last with an armed party of five and Europeans to secure some records left by Franklin's men in King William's hand.

Steamer Hermann, from Buenos Aires, has arrived. Advice, from Matanzas, Mexico, state that Lozardo had sent but a contemptuous reply to the demand of the general government to annul his late acts, and was himself preparing for war, although it is believed the Government dare not attack him.

The Herald's special says Government seems to have a great deal of trouble to get rid of Surratt. It is now stated that in a day or two Surratt will be discharged altogether, though it may turn out that he will not suffer himself to be discharged without the luxury of another trial, and the Government may yet have to pay him a good round sum.

Dominion Rifle Match.

The Dominion Rifle match was auspiciously inaugurated at L'Arraric on Tuesday, by Adjut. General McDougall. The arrangements were excellent, and the weather most propitious. The lists opened with the All-comers' Match, for which there were upwards of 250 entries, distributed pretty equally among the four provinces. The prizes amount to \$800, presented by the corporation of Montreal. The conditions of the match are any rifle, five rounds each at 400, 600, 800, and 1,000 yards. Competitors who do not score 8 points at 400 or 800 yards are disqualified from further competition. At the close of the match, the competitors who have the highest scores in the first stage, at 400, and 600 yards, will then compete for two purses of \$250, and \$100 respectively. The first stage of the match closed on Wednesday. The following is the list of prize takers in the first stage, and the total points made at 400 and 600 yards.

FIVE PRIZES—\$20 EACH. Capt. Worsley, 60th Rifles, 37; Serg. Doudiet, 43rd Battalion, 36; Serg. Gibson, Royals, Montreal, 35; Serg. Clarke, 10th Royals, 32; Lt. Macdougall, Royals, 32.

TEN SECOND PRIZES—\$10 EACH. G. Disher, Hamilton, 31; W. Munay, Royals, 31; Capt. McLean, 43rd, 30; Capt. Dugmore, R.C.R., 30; G. Cawker, 13th Batt., 30; Serg. Ferguson, Garrison Artillery, Quebec, 30; Capt. Edwards, Toronto Rifle Club, 30; Pte. A. Bell, Queen's Own, 30; A. S. Jacquays, 53rd Batt., 30; W. Oney, 51st Batt., 30.

TEN THIRD PRIZES—\$5 EACH. Pte. Dennison, R.L.I. Montreal, 29; G. Morrison, 29; Lt. Col. Creighton, Halifax Artillery, 28; Ensign Manston, 18th Batt., 28; Pte. W. Stanley, Toronto Rifle Club, 28; Pte. H. Mines, 53rd Batt., 28; Captain Piers, Halifax, 27; H. Glenfield, G.T.H., 27; Pte. G. Leslie, Toronto Rifle Club, 27; Capt. Esdaile, R.L.I., 26.

Pigeon Matches.

The pigeon match between the Toronto and Guelph sportsmen came off yesterday, but there were only five Toronto men present. They were the winners by three birds, as the following score will show:

TORONTO. GUELPH. Taylor.....12011-4 Thos. Hooper.....01100-3 Birch.....11010-4 Thos. Hooper.....01100-3 Taylor.....11111-6 A. Strowger.....01100-2 Elliott.....00210-3 Black.....11010-3 Vaseo.....10101-4 West.....11011-5

To make atonement in some measure for the paucity of numbers in the principal match, and the consequent shortness of the sport, a scratch match was afterwards got up in which the sportsmen were mixed so that it became Guelph and Toronto against Toronto and Guelph. The following is the result:

Capt. Hewer.....11011-4 Capt. Brown.....00100-2 Taylor.....12011-4 Birch.....11011-4 Vaseo.....11010-3 West.....00001-1 Strowger.....00101-2 Black.....01100-2 Elliott.....00210-3 Duffell.....00101-3 Hooper.....00101-3 Deady.....00000-0 Thos. Hooper.....10111-4 G. Atkinson.....00111-2 Simons.....11010-3 J. Atkinson.....11000-1 Jull.....00111-3 Siesman.....11110-4

After the shooting was all over, the Guelph men being the losers, paid for the dinner, which was got up in first-rate style at Mr. Hewer's hotel.

Life does not consist altogether in pushing. That is good, efficient, excellent, splendid; but it is not all. We have to pull. Nothing goes steadily on seven days, the pleasantest of human conditions, is a road of roses. When you can't push, pull, when you can't pull, push. Having a hand at one or the other, you are sure to eventuate in progress.—Push; after that, pull; after that, again push. The two tell—and tell well.