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Guelph, 11th Dec, 1867. daw-4f.

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What is more cheering than the merry Sleigh Bells? We can supply you. Call at the new shop, next door to Coe's Hotel.

We have on hand all kinds of articles and will make up on the shortest notice anything you want in the Saddle line, a few doors South of the Registry Office.

Repairs done as usual.

In consequence of the present premises being too small for our large stock, we will for a short time have to sell at a reduced price, to keep our present stock of superior goods.

SMITH & METCALF,

Late occupants of the premises destroyed by fire adjoining the Alma Block. Guelph, 26th December, 1867. daw-4f.

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THURSDAY EVENING, JAN 2, 1868.

Look out for the New Story

in the WEEKLY MERCURY

To-morrow Morning.

MAD DOG.—A mad dog was found running about on the ice on Puslinch lake a week ago last Monday, and before he had done any harm to man or beast he was shot by Mr. Parks' son.

SOIREE IN PUSLINCH.—

The congregational Soiree in connection with Duff's church, East Puslinch, will be held in the church on Thursday evening 9th inst., when several talented speakers are expected to deliver addresses. An efficient choir will be in attendance. Tickets 25 cents, children half-price.

HON. MR. BLAIR'S FUNERAL.—

The remains of the late Hon. A. J. Ferguson Blair were to be removed from Ottawa by afternoon train yesterday (Wednesday). His brother Mr. Geo. Ferguson, of Fergus, and Mr. Guthrie left Guelph for Ottawa on Monday to bring up the body, and make arrangements for the funeral.

ATTACKED BY A PIG.—

A boar pig about eighteen months old made a furious attack not many days ago on a mare belonging to Mr. Robt. Knowles, Guelph Township, and so bit and tore her legs and hamstrings with his tusks that Mr. Knowles was forced to shoot her. The savage brute also attacked six of his cattle, but though they were badly hurt they are now recovering.

AUCTION SALE OF HARDWARE.—

We would direct attention to Mr Mulholland's auction sale of Hardware, recovered from the late fire. There is a large number of useful articles to be offered, and no doubt they will be sold worth the money. Country people should make a note of the sale, as there will be many things of which they are in need sold at a cheap rate.

GRAND CLEARING SALE.—

Mr. George Jeffrey announces a grand clearing sale in our columns, to-day. As he is about to retire from the business the whole of his fine stock will be sold at cost prices. The goods are all of the newest description, and as every one knows the quality and style of the articles kept at the Bradford House, we need only call attention to the sale to ensure an early visit from those who want to get staple of fancy goods at a decided bargain.

ROCKWOOD ACADEMY.—

We direct attention to the advertisement of the reopening of this Academy. It has now attained a high reputation, as is evidenced by the large number of boarders and day scholars who are in constant attendance. Messrs. McCaig & McMillan are assiduous in their attention to the pupils, and as they are men of experience in teaching, and in every respect competent for their work, parents and guardians may safely entrust their children to their care, in the full confidence that no labor will be spared on their education.

ERIN MUNICIPAL ELECTION.—

The electors of the north-west portion of the township of Erin met at the School-house in Section No. 14, on the evening of the 28th ult., to decide which of the two candidates nominated for Councillors from that part of the township they would support at the forthcoming election. The meeting was well attended, and the supporters of both parties agreed to abide by the decision of the meeting, and support the candidate having most votes. The question having been put to the meeting, it was found that Mr Tolton had a majority of eight over Mr Grasley.

PETITIONS.—

During the sittings of the Ontario Legislature the following petitions were presented.—From Rev. C. E. Thompson, Elora, praying to be appointed Librarian of the House. From certain inhabitants of Nichol, Salem and seven other Municipalities throughout the Province praying that a charter to the Licensed Victuallers Association be not granted. From the county council of Peel, praying for a revival of the Central Railway charter. From the county council of Wellington, praying amendments to the Act imposing tax on dogs.

SAD ACCIDENT AT BRANTFORD.—

On Saturday evening last, two young persons named Amelia Woodyard (daughter of Mr. William Woodyard), and Thomas Shaw, aged 18 respectively, were drowned in the canal opposite Bunnell's Mill. They were skating along and dropped through a hole. Their bodies were recovered on Monday morning.

Scotch Whiskey, Malt Whiskey,

Old Eye Whiskey, Cobourg Whiskey, at John A. Wood's.

Band Inspection.

On the first day of the New Year the Wellington Battalion Band was inspected in the Town Hall. They had not lither to appeared as a Band, and the object of the inspection was that they might be presented to the Lieut. Colonel, and reported on by him to the government. They were dressed up in their new uniform, and looked remarkably well. The clothes fitted neatly and were proof of the artistic skill of Mr. Jones, the tailor who made them. After the men had been drawn up in the Town Hall, Rev. Mr. Ball presented them as a Band to the Colonel, and while enumerating the difficulties that had to be encountered in organizing them, and bringing them to their present state of proficiency, he also spoke in grateful and laudatory terms of the generosity of the County Council and of the Town. Let us say for the reverend gentlemen what of course he would not say for himself that the organization of a Band in connection with the Wellington Battalion is chiefly owing to his indefatigable exertions. This is simply giving honor to whom honor is due. After the inspection had been made and the Colonel had expressed his utmost satisfaction the Band favoured the assembled throng with a taste of their quality. The effect as the brazen throats of the instruments poured forth the music was electric. Everybody was thrilled, for nobody expected anything half so grand. The key to the mystery is simply that Mr. Vale the Bandmaster, is not only an excellent musician, but a clever and pains-taking teacher. Hence the surprise which awaited those who went to the Town Hall on New Year's morning.—After they had played several tunes in a splendid manner, the Band was dismissed. The people of Guelph, the County, the Battalion, may well congratulate themselves that they have men among them capable of producing such strains as greeted our ears on Wednesday morning, and we trust that they will feel grateful to those whose unwearied efforts have been instrumental in producing such a pleasing result.

SUDDEN DEATH.—

Mr. J. Burns, one of the candidates for the Deputy reevehip of Peel died on Saturday morning last. He had been out canvassing on Christmas Day, got wet, and was a corpse on the Saturday following.

SUCCESSFUL DEER HUNT.—

The following gentlemen:—Messrs. Jas. Reid, Glanford, Henry Reid of Erin, formerly of Nassagaweya, and Gideon and David Awey of Erin, returned a day or two ago from their annual deer hunt in Luther and Amaranth. They were very successful, for they killed twenty-four very fine deer, also a number of fish, marten, racoon, rabbit and partridge.

SOREE IN FLAMBORO.—

The annual Soiree in connection with the Baptist Church and Congregation, English Settlement, East Flamboro, will be held on Wednesday the 8th inst. The ministers in the locality and others are expected to give addresses on the occasion. The Morriston choir will also be in attendance. Tickets 25 cents, children 10c. Tea served at 6.30 p. m. The proceeds to be presented as a donation to the pastor. On the following day at 11 a. m. the children of the Sabbath School and neighborhood will get a free entertainment.

SOREE AT ROCKWOOD.—

The annual Soiree in connection with the Presbyterian congregation, Rockwood, was held on New Year's Day, and was a great success, there being a larger attendance than at any former meeting. Among the strangers were several from Montreal, Toronto, Guelph, Acton and Everton. The refreshments were excellent and served in the most profusion. Robt. Dunbar occupied the chair, and interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. McDiarmid, of Glasgow; Barrie, Erarnoss; Campbell, Rockwood; Bowie, and D. F. Stewart, Everton. The choir led by Mr. McMillan, and accompanied by Miss M. Clark on the Melodeon, gave some beautiful pieces in fine style, and were greatly applauded. The proceeds amounted to nearly \$70.

REMOVAL.—

Mr. James Cormack advertises to-day, that he is about to remove from his present premises, and that he will sell out his stock of ready-made clothing at cost, for cash. This is an excellent opportunity of which those in need of wearing apparel should not neglect to avail themselves. Mr. Cormack's reputation as a clothier is well established, and parties purchasing ready-made articles from him may rely upon their being as well put together as if they had been ordered. His customers will soon find him in a more commodious and pretentious establishment next door to the Golden Lion.

Broom Corn has been grown in the

neighborhood of Goderich, and the producer is making some brooms of it.

BURNING OF BEARD'S FOUNDRY.—

Beard's foundry, lately erected on front st. Toronto, was burned down on Tuesday evening. Loss heavy. Insured for \$6,000. The Northern Railway Station on the opposite side had a very narrow escape.

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STILTON CHEESE.—

Ingersoll Factory Cheese at John A. Wood's.

The Town Schools.

The following is the report of the Local Superintendent of the examinations of the Town Schools for the fourth quarter of the year:

At the Senior Girl's School the total fees for the Quarter were \$34.50; leaving due on account of salary, \$65.50; and the entries were 48 in October, 47 in November, and 43 in December. Classes were examined in Scripture History, first and second,—the former on the history of Moses, and the latter on that of Joseph. In reading, with derivations and spelling from the lesson; in the first and second, grammar, in geography, and in Arithmetic as far as Practice and the Cube Root. With the attainments of the pupils I was very well satisfied and with the general appearance of the copy books.

At the Primary Girl's School the receipts for the Quarter were \$48.25, leaving due on salary, \$26.75, and the attendance was for October, 98; for November, 74; and for December, 65,—four of these free for each month. Of a class of 13 girls and one boy, eleven girls were found qualified for the Senior Girl's School, and the boy for the Senior Primary. I was pleased with the advancement of the pupils in the School, and would again speak with approbation of the diligence and faithfulness with which Miss Unsworth applies herself to the duties of her office.

At the Senior Primary School the receipts were \$40.75; due on salary \$84.25; and the entries for October, 59—three free; for November, 38—three free; and for December, 54—two free. Of a class of 24, who were examined for promotion to the Grammar School, all were thought qualified with the exception of one girl. The Local Superintendent did not confine himself to the standard of attainments laid down by the Education Office. Besides this class, one comprising 17 boys, were examined in Algebra, and wrought exercises very correctly and readily in simple Equations. Sixteen are in a class in Book-keeping, and their books were neatly kept. Four were in Euclid, and showed a very creditable examination on several propositions in the First Book. And there is a class of five in Mensuration. With this school I was more than usually well pleased.

At the South Ward School the receipts were \$78.25, leaving due Head Master \$21.75, and Assistant \$30. The entries were in October, 121—ten free; in November, 116—15 free; and in December, 112—13 free. After a most careful and interesting examination two girls were promoted to the Senior Girl's School five to the Grammar School, and six to the Sen. Primary. A class of 30 were examined in the third book. The Superintendent can speak only in terms of commendation of the energy and efficiency of the teachers in this school, and of the progress of the scholars.

At the West Ward Primary the receipts were \$55.25; due on account of salary, \$44.75. The entries in October were 72, in November 78, and in December 71. Of a class of 12 all were found qualified for entering Mr. Hutton's school, and their answering showed that their acquaintance with the subjects was correct and extensive. Mr. Hart still applies himself with energy to his duties, and leaves the mark of his own proficiency as a scholar, and of his aptness for teaching upon those under his care.

At the East Ward School there entered in October 46,—nine of them free; in November 43,—eight free, and December, 41,—ten free. Receipts \$25.75; due teacher on salary, \$61.75. Of a class of six, four were found qualified for the Senior Primary School. In addition to the promotion class, classes were examined in the Third Book and Sequel. The Local Superintendent has only to say regarding this school, that considering the fervency of the scholars, and of the promotions at past examinations, he did expect greater proficiency than he found on his late visit.

At the North Ward School there entered in October, 124,—eleven free, in November, 111; ten free, and in December, 102—ten free. Total entries of paying scholars, 315, and receipts in the shape of fees, \$78.75.—Due on salary, \$21.25, with \$30 to Assistant. Classes were examined in Reading, Spelling, Arithmetic, Grammar and Geography, but there was no trial of any for promotion, the teacher being apprehensive that they were not sufficiently forward in Arithmetic. The condition of this school is, on the whole pretty good; but it must be considered a somewhat unfavourable feature that the scholars are so deficient in Arithmetic.

The Local Superintendent would conclude by repeating his conviction that the Board ought to make some arrangement for the accommodation and education of those pupils that have been promoted to the Senior Primary School, but for whom there is not room in the apartment at present occupied as such.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT IN LONDON.—

On Monday morning last a young woman named Adelaide "Corps" was crossing the Thames at London—and when about 26 feet from the shore the ice broke and she sank.—A boy named Able saw her go through, and immediately gave the alarm when a number of persons hurried to the scene. Planks and ropes having been secured, efforts were made to rescue her. A man named Scott went in from the Westminster side, but when near the drowning girl he was precipitated into the water, and with difficult effecting his escape. The girl lingered from nine o'clock until eleven and uttered the most piercing cries of "Help, Help" and "save me." The poor girl's appeal was heartrending. Shortly after eleven she breathed her last from the effects of cold and exhaustion. A boat, after considerable trouble was procured, and Mr. John Kay proceeded to the spot, and without much difficulty obtained the body and conveyed it to the shore. It is presumed that the water at the place where the deceased was found could not be more than five feet deep, as she appeared to be standing on the bottom, with her head resting on the ice.

FLOGGED.—

For "breaking ship" in search of whiskey, on Christmas Eve, one of the seamen belonging to H. M. Gunboat *Cherub*, lying at Goderich received three dozen lashes on Saturday last. The punishment was witnessed, as usual, by the whole crew.

January Fair.

Perhaps the postponement of the day had something to do with it, perhaps the Christmas Show left a comparatively small number of cattle in the neighborhood, but it is certain that the January Fair was one of the smallest, if not the smallest we have had for a year past. The cattle were few, but the quality was very good, and the demand keen enough. Beef went at from \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt. live weight, the former rate being the most common. There were only two or three yokes of oxen on the ground, and the prices of these have undergone but little variation for the past few months. From \$100 to \$120 or sometimes a little more are the figures invariably asked for first class cattle. There were