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Business Cards.

OLIVER & MACDONALD, Solicitors, Notaries Public, &c. Office—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, up stairs, Guelph, Ont. (dw)

D. B. BROOK, OFFICE AND RESIDENCE Directly opposite Chalmers' Church, QUEBEC STREET. (dw)

FREDERICK BISCOE, Barrister and Attorney at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Conveyancer, &c. Guelph. Office, corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets. (dw)

STEPHEN BOUT, Architect, Contractor and Builder, Planning Mill, and every kind of Joiner's Work prepared for the trade and the public. The Factory is on Quebec Street, Guelph. (dw)

CHARVER & HATHERLY, Contractors, Well Sinks and General Jobbers. Excavations of all kinds undertaken by the day or job. Residence, Liverpool St., near Ryan's shanty. (dw)

THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH, remodelled and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers. Free combings and from all trains. First-class Livery in connection. May 14 dwt JAS. A. THORP, Proprietor

WILLIAM J. PATERSON, Official Assignee for the County of Wellington. (dw)

LEMON & PETERSON, Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Conveyancers and Notaries Public. Office, over the Bank of Commerce, Guelph. (dw)

A. LEMON, H. W. PETERSON, CHAS. LEMON, County Crown Attorney

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN, Barristers, Attorneys - at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, GUELPH, ONTARIO. (dw)

O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL, IN THE QUEEN'S HOTEL, GUELPH, OPPOSITE THE MARKET

PARKER'S HOTEL, DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH

NEW COAL YARD, The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of

Hard and Soft Coal, At moderate prices. Orders left at the store of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham Street, will be promptly attended to. GEO MURTON, Guelph, Nov. 1, 1872 (dw)

IRON CASTINGS, Of all kinds, made to order at

CROWE'S IRON WORKS, Norfolk Street, Guelph. (dw)

F. STURDY, House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter

GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER, Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. (dw)

JOHN SPIERS, Veterinary Surgeon, M. D. V. C. T.

At the earnest solicitation of his numerous friends and patrons in Guelph, and surrounding vicinity, has been prevailed upon to continue his residence here, where, as usual, he will attend to all calls in the Veterinary art, with promptness and satisfaction. Office at Coughlan's Union Hotel, Macdonnell Street, Guelph. (dw)

J. MARRIOTT, Veterinary Surgeon, M. R. C. V. S., L. H. P. V. M. A.

Having lately arrived in Guelph from England, and taken up his residence here, in the building contiguous to the office of Messrs. O'Connell & Co., at the corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, Guelph, he will be promptly attended to. Having had great experience in all diseases of Horses and Cattle, all cases placed under his treatment will receive the greatest attention. Charges moderate. (dw)

W. M. POSTER, L. D. S., SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH

Office over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham and Macdonnell-sts. Guelph. (dw)

PRIZE DENTISTRY, DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL

Licentiate of Dental Surgery, Petalburgh, N. Y. Office next door to the "Advertiser" Office, Wyndham-st., Guelph. Residence opposite Mr. Bond's Factory. (dw)

INCOMPREHENSIBLE, NOW READY! "The Incomprehensible" Clock both most astounding, interesting and amusing tricks. Sought for by both old and young. Just the thing for parties or the home fireside. Will last for several years. Mailed free to any address for 50 cents each. SHEDDEN CHARLES, 120-wat Drawer 227 O, Montreal, Que.

New Advertisements.

ROOMS TO LET—Apply to William Stephenson, western part of Thorp's Hotel, Macdonnell street. (dw)

TWO GENTLEMEN WANTED—As Boarders in a private family. Apply at this office. (dw)

WANTED—One good machine hand, and six good Joiners, to work at the Beach. Apply at once at Durr & Skinner's Furniture Factory. 18-34

LOST—A French Bable Boa, on the Elora Road, 4 to 6 miles from Guelph. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving the same at Hugh Walker's, Wyndham Street, Guelph. (dw)

FOR SALE—Lot 71, on Wyndham Street, known as the Blacksmith Shop Lot. Clear title and immediate possession given. Also, a first-class stone house to rent. Apply to Dennis Coffee, Guelph, December 27th, 1872 (dw)

DWELLING HOUSE FOR SALE—The subscriber offers for sale a Brick Dwelling House, containing seven rooms, with all necessary outbuildings, well supplied with hard and soft water. Apply to D. Kennedy, builder, Guelph. (dw)

TENDERS WANTED—Sealed Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to Monday, the 24th inst. for Messrs. Bricklayers, Carpenters and Plasterers work for an enlargement of Store for John M. Bond, Esq., on Wyndham Street. THOS. PETERSON, Guelph, Feb. 18, 1873. (dw)

MAPLE LEAF Base Ball Club, A special meeting of this Club will be held TO-NIGHT, at THE QUEEN'S HOTEL, at 7 o'clock, sharp. Business important. THOS. H. TAYLOR, President. Guelph, Feb. 19, 1873. (dw)

MRS. W. BOWERS—Begg to inform the inhabitants of Guelph that she is prepared to do Dress and Mantle-making, Stamping, Braiding, Straw and Felt Millinery. Bonnets and Hats made over the latest styles. Also, Dresses cut and fitted. Large assortment of Ladies and Children's patterns for sale, with instructions. Charges moderate. Apprentices wanted. Residence—Opposite Knox Church, Guelph. (dw)

RESIDENCE IN GUELPH FOR SALE—First-class Stone house, having eight rooms, also wash house, stable, wood shed, &c., abundant hard and soft water, with 14 acres of land, stocked with choice stock, and a fine view of the city. Also, a milk cow, and sufficient feed for winter. Apply to A. G. Thorburn, Guelph, Feb. 15th, 1873. (dw)

ROBERT CRAWFORD, PRACTICAL Watch and Clock Maker, Jeweller, Wyndham Street, Guelph. (dw)

Gold and Silver Watches, Chains, Brooches, Rings, &c., Hair Plait and Device Work, Clocks and Time pieces, Jewels repaired and made to order. Plated Goods in variety. Guelph, Feb. 12, 1873. (dw)

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869, In the matter of John A. McMillan, an Insolvent.

The Creditors of the Insolvent are notified to meet at my office in the Court House, in the Town of Guelph, on THURSDAY, the Twentieth day of FEBRUARY, at Two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of the public examination of the Insolvent, and the ordering of the affairs of the Estate generally. THOS. SAUNDERS, Assignee. Guelph, 3rd day of February, 1873. (dw)

SEED GRAIN FOR SALE, Farmers and others wanting to buy Seed Grain will find it to their advantage to call

At Jas. Merlihan's, Before purchasing, and examine his choice stock of Peas, Oats and Barley, which he will sell cheap. He also has the highest quality of Produce, Wood Hides and Skins. Remember the place, Day's old block, below the G. T. B. Crossing, next to Mr. T. J. Brill's warehouse, Gordon St., Guelph. MERLIHAN, N. Guelph, Feb. 12, 1873. (dw)

SMOKERS, FOR A GOOD SMOKE Use the "Myrtle Navy." See T. & B. on each plug. Price so low that all can use it.

CAUTION—The Brand "MYRTLE NAVY" is registered, and any infringement on it will be prosecuted. The name TUCKETT & BILLINGS is on each plug, and T. & B. on each plug. Hamilton, Feb. 10, 1873. (dw)

FIREMEN'S FESTIVAL, A Social Ball and Supper Under the auspices of the Guelph Fire Company will be held

IN THE TOWN HALL, ON THE EVENING OF FRIDAY, the 21st of FEBY

Tickets \$1.50 Which may be procured from any of the Officers. Guelph, Feb. 19, 1873. (dw)

NEW BUTCHER SHOP, The public are respectfully informed that the undersigned has opened a Meat Shop, in Hata's building, and will supply customers with meat of the best quality, at the lowest rates. Meat delivered in any part of the Town. CHAS. FENNELL, Guelph, Dec. 20, 1872. (dw)

PAGS AND WASTE PAPER, Wanted, and must be had by the 1st of January, Fifty Tons of Waste Paper, old Newspapers, old Pamphlets, or Waste Paper of any kind—for which the highest price in cash in the Dominion will be paid at the King and Waste Paper Depot, corner of King and Queen streets. Address "PAGS or WASTE PAPER," 216 and 218 King Street West. Will receive from 1lb. to 10,000lbs. D. MURPHY, Hamilton Dec. 14, 1872 (dw)

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Town and County News.

WHEELS—The merry rattle of wheels is now heard upon our streets. Sleighting has "goin' on."

We notice by the time table just issued that trains of the Great Western now stop at Guelph fifteen minutes for refreshments.

PROLIFIC—An eastern paper is responsible for the statement that a young woman of that town has given birth to five children in thirteen months. It is not stated whether the father is doing well or could be expected, but the mother and children are all in good health.

FOUND—The girl who lost herself in the woods on Saturday last, was turned up. She returned home late in the night after having tramped about "through tangled juniper, beds of reeds, through many a fen where the serpent feeds, and man never trod before," and came out half dead and exhausted from her fright.

DISAPPOINTED—An ambitious youth in Toronto, who had marriage in view for some time past, left his earnings for the benefit of his anticipated bride. Imagine his surprise on being aware that she had betrothed another, and coolly informed him that she understood that he had intended her to keep the money placed in her hands by him. The matter is likely to be sifted in court.

CANADA AIR LINE—On Monday morning the Loop Line of the Great Western Railway was opened for traffic from Gloucester to Welland Junction. The whole of the line is laid with steel rails, and the track is represented as solid and smooth. As far as stated on Saturday, five trains each day will run daily, and a passenger coach will be attached to each for the convenience of the travelling public.

SOREE IN PUSLINC—A tea meeting will be held in Duff's Church, East Puslinch, on Thursday evening, the 27th inst. Among the speakers expected are Rev. Messrs. Farries, Paris, Goodville, Hespeler, Sutherland, Messrs. Torrance, Wardrop, and Ball, Guelph, and Mr. Straton, M.P. The Wesleyan Church Choir, Guelph, will be present, and sing some of their finest anthems. Tea at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 25 cents; children 15 cents.

SOREE AT EDEN MILLS—A tea meeting in connection with the Sabbath School of the C. P. Church, Eden Mills, will be held in the Church here on Wednesday the 27th inst. when addresses will be given by Rev. Dr. Barrie, Revs. Messrs. Wardrop, Little, Seymour, Staffs, and the pastor, Mr. Reeve. A choir under the leadership of Mr. D. McFarlane will be present. Tickets 25 cents; children 15c. Tea at 6.30 p.m. The proceeds to go to the Sabbath school library.

HONOUR TO A GALTONIAN—Dr. John B. Crozier, Silver Medalist of last Spring's graduating class at the University of Toronto, after undergoing a special course at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, England, has been appointed an Assistant Physician in the London Hospital for Women. Dr. Crozier is from Galt, and has not yet attained his twenty-third year. The appointment may, therefore, be considered not only an honour to himself and his Alma Mater, but to Canada as well.

Y. M. C. A.—The Young Men's Christian Association will hold a public meeting in Chalmers' Church, on Thursday evening, 20th inst., commencing at eight o'clock. The object of which is to introduce to the public Mr. Bates, who has been engaged and is about to begin his duties as general Secretary to the Association, devoting his whole time to the work. The ministers of the town have been invited, and will, with some members of the Association, address the meeting, and as the steps our young men are taking cannot but commend the sympathy of our people. It is to be hoped that there will not only be a large attendance, but that they will be generously encouraged on their good work. All are invited.

A RARE CHANCE—Mr. W. H. Maroon, Seedsman, has just got out a very fine Illustrated Seed Catalogue, which gives a very complete list of all the agricultural, garden and flower seeds, now in use, with directions for culture and much other useful information. Among the flower seeds are many rare and favorite kinds, which are well worthy the attention of florists. The Catalogue is handsomely got up, and will be a great acquisition both to professionals and amateurs. He will supply choice collections of flower seeds containing 25 varieties of annuals for \$1. Those desiring of obtaining a collection should apply at once to Mr. Maroon.

KNOX CHURCH S. S. SOCIAL—The social in aid of Knox Church Sabbath School, got up by four young gentlemen of the congregation, was a decided success in every respect. Dr. McGuire occupied the chair. An inviting programme was presented, in which several of the Sabbath School Scholars took part in giving songs and recitations, which were given with admirable taste and feeling, notwithstanding the tender years of several of the children. Recitations were also given by Messrs. Maddock and Taylor, which received merited applause. The singing, led by Mr. Spiers, was beautifully rendered. A solo was given in good style by Mrs. Spiers. Tea was served round by a number of young gentlemen. Altogether the social entertainment was one of a most enjoyable and pleasing nature, and highly creditable to the young gentlemen who were the means of getting it up. After singing the doxology, the meeting dispersed at the door. Presbyterian Hall of ten o'clock.

DO GOOD TO OTHERS, "Who blesses others in his daily deeds, Shall find the blessing that his spirit needs, For every flower in others' pathway thrown Confers its fragrant beauty on his own." If this be true, the proprietors of the Canadian Pain Destroyer must be the recipients of blessings innumerable. It is the safest and most sure remedy for sudden colds, rheumatism, burns, sprains, etc., and removes all kinds of pains almost directly it is applied. 25 cents per bottle. Sold by all medicine dealers.

Interesting Letter from Florida. We have received the following highly interesting letter from Dr. Brook, of Guelph, who is sojourning for the benefit of his wife's health, in Florida. We are glad to see, by a private note accompanying the letter, that Mrs. Brook's health is rapidly improving. The Dr. expects to be back among his Guelph friends in a short time:—

JACKSONVILLE, Feb. 6th, 1873. To the Editor of The Mercury.

Sir,—Being compelled by illness in my family to leave our climate for the winter, and having chosen Florida as my residence for a time, I thought it might interest your readers to have some account of this now great health resort for inhabitants of this continent. So much has been written about this State, by persons interested in its growth and development, who, having interested motives, were liable on the one hand to exaggerate, and on the other to minimize, the merits of doing so, that it was impossible for a non-resident to form an idea of its capabilities, or to judge of its delightful climate. With regard to its climate, it has, no doubt, the very best on this continent, and from the statement of medical men who have travelled, several of whom reside here (the year round) it is the best, in their opinion, to be found anywhere. I have found it, so far, the most delightful I have ever experienced. I send you with this my thermometer records for this month; which you in Canada, and throughout the Northern States, will find to be a most severe series of storms, preventing railway traffic, impeding navigation, destroying life, maiming hundreds, and causing even the rich, who are surrounded by all the comforts of life, to excrete the climate, what must be the sufferings of the poor? What here I see, even in Florida, is but a poor man's paradise, dressed in summer clothing, and the children of the poor running about barefooted, enjoying the delicious atmosphere. In St. James' Park a base ball club play nearly every day. The trees are green with their usual foliage, and the gardeners are busy with their fresh vegetables can be bought in the market every day. I think I have told you sufficient with regard to the climate. I will now give you some statements with regard to this country, which may be new and of interest to some of your readers.

Florida is about 400 miles in extreme length, and an average width of 130 miles. The whole country is extremely flat, having no mountain chain within its very extent, and the soil is principally sandy. The southern part of the State is very low and flat, and a great portion of it is swampy, the only part of it which is capable of cultivation is a ridge running parallel with the Atlantic Ocean, from Indian river to Cape Sable. This can be made to yield, by manuring, pine apples, bananas, guavas, oranges, and in fact all the tropical fruits. The Indian oranges are said to be the finest in the world. I can testify of their being delicious. The flavor is much better than those we get north. Unfortunately there are not sufficient of them raised, but I believe this will soon be remedied, as a large number of orange trees have been cultivated in the last three years. The appearance of the soil produces an unfavourable impression on farmers from the North, being a loose sandy one, and making it necessary for any one who intends to try agriculture here to work even harder than he does up North.

The pine lands extend over an immense area, and give plenty of employment to the lumberers. New York, and other capitalists, have invested very largely in this business, and a great number of steam saw-mills are constantly at work, supplying lumber for the West Indian markets, and for shipbuilding purposes.

What is not grown here, but rice, oats and corn are, and these, with sweet potatoes, yams, ground nuts, &c. The cultivation of the vine, peaches, &c. afford a good living to those who are capable of capital to invest to make it paying. But the cultivation of the orange is, and promises to be, the most paying and best investment which can be made by any one. A few facts will show this to be the case. Mr. Hart, of Panama, has a grove of four hundred acres in bearing on the St. John river. This grove has yielded him, for years, an annual income of from nine to twelve thousand dollars. Mr. Elwanger, the celebrated nurseryman of New York State, offered, for two acres, the sum of thirty thousand dollars, but was told that double the amount would not purchase it. There are several groves on Indian river, now paying their owners from ten to twenty thousand dollars per annum. Now that the culture of the orange has proved to be such a great success, every one who has the land and the means to do so are planting, but there need be no fear of the business being overdone, as all the oranges that possibly can be raised here can be easily consumed by the growing population of this continent.

The great enemy to the growth of the orange is the frost. In 1857 the oranges were nearly all destroyed by an unusual cold snap, another in 1868 destroyed the orange crop in the northern part of the State. To be perfectly free from this danger, a person would require to go as far South as possible, say Indian River, or down to the Miami region. The climate is a tropical in character, and being the dry, the other wet season. Nearly all the rain that falls does so during the months of June, July and August.

The prevailing diseases here, affecting the inhabitants, are caused by swamp poison, which is not so prevalent as it was in the winter season, but are common along the fresh water streams, but do not affect the health along the sea coast. These fevers rarely or never occur in the winter season, but are common in the summer. They are not more so than the fevers which affect the settlers in the North Western States, and can be avoided by those who are careful not to expose themselves to the influence of the poison, and are careful with regard to their diet, clothing, and avoidance of the night air during the summer season.

The St. John's river is a magnificent stream, rivaling our own St. Lawrence in its magnitude, but its mouth is hardly one mile in width, and is rendered difficult of access by a shifting sand-bar, leaving about seven feet of water at low tide. After entering the mouth, it widens very much. Seventy miles from the ocean, on the St. John, is situated the city of Jacksonville, the largest in the State, having now about 12,000 inhabitants, and being a very brisk place during the winter. There are situated a number of large steam saw-mills, which keep out a fleet of vessels carrying lumber to all points of the world, while the great number of river steamers engaged in local traffic give the city a very busy appearance.

The greater number of invalids and tourists remain here, there being a large amount of accommodation for such persons, several fine hotels, and a large number of board-houses, being open during the winter months. An immense structure, to be called the National Hotel, is nearly completed, and will be of great advantage to travellers, as it will create healthy competition. The charges at first-class hotels, rather exorbitant, a number of Northern capitalists have just completed the purchase of a fine piece of property, having a large river front, high bluff, and being within a short distance of this city, for the purpose of founding an Invalid Home, to be called the Methodist Home, Church of the United States. This is a great desideratum, and I have no doubt of its success. The more diseases of the lungs are understood, the more will it be conceded, by those who pursue the study, the great necessity of a change, during the inclement weather, which we have up North, by those persons who are affected, to a climate like this, where out-door exercise can be taken for a portion, or every day, during the winter. Here stove heat is abolished. All that is required, when it is at all cold, is a small fire, and a good fire, which we have in abundance here principally consist of pitch pine, which makes one of the most brilliant and beautiful fires imaginable.

In ascending the St. John River, (which, contrary to most other rivers, runs north) you will notice the following places: 1st. Mandarin, the residence of Mrs. Stowe, the well-known authoress. She has a fine orange grove which, in another year or two, will give her quite a respectable income. Two or three rather handsome residences are built along the bluff near Mrs. Stowe's, and the place is evidently improving, but is yet a very new place, and every one who has a store and some dozen residences. The boat next stops at Hibernia, on Fleming's Island. This place contains but three or four houses. Mrs. Fleming has a handsome house which, during the winter months, is filled with boarders. It is one of the best boarding-houses on the river. A beautiful walk along the river bank, for upwards of a mile, shaded by magnificent live oaks, adds very much to the attractions of this place as a residence. At a distance of about three miles on the western bank is Magnolia. This is owned by a company, and consists of a large building, and every one who has a store and some dozen residences. The boat next stops at Green Cove Springs. This is one of the most celebrated invalid stations on the river. There are, at the present time, two very fine hotels—the Union House and the Glarendon. The last has been built very close to the beach, and every accommodation is afforded to those who desire to use the waters. The temperature of the water at all seasons is 78 Fah. At about 20 miles from this point is Tocoo, the terminus of the St. Augustine Railroad. This road, when I went over it, was a new road, and every one who has a store and some dozen residences. The boat next stops at Green Cove Springs. This is one of the most celebrated invalid stations on the river. There are, at the present time, two very fine hotels—the Union House and the Glarendon. 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