

Business Cards.

MEDICAL CO-PARTNERSHIP. The undersigned have entered into partnership for the practice of the Medical profession under the style and firm of Keating & McDonald.

REMOVAL OF SURGERY. DR. HEROD. Has removed his Surgery to the rooms above the Guelph Drug Store, where he may be found from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

DUNBAR, MERRITT & BISCOE, Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, etc.

OLIVER & MACDONALD, Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors, Notaries Public, etc.

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN, Barristers, Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Guelph, Ontario.

D. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN, Guelph, March 1, 1871.

LEMON & PETERSON, Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, etc.

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

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

STEPHEN BOULT, Architect, Contractor and Builder, Planning Mill, and every kind of Joiner's Work prepared for the trade and the public.

F. STURDY, House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter

RAINER and PAPER-HANGER. Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

IRON CASTINGS. Of all kinds, made to order at

GROW'S IRON WORKS, Norfolk Street, Guelph.

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

W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S., SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH. Office over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham and Macdonald-sts., Guelph.

HOTEL CARD. The Right Man in the Right Place. THOMAS WARD, late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has acquired possession of the Victoria Hotel, next door to the Post Office, where he hopes by courtesy, attention, and good accommodation, to merit a fair share of public patronage, both from old and new friends.

DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL, Licentiate of Dental Surgery, Established 1864. Office next door to the "Advertiser" of No. Wyndham-st., Guelph.

PARKER'S HOTEL, DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH. First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.

RICE'S BILLIARD HALL, In the Queen's Hotel, Guelph, opposite the Market.

DOMINION SALOON RESTAURANT. Opposite the Market, Guelph. First-class accommodation for supper parties.

SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE. For sale, several first-class Sewing Machines, different makes, all in the best repair. Apply at the Mercury office

New Advertisements.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY - At the Cash Store, a few first-class Tailor-messes. Apply to R. Clayton, 1847.

HOUSE TO LET - To let a commodious house on Queen Street, on the east side of the river. Apply at this office, Guelph, Dec. 3rd, 1873.

BRACELET FOUND - Found on the east side of the river, a gold bracelet. The owner can have it by applying at this office.

NOTICE - Pork cuttings for sale at the Guelph Packing House, opposite the Grand Trunk Passenger Station, Guelph, Nov. 7, 1873.

BERKSHIRE BOAR - The pure Berkshire Boar owned by the subscriber will serve sows this season. Terms \$1 cash; credit \$1.50. ALLAN SIMPSON, Guelph, Dec. 3, 1873.

TOWN RESIDENCE FOR SALE. The subscribers offer for sale a desirable residence, within ten minutes walk of the market. The house is a substantial stone cottage, with stable, out houses, pump, and soft water cistern attached. Terms made known on application.

MAPLE LEAF Base Ball Club. A meeting of the members of the above Club will be held at the QUEEN'S HOTEL on FRIDAY EVENING, at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

Y. M. C. A. The Ladies' Committee for the Building Fund of the Young Men's Christian Association have decided to hold their Bazaar on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 23rd and 24th of December, the two days before Christmas. Contributions will be gladly received, and can be left with the undersigned.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE. The members of this Division are hereby notified that the regular meetings will from this date be held on THURSDAY instead of Friday, 7:30 p.m., and also that the fees and dues are now fixed as follows: For males, initiation fee, 50c; quarterly dues 30c.

FURTHER SHIPMENTS - OF HOLIDAY GOODS BY EXPRESS. JOHN MACDONALD & CO., TORONTO.

HORSE SHOEING. McKenzie's Shoeing Forge. The subscriber having long seen the want of a first-class Shoeing Forge in Guelph, has opened one

ON WOOLWICH ST., Next to Chase's Carriage and Waggon Works.

Having had ten years' experience at this branch of the business, and being determined to give it his whole time and attention, he hopes by doing good work to secure a share of public patronage.

IN REFERENCE to the above I beg to state that Mr. D. McKenzie has had charge of my shoeing for the past two years, and I can highly recommend him to the public as a man who thoroughly understands his business. Give him a call. CALEB CHASE, Dec. 3, 1873.

TOWN HALL, THREE NIGHTS COMMENCING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4th

THE Most Powerful Mesmerist in the World, Annie De Montford

For particulars, see bills and newspaper notices. Admission 25 cents; Reserved seats 50c. Guelph, Nov. 23, 1873.

IMPORTANT NOTICE. A LARGE STOCK OF MEN'S Felt OVERSHOES - AT - \$1.25 PER PAIR.

Call early, as they are going fast. W. D. Hepburn & Co., Corner Wyndham Street and St. George's Square, GUELPH.

NEW GOODS AT JNO. A. WOOD'S

5 boxes Lemons, 5 kegs Grapes, 100 boxes New Figs, 100 boxes Table Raisins, 100 dozen Carling's Ale, 100 dozen Sleeman's Ale, 100 dozen Bass, 100 dozen Tennant's, 100 dozen Guinness's, 100 dozen Guinness's Porter, 100 dozen Blood's, 1 case Red Scotch Lining, 2 cases Keillo's Marmalade, 100 Prime Stilton Cheese

AT JNO. A. WOOD'S Guelph Evening Mercury THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 4, 1873

Town and County News

MR. JOHN ANDERSON has received the Phrenological Journal for December.

REMEMBER Miss De Montford's first mesmeric entertainment to-night in the Town Hall.

ALL lovers of good bread and pastry should try Erb's celebrated fall wheat flour, sold at the Red Mill Flour and Feed Store, by Robertson Bros., who are the sole agents in Guelph.

ACCEPTED A CALL - The Rev. Mr. Simpson, of the Canada Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, has accepted a call from the Presbyterian Church in Louisville. Calls were also tendered him from Ottawa and Quebec.

ROSA D'ENNA - This talented vocalist will give one of her popular concerts in the Town Hall on Monday evening, the 8th inst., when she will have the pleasure of presenting a most attractive programme. We have no doubt, as on the occasion of her previous visits to Guelph, she will have a large audience.

Y. M. C. A. - A meeting will be held in the lecture room of the Association, for the purpose of welcoming and publicly introducing Mr. True, the recently appointed General Secretary, this (Thursday) evening, at 8 o'clock. The proceedings will consist of music, and addresses by the various ministers of the town and others. The public are cordially invited.

IN RE CATTANACH AND COUNTY OF WELLINGTON - The action against the County Council has reached its first stage. In the Court of Queen's Bench, on Tuesday, before the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Morrison, and Mr. Justice Wilson, Mr. R. A. Harrison, Q.C., moved for a rule nisi for a mandamus to compel the corporation of the county to submit a by-law for a bonus of \$150,000 to the Credit Valley Railway. The application was granted. The County will now have to "show cause" why they should not be compelled to submit the by-law.

Notes from Ottawa, Dec. 3.

To-day being set apart by the Archbishop of Canterbury as a day of special prayer and intercession for the blessing of God on missionary work, it is generally observed by Anglican congregations of this city.

The weather has suddenly relaxed. It rained last night and to-day.

Senator Campbell denies that he canvassed against Cartwright in Lennox. His friends wonder what he is going to do with all the poultry he purchased in that county during his recent visit there. They think he can hardly sell his chickens for the same price as he paid for them.

The Managing Director of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway has offered to transfer the workshops of that Company to Ottawa, provided the city grants it a bonus the same as that given to the Coteau Landing Road.

Richard Slaggett, British Lloyd's Surveyor for Prince Edward's Island, is in the city, and transacted business at the Department of Marine and Fisheries yesterday. His mission is in connection with the establishment of a Canadian Lloyd's.

The French Canadian here are excited over a controversy that has arisen on the question of modern church music, which was condemned by Father Allean in his sermon in Notre Dame Cathedral last Sunday.

West Toronto. The correspondent of the Hamilton Times, writing on Wednesday, says: "There is a rumor on the streets to-day that Bickford, the candidate of the scandal party, has become discouraged at his prospects in West Toronto, and that he proposes retiring from the contest, which if decided upon, will in all probability, occasion the gain of the constituency to the Government by default. Mr. Moss is certain to be returned by a good majority against any competitor, and that he remains in the field, will distance him by a large majority. The major part of the legal fraternity in the Western Division will vote for Mr. Moss, and several Conservatives who never recorded a Reform vote in their lives are now canvassing for him - among these latter is a prominent Queen's Counsel. It is also known that the Howlands and their friends, who for some years have been alienated from the Reform party, are throwing all their interest to that direction. The independent politicians now constituting the Canadian party, so called, are also working in the interest of Mr. Moss.

County Council.

The adjourned meeting of the Council was held at two o'clock on Wednesday, the Warden in the chair, and all the members present.

Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

SCHOOL INSPECTOR'S REPORT. The Warden read the report of Mr. A. Dingwall Fordyce, Inspector of schools for the northern division of the county, dated Fergus, Nov. 28th. Mr. Fordyce stated that the carrying out of the provisions of the amended School Law had resulted in the erection of 50 new school houses since 1871, many of them convenient, substantial and well-finished buildings, and several of them well enclosed, and with the increased quantity of ground now required. Six are brick, three stone, three log and eighteen frame. Nineteen of these have been erected during the present season, some in place of the worst school houses, which were a standing disgrace to the section. Accommodation had been provided at Glenallan and Douglas for assistant teachers. The report referred to the difficulties caused often in rural sections by the regulations of the Council of Public Instruction in reference to providing such accommodation, especially in sections having an unincorporated village in their midst. The regulation enlarging school grounds to at least half an acre had not been fully carried out. Great credit was due to the people in many cases for the heavy way in which school improvements had been carried out. The stringent certificate regulations had not caused serious inconvenience, and would no doubt be carried out when possible. At present 61 teachers in the 103 in the division were third class, six only being assistants. Eighteen only held provincial certificates. Teachers' salaries had been steadily advancing. The reported attendance of scholars was 8,000, between 5 and 16 years of age. The attendance in April and September, when the Inspector's visits were made, was much smaller than this, as is usually the case at those particular periods of the year.

The report was referred to the Education Committee.

BOUNDARY LINE BRIDGES. The Warden read his report on Boundary Line Bridges. Although he had spent thirty days and travelled four hundred miles, the work which devolved upon him would have required much more time to perform in its entirety. He had also been compelled to exceed his instructions by the erection of some new bridges where the old ones had been swept away or were past repair. The most important of these was the old Fife's mills, over the Speed on the boundary between the town and township of Guelph. The engineer and Mr. Jas. Barclay concurred with the Warden in the opinion that no temporary repairs would enable the old bridge to stand the winter. The foundations were washed out, and the bridge only kept in place by chains, &c. The new bridge was planned by Mr. Cooper, and had stone abutments and a trussed span 80 feet; Messrs. George Pike and John Galt, contractors. In every case, the work on the approaches to bridges had been left for the interested municipalities to carry out. The other new bridges were as follows: - Over the Conestoga, on the line between Peel and Arthur, cost \$275, old one swept away by flood; over a branch of the Maitland, on the Minto and Arthur line, cost \$122, old one rotted away; on the Arthur and Luther line, cost \$40, old one burned; Fife's branch of the Grand River, between Luther and Amaranth, cost \$2,350, old one rotted. Nine bridges had been repaired, particulars of which were given in the report. They were the following: - Bridge on the East and West lines, cost \$19.50; on the Luther and West Garafaxa line, cost \$30; two others on this line will soon need rebuilding. Bridge over the Maitland, Minto and Arthur line, cost \$4, needs repairs to the south; Messrs. George Pike and John Galt, contractors. The report stated that a bridge on the crossing of the Grand River between East and West Garafaxa would be a great convenience. A substantial bridge there would probably cost \$1,000 to \$1,200. The bridge at Wilson's Mills required to be raised about four feet, and have the roadway entirely renewed. In reference to the new bridge, Peel and Maryboro' instead of building it on the town line it would be better and cheaper on the Fourth Line of Maryboro' or a little above it. The Warden was of opinion that the maintenance of boundary line bridges will be a serious and permanent expense to the country. A large number of the primitive log bridges built by the early settlers are fast rotting down, whilst the clearing up of the country rendered spring floods yet more sudden and violent, requiring the bridges to be wider, higher and more solid. A statement appended to the report showed the payment on boundary line bridges to be \$2,231.78.

PAYMENT OF JUDGES. Mr. Rae moved, seconded by Mr. Dawson, that the County Solicitor be instructed to prepare a by-law to increase the payment of jurors, and have it ready by two o'clock on Thursday.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ACCOUNTS. An account from James Barclay was referred to the Committee on County Roads.

A communication and account from the Warden of Peel, referring to the construction of a bridge on the county line

between Wellington and Waterloo, was referred to the same committee.

COUNTY HOUSE CARETAKER. Petitions were received from Robert Lingwood and Mrs. Nichols, asking to be appointed to fill the vacant office of caretaker. Referred to the Committee on County property.

The Council adjourned until ten o'clock on Thursday.

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL on Thursday morning, the Warden in the chair. Present, the members, except Messrs. Darby, Duffield, and Michie.

INCORPORATION OF DRAYTON. Moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. McGowan, that the County Solicitor be instructed to draft a by-law to incorporate the village of Drayton, according to the plan of said village drawn by John Millor, Esq. - Carried.

At a subsequent stage of the proceedings, the report of Mr. W. B. Clayton, Census Commissioner, was read, stating that the population of Drayton on Dec. 3rd was 781.

INCORPORATION OF CLIFFORD. Moved by Mr. Frain, seconded by Mr. Patterson, that leave be given to introduce a by-law to confirm by-law No. 10 of the Village of Harriston, passed for the purpose of carrying into effect by-law No. 115 of the Township of Minto; and that it be read a first and second time. - Carried.

The by-law was then read. It is for the purpose of authorising the alteration of a street in Harriston - Elizabeth street, we believe.

CREDIT VALLEY RAILWAY. In pursuance of a suggestion made by a member of the Council yesterday, the accounts in connection with submitting the Credit Valley by-law were read and referred to the Finance Committee so far as they have yet been sent in. It was remarked that one of the Orangeville Returning Officers had charged twice as much as any other.

MISCELLANEOUS. Mr. Dawson read reports regarding the expenditure of money in Luther and East Garafaxa, which were referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

The Council adjourned until two o'clock, on motion of Mr. Masse.

GREAT WIND STORM. SERIOUS DAMAGE DONE. Guelph, Dec. 5.

The remarkable meteorological changes of the last two days culminated this morning in a heavy gale of wind, which has done considerable damage in this neighborhood, and seriously impeded railway and telegraphic communication.

The heavy thaw of yesterday continued unabated until late last night; and the rain, which fell at intervals during the evening, settled into a steady downpour during the morning. This morning the roads were entirely bare of snow, and the vestige of which were along the roadsides and in places where it had drifted. This morning the thermometer is again below the freezing point, and the mud and slush of yesterday is entirely gone.

The wind has played havoc with the telegraph wires. Communication with Guelph is entirely cut off beyond Acton on the east and Berlin on the west, the wires having either been blown down or so twisted and tangled as to send the electric current wandering in every direction but the right one.

The train due here from Toronto at 9:45 a.m. had not arrived at the time of writing - noon.

The gale has left its mark at several places within the town limits. A portion of the roof of the gas-works, measuring over twenty by thirty feet, was lifted off the southern corner by the wind, and blown to the rear of the building. The pecuniary loss is not great, and active steps are being taken to repair the roof so as to allow work to be proceeded with; meanwhile the manager asks the forbearance of the public should any inconvenience arise from a short supply of gas.

A stable which was in course of erection for Mr. John Harris, at the back of the Catholic Hill, near the railway track, was levelled with the ground. It had been built on a very shallow foundation.

The "British" sign of Mr. Hefferman's store on Wyndham street has been dislodged and the canvas of Mr. Harvey's sign is nearly all ripped off. Many gates and boards have been displaced through the town.

We hear of at least five barns which have been wholly or partially unroofed, namely, Mr. Alex. Macdonald's near Blyth's, four miles up the Elora road; Mr. Robt. Cochrane's, new barn near the Victoria bridge; Mr. S. McCuen's large barn on the Bramosa road; and two others on the Bramosa road, owners names not ascertained.

Several chains of the Cemetery fence have been blown down, and there is great devastation among the fences in the neighboring country. We fear that when fuller reports come in the destruction of property will be found to be very severe.

A gentleman who has driven in from Rockwood reports many barns unroofed and fences blown down along the route.

At Two O'clock the 8:45 train arrived - four hours late. She had been detained by an accident near Weston. A switch had been blown down, and an engine and six cars were thrown off the track in consequence, detaining the up-train until the track was cleared. Our morning mail from Toronto is too late for to-day's issue. We learn that there are many telegraph poles and wires blown down between here and Toronto.

The President's Message.

The annual message of President Grant, delivered to the Congress of the United States at its re-assembling on Monday, is a well-written and sensible document, free from the "bumbo" which has so often disgraced similar documents hitherto. The great length of the message precludes more than a brief reference to some of the main topics. The President makes several references to matters growing out of the Treaty of Washington, and recommends the appointment of a Commission to ascertain the actual sufferers to whom belong the fifteen and a half millions paid by Great Britain - an exceedingly troublesome and difficult task. The mixed Commission appointed to determine the claims of the citizens of either country against the other, arising out of acts committed during the war, has awarded to Great Britain \$1,929,819 in gold. Other claims of British subjects, the extent of \$9,800,000, were disallowed, as were all claims brought by United States citizens against Great Britain. The claims thus settled, however, only include those that arose between April 18, 1861, and April 9, 1865. There are other British claims that arose after the latter date, and also claims of a like nature from the citizens of other countries. To have these examined and settled the President recommends the establishment of a special court, composed of three United States Judges, to whom they can be presented.

A point of some importance has arisen out of the surrender of San Juan Island to the United States. The German Emperor's decision was founded on the Treaty of 1846, which he declared to have made the islands in question the property of the Republic, and the effect of this, as regards British subjects who have become occupants of land on the surrendered islands since 1846, is to prevent their having any claim whatever to their lands. This would be exceedingly harsh and oppressive, and the Secretary of the Interior consequently suggested that Congress should enact a law that would recognize the possessory rights of all occupants of land, lawfully acquired at the date of the award of the Emperor of Germany.

The terms of agreement between Spain and the United States on the Virginian question are confirmed. The President again enters a strong protest against the continuance of slavery in Spain, and expresses a belief that to it is mainly due the lamentable condition of the Island.

The rights of American citizens in foreign countries, and vice versa, with their power of becoming naturalized citizens of other countries, is referred to in the message. Congress has disowned the doctrine, "once a citizen, always a citizen," but it has not definitely indicated how United States citizens may throw off their allegiance and elect another nationality. It has agreed that such citizens may voluntarily change their allegiance, and now the President invites it to work out and define when and how expatriation can be accomplished, to regulate by law the condition of American women marrying foreigners, to fix the status of children born in a foreign country of American parents residing more or less permanently abroad, and to make rules for determining other kindred points.

The state of the finances is referred to at length. While at the end of the last fiscal year there was a surplus of \$88,392,958 after defraying all expenses and paying interest on the debt, this year it is not expected that more can possibly be accomplished than the mere balancing of income and expenditure. Even this will be a matter of difficulty, and will only be secured by great economy in the appropriations. Through the influence of the panic the revenue has greatly fallen off for the last five months, but the President thinks that that commercial difficulty will be found to have been "a blessing in disguise," as it has been a great step to the resumption of specie payments.

The state of the U. S. shipping is spoken of. Shipbuilding during the year has been satisfactory. There has been a decrease of about three per cent in the amount of freight carried by American vessels. Still, about eighty millions of dollars are paid every year to foreigners for carriage of the surplus of the U. S. goods.

Several other questions are dealt with, but the foregoing includes all that is likely to interest the general reader. Congress has now got to work, and we shall probably see some of the President's suggestions put into practical operation.

Reports from Toronto, London, Hamilton, Montreal, Ottawa, and other quarters, show that St. Andrew's Day was right jovially kept throughout the Dominion by banquets, balls, and concerts. We have not space for details.

Some men who were discharged on Tuesday from the G. T. R. freight sheds, Montreal, waylaid and assaulted subforeman Brooks, of the sheds, in a brutal manner last evening. His injuries were aggravated by a great loss of blood.

MANUFACTURE OF COCOA. - "We will now give an account of the process adopted by Messrs. James Epps & Co., manufacturers of dietetic articles, at their works in the Euston Road, London." - See article in Cassell's Household Guide.