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Business Cards.

OLIVER & MACDONALD, Barristers and Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors, Notaries Public, &c. Office—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, up stairs, Guelph, Ont. (dw

DR. BROCK, OFFICE AND RESIDENCE Directly opposite Chalmer's Church, QUEBEC STREET. d

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

AUSTIN C. CHADWICK, Barrister at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, &c., Market Place, Guelph. Office entrance—next door to the Queen's Hotel. dw

STEPHEN BOULT, Architect, Contractor and Builder. Planing Mill, and every kind of Joiner's Work prepared for the trade and the public. The Factory is on Quebec street, Guelph. dw

CARVER & HATHERLY, Contractors, Well Sinkers and General Jobbers. Excavations of all kinds undertaken by the day or job. dw

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

LEMON & PETERSON, Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Conveyancers and Notaries Public. Office, over the Bank of Commerce, Guelph. A. LEMON, H. W. PETERSON, CHAS. LEMON. County Crown Attorney

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN, Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, GUELPH, ONTARIO. Guelph, March 1, 1871. dwy

F. STURDY, House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter, GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER. Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. f27 dw

JOHN KIRKHAM, Silver Plater and Brass Finisher. All orders promptly attended to. Shop—opposite Chalmer's Church, Quebec street, Guelph. dwy

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 dy

J. MARRIOTT, Veterinary Surgeon, M.R.C.V.S., L., H.F.V.M.A. Having lately arrived in Guelph from England, and taken up his residence here, intends continuing the practice of his profession. Orders left at the MERCURY Office, or at H. A. Kirkland's, Paisley Street, opposite Howard's new foundry, 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. Guelph, Oct. 19, 1872. dwtf

PRIZE DENTISTRY. DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL Licentiate of Dental Surgery. Established 1861. Office next door to the "Advertiser" Office, Wyndham-st., Guelph. Residence opposite Mr. Boult's Factory. Teeth extracted without pain. References, Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph. Drs. Buchanan and Philips, Toronto. Drs. Elliot, & Moyers, Dentists Toronto. dw

W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S., SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH. Office over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham and Macdonell-sts. Guelph. Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) administered for the extraction of teeth without pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable. References kindly permitted to Drs. Herod, Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Keating, Cowan and MacGregor, Guelph; W. K. Graham, Dentist, Toronto. dw

GARRIES' Stove and Plough Depot. The subscriber would call the attention of the public to Kinney's Patent Improvement in Stove Furniture, by which pots, kettles, frying pans, &c., are so constructed that no smoke, smell and steam from frying meat or other cooking are conducted up the chimney as perfectly as in the old fashioned Brewsters. Ladies, give them a trial. Sole agent for Guelph. A good assortment of STOVES, TINWARE and PLOUGHS always on hand, and at the lowest prices. WM. GEATHERD. Corner St. Andrew's and Tramosa Road. Guelph, 2nd August, 1871 dw

HANDS, BOOLATH & CO., CANADA HOUSE, General Commission Merchants AND SHIPPERS, 54 South Clinton St., Chicago, Ill. REFERENCES: Sir John Rose, Banker, London. Montreal: J. W. Thomas, Esq., Banker; Montreal Ocean Steamship Company; Chicago: Bankers: Hon. Isaac Harding, London, Ontario; Messrs. Gault Bros., Merchants, Montreal; Senator Frank Smith, Frank Smith & Co., Toronto; J. Morris, Miller, Esq., Perth, Ont. Gate of J. S. Miller & Co., Commission Merchants, Chicago; Hon. Peter Hamilton, Belleville; Ex-Ald. Harper, New York; D. Carter, Esq., Detroit; Joseph Jefferson, Esq., M. P., Detroit; Chas. Macintosh, Esq., Detroit; Thos. Ryan, Esq., Detroit; P. H. Phelps, Esq., Detroit; Sam. Ross, Esq., Detroit. dw

New Advertisements.

TWO GENTLEMEN WANTED — As Boarders in a private family. Apply at this office. 10dtf

WANTED — A furnished room with attendance, without board. Enquire at this office. j4-3t

TO LET—A house situated on the R. C. Glebe. Apply to Messrs McMillan & O'Connor, Barristers, Guelph. Guelph, Jan. 4, 1873. d9t

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.—All parties having claims against the Estate of William Brownlow, undertaker, Guelph, will please send them in to the undersigned. Jan. 4-d6t. JOHN HORSMAN, Trustee.

TO LET — The large room over the MERCURY OFFICE, formerly used as a Temperance Hall. Suitable for an office or for any light manufacturing purpose. Enquire at the Mercury Office. m9tf

EDUCATIONAL. MRS. BUDD Begs to announce that her School and Music Classes will re-open on MONDAY, Jan. 6th, 1873. j2-d3w3

NOTICE! DR. BROCK has placed his accounts in the hands of Messrs. Hart & Spiers, who are empowered to collect the same and give receipts therefore. All parties owing will please call at their office, No. 4, Day's Block, and settle at once. DR. L. BROCK. Guelph, Dec. 24th, 1872. 12d-3w

NEW BUTCHER SHOP. The public are respectfully informed that the undersigned has opened a Meat Shop, in Hinton's Block, 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

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 Denis Coffee. Guelph, December 27th, 1872 dtf

AUCTION SALE. There will be sold without reserve, on Friday, the 10th day of January, 1873, at noon, at the Great Western Hotel, in Guelph, pursuant to the power of sale in a chattel mortgage, made by Messrs. Bilton & Gully, two billiard tables made by Riley & May, Toronto, and also a brown horse. Terms Cash. GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN. Guelph, Dec. 31, 1872 dtd

RAGS 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 Rag and Waste Paper Depot, corner of Kingston and Queen streets. Address "RAGS or WASTE PAPER," No. 216 and 218 King Street West. Will receive from 1lb. to 10,000lbs. D. MURPHY. Hamilton Dec. 14, 1872 dy

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. The firm of Oliver, Macdonald & Osler, Barristers, Attorneys and Solicitors, carrying on business at Guelph and Fergus, is hereby dissolved by mutual consent. All liabilities of the firm will be paid by Messrs. Oliver & Macdonald, to whom all debts due the firm are to be paid. R. OLIVER, A. H. MACDONALD, EDWARD OSLER. Witness: THOS. A. W. GORDON. Dated at Guelph, 30th Nov., 1872. dwtf

STORE AND DWELLING FOR SALE OR TO RENT. The subscriber offers for sale on reasonable terms, or will rent for a period, the store and dwelling at Bristol, Township of Erin, at present occupied by Mr Mackelcan, Postmaster there. The store is situated in a good locality, on the gravel road between Guelph and Erin. This is an excellent opening for a party with a limited capital, as a good business can be carried on, and arrangements may be made to continue the Post Office in connection with the store. For particulars apply to JAMES MASSIE Guelph, Nov. 5th, 1872. dww

WANTED— A FEW FIRST-CLASS Cabinet Makers; Also, a quantity of Oak and Birch, or Cherry Lumber Sized to order. BURR & SKINNER. Guelph, Dec. 31, 1872 d6w4

CURLIANA. CURLING RINK NOW OPEN Tickets to be had of CHAS. DAVIDSON, Secretary Also, a SKATING CARNIVAL Every Friday Evening until further notice. ADMISSION—15 cents each. Children of members or ticket holders admitted to the rink on Saturdays, from 9 to 1 p.m., free of charge. CHAS. DAVIDSON, Secretary. Guelph, Jan. 2, 1873 dt.

WEEK OF PRAYER. JANUARY 5—12, 1873. Union services in observance of the week of prayer will, D.V., be held in this town as follows:— Monday evening, Jan. 6th St. Andrew's Church, 7:30. Tuesday evening, Jan. 7th, Congregational Church, 7:30. Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 8th, Knox Church, 2. Wednesday evening, Jan. 8th, Primitive Methodist Church, 7:30. Thursday evening, Jan. 9th, annual Meeting Bible Society, Wesleyan Methodist Church, 7:30. Friday evening, Jan. 10th, First Presbyterian Church, 7:30. Saturday evening, Jan. 11, Baptist Church, 7:30. W. F. CLARKE, Sec. Ministerial Association. Guelph, Dec. 31, 1872. 1wdtd

MARKERS HOTEL, —DIRECTLY— OPPOSITE the MARKET, GUELPH First-class accommodation for travellers. The best of liquors and Cigars at the bar.

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. The best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars, &c., constantly on hand. A good hostler always in attendance. Remember the spot next door to the Post Office. THOMAS WARD, Late of Crown Hotel. Proprietor. Guelph, Dec. 23rd, 1872. dwtf

RAILWAY TIME TABLE — Winter Arrangement—On after Monday, 18th November:

Grand Trunk Railway

Trains leave Guelph as follows:

WEST

2:17 a.m.; 9.45 a.m.; 1:50 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.;* 8:33 p.m.†.

*To London, Goderich, and Detroit. †To Berlin.

EAST

3:05 a.m; 7:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 4:12 p.m. and 8:33 p.m.

Great Western---Guelph Branch.

Going South—6.50 a.m., 12.35 p.m 1.05 p.m for Hamilton; 4.55 p.m.

Going North—11.45 a.m. for Clifford; mixed 1.15 p.m. for Clifford; 4.55 p.m. for Fergus; 9.05 p.m. for Fergus.

GUELPH ACADEMY. Re-opens Thursday, Jan. 9th, 1873. REFERENCES KINDLY PERMITTED To Mrs. Jas. Webster, Mrs. Dr. Clarke, Col. Hall, Capt. Gordon, N. Higinbotham, M.P., John Horsman Esq., John Mickle, Esq., H. J. Vincent, Esq., Thomas W. Saunders, Esq., P.M., Hugh Walker, Esq. j2-d1m

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MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 6, 1873

Local and Other Items.

MR. H. K. Maitland has taken up his abode in Guelph, and commenced his duties as leader of the psalmody in Chalmers' Church.

There was a slight mutiny yesterday on board the British steam frigate *Aurora*, now lying at Plymouth. The demonstration was suppressed.

ON Wednesday evening last, the Sons of Temperance, Acton, gave their second annual soiree, which was numerously patronized. The supper was got up in first-class style, and the singing and speaking were highly appreciated by the audience.

ADVANCE IN IRON.—Cable despatches have reached us to-day, says the Montreal *Herald* of the 4th inst., quoting warrants 128s. 6d., with the assurance that they will be higher. Holders here are strong and indisposed to accept our recently revised prices.

STOKES CONVICTED.—The second New York jury has actually convicted Edward S. Stokes, the slayer of James Fisk, junr., of murder in the first degree. It remains to be seen what sentence will be imposed by the Court.

SUDDEN DEATH IN ABERFOYLE.—On Thursday morning last, the wife of Mr. John Cross, while drinking a cup of tea, dropped down dead. It is said that she was subject to fits, and died from the effects of one of them.

THE MEAFORD MONITOR.—Mr. J. B. McLaren, late of this office, has entered into partnership with Mr. Hugh Watt, in the publication of the Meaford *Monitor*. Mr. McLaren is a steady, intelligent compositor. We wish him and his partner every success.

A young man employed in a lumber establishment on the Gatineau, dreamed that he was pursued by a ferocious sawlog, and at two leaps he landed in a snowbank, just thirty feet from his bed, having passed through an ordinary glass window in his course.

Wm. McMaster, who has been a resident of Glenwilliams and Georgetown, while walking on the track near Limehouse on Saturday last, was struck by the cow catcher of a freight train going east, and thrown a considerable distance. He lived for about five hours after the accident.

MAN KILLED AT WINDSOR.—A man named James Anderson was almost instantly killed in the Great Western Railway yard at Windsor on Saturday morning. While attempting to pass in front of an engine, he slipped and fell, the engine passing over him, horribly mangling his body. He only lived about four hours.

THE Mount Forest *Examiner* regrets to learn that the Rev. J. G. Calder, formerly Baptist minister in that place, has lately met with severe family affliction. About the 11th of last month his father died of congestion of the brain; within twenty-four hours afterwards his youngest brother died of inflammation of the lungs, and on the 26th ult. his next youngest brother died, also from inflammation of the lungs.

THE Mount Forest *Examiner* says that on the City extension of the T. G. & B. R., from Orangeville to Owen Sound, only six miles of track remain to be laid. It is fully expected that in about a week Toronto and Owen Sound will be connected by rail. On the Bruce extension work is progressing favorably; on Saturday last the contract for twelve and a half miles from Wroxeter to Teeswater was let, and there is little doubt that by the end of the present year railway connection between Toronto, Owen Sound and the County of Bruce will be fully established.

A NEW RAILWAY PROJECT.—The vote on the bonus to the Hamilton and North Western Railway was taken in the County of Peel on Friday, 27th ult., resulting in a majority of about 400 against the bonus. This vote, it is to be presumed, will check the progress of the proposed road on the line originally laid down. We believe that a cheaper and better route from Hamilton to Collingwood might be found by way of the Great Western and Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railways to Palmerston or Harriston, thence through Mount Forest to Collingwood. This route, we are sure, would command a hearty support from the town of Guelph and the townships north and east of this point; would be a short line, easy of construction, and would secure an important local traffic along the whole route. What say our Guelph and Hamilton friends to the scheme? *Mount* [illegible]

Municipal Elections.

The polling commenced in the different wards at 9 o'clock. In the North Ward there was no excitement at all, and very few votes were polled. There was considerable interest taken in the voting in the other Wards, but the business was gone through in the quietest possible manner. A few scattering votes were recorded for Mr. Robertson and Mr. Harris, but Mr. Harris having withdrawn a great many did not vote at all. The same may be said in regard to the voting for Reeve and Deputies. The following is the state of the poll at two o'clock for Councillors, in the different Wards. The few votes polled for Mayor and Reeve put Mr. Robertson and Mr. Massie far ahead of the other gentlemen nominated:—

NORTH WARD.

Richard Mitchell	23
Robt. Mitchell	20
John Hogg	20

SOUTH WARD.

D. Kennedy	50
Wm. Stevenson	31
M. Snider	14
T. Holliday	58
Alex. Ferguson	1
J. W. Hall	29
T. Heffernan	62

EAST WARD.

J. Horsman	110
D. Coffee	95
R. Bell	66
J. P. McMillan	34
C. Davidson	44

WEST WARD.

Geo. Elliott	104
J. C. McLagan	98
J. Tyson	62
Geo. Murton	43
John Crowe	72
Henry Hatch	38
Hugh Walker	1

The Cumberland's Crew.

Captain Orr, the chief engineer and six of the crew of the steamer Cumberland arrived about 3 o'clock on the morning of the 26th ult., after a twenty days tramp on foot. The party came down along the north shore of the Georgian Bay, and experienced terrible weather during which all of the party were more or less frozen. They endured great privations, being for twelve days at one time without tasting bread. They had two dogs with them, and at one time were so near starving that it became necessary for them to kill and eat one of the dogs. Some days after this the cravings of hunger had again become so unbearable that they were about to despatch the remaining dog, when they came in sight of a mill, which they shortly afterwards reached, and where they received the kindest of treatment. The engineer twice broke through the ice, once being almost carried under by the current, when it was with the greatest difficulty he was rescued. The party speak in the highest terms of the kind treatment they received from the proprietors of the different mills and posts along the route.—*Owen Sound Times.*

POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., P.M.

January 6th, 1873.

Richard Hewitt, Bernard McGinnis, Joseph McGinnis, and Wm. Clare were charged by the Chief Constable, with disorderly conduct, at the "Harp of Erin" Tavern, on Fair night. The two first were fined $5 and costs. Jos. McGinnis, who was charged with striking Hewitt with an axe on the head, got clear, there being no evidence to show that the blow was struck. Clare, who was not in the row, also got off. The fines were paid.

Mathew Kirby, was charged by Joseph Bedford with assault and battery, in the Township, on the 3rd. Fined $5 and costs. Kirby was also charged by Henry Curtis for breach of highway act. Fined $5 and costs.

Invitation for a Week of United Prayer

Monday, Jan. 6.—DEVOUT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:—Remembrance of God's mercies to the nation, to families, and to the churches; Providential and spiritual blessings to ourselves; Confession of sin.

OBITUARY.—The past twelve months have been prolific of havoc among the old settlers, and to-day it is our melancholy duty to add yet another to the ravages of time, in the person of Mr. Wm. Neeve, who has just passed away at the patriarchal age of ninety-three. Mr. Neeve was a native of Suffolkshire, England, and emigrated to Canada in 1836, just as the memorable rebellion of that year was beginning to develope itself, and formed one of the numerous colony of Englishmen who early settled in the Guelph district. Mr. Neeve started a brewery shortly after taking up his residence in Guelph, and followed that occupation for a number of years. He was also an Auditor of the Town accounts for a considerable period, indeed up to within three or four years ago. Mr. Neeve was a man of quiet unobtrusive manners, studious habits, was an excellent accountant and possessed a tough, wiry constitution, which may be readily gathered from the fact that about a month ago he fell down stairs, a distance of some eight feet, and was so little the worse of it that he was in a couple of days thereafter going about as usual. Mr. Neeve was ultimately carried off through sheer infirmity of age, leaving five daughters and one son to survive him. Mr. Neeve was an old and attached member of the English Church.

THE British war office has ordained that army officers shall wear their uniforms for full dress, instead of the customary civilian's mufti in which they were apt to be mistaken for ordinary gentlemen.

Miss Rye visited Welland Village on Thursday afternoon, for the purpose of seeing the young girl that was convicted of arson and sent to the penitentiary four weeks ago, and of course was disappointed in her object. The lady stated she had brought out altogether over 2,000 children, and out of all those this is only a second case where a charge has been preferred against any of them.

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

Weather Probabilities.

The Resignation of Secretary Fish.

Death of the King of Hawaii.

Illness of Napoleon.

London, Jan. 4.—The ex-Emperor Napoleon has been suffering for some time from symptoms indicating the existence of stone in the bladder, the presence of a large stone having been demonstrated by means of sound, on Thursday last. The patient underwent the first operation for its removal by lithotomy.

The London papers this morning announce that the operation was successful, and up to last night the condition of the patient was encouraging.

A second dispatch from Chiselhurst this morning, announces that the condition of the ex-Emperor is unchanged. No apprehensions of serious results is entertained by his physicians.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—The Emperor William has decided that Gen. Von Roon, who has been appointed President of the Prussian Council of Ministers to succeed Prince Bismarck, shall remain Chief Minister of War, and that General Von Kameoke shall co-operate with and represent him in the discharge of the duties of that office.

New York, Jan, 4.—A Dublin despatch says that the Orangemen and Constabulary in the town of Lurgan had a fight yesterday, owing to the attempted stoppage of a parade. No fatalities are reported.

London, Jan. 4.—Messrs John Ransom & Co., of this city, dealers in Manchester goods, have failed. Their liabilities are reported to amount to fifteen million dollars. It is feared that other failures will follow.

Washington, Jan. 5, 11 p.m.—Probabilities for middle States rising. Barometer falling, temperature fresh and clear, northerly to westerly winds and clear and clearing weather, from eastern and south Atlantic coasts to Lake Erie and the upper lakes region, north-westerly to westerly winds diminishing in force, falling temperature, rising barometry and generally clear weather, excepting from New Jersey and Pennsylvania south-westward to Florida and Alabama.

Washington, Dec. 5.—President Grant yesterday was asked whether there was any truth in the published statement that Wm. Evarts is to take the place of Secretary of State, and replied positively that nothing whatever of the change was at this time known, although Fish had intimated his wish to retire at the end of the present administration. The President hoped he would modify his desire by consenting to remain as Secretary of State until questions growing out of the Treaty of Washington are entirely settled.

Prof. Baird, U. S. Commissioner of Fisheries, has been informed that seventy-five thousand salmon eggs will be shipped from Bremen on the 11th, for introduction in the waters of the great lakes and Atlantic coast. One-third of the eggs are presented from the German Government.

The President in conversation on the subject of Hawaiian Island officers, said that in view of the recent publications concerning them, it was proper all facts should be known, and which are briefly as follows: "This Government had sent a U. S. vessel to Hawaiian Island to bring the king to San Francisco, he having expressed a desire to travel through this country and thence to Europe for the benefit of his health. About the time the vessel arrived at Honolulu the King died. This intelligence having been received by our Government, the Commander of the Pacific Squadron, was instructed to send vessels to the Islands, in addition to the one already there, simply to protect the rights of American citizens in case of emergency, and to see that other nations should take no undue advantages under the new Government. General Schofield, sailed in this vessel merely for the benefit of his health, which laterly had been seriously impaired.

New York, Jan. 5.—The telegraph wires were prostrated by sleet to-day. There has been no communication east or west to-night.

SMALL-POX prevails to an alarming extent in Boston, Mass., sixty deaths from that terrible scourge having occurred last week.

THE Governor-General and Countess Dufferin arrived in Montreal on Saturday.

THE epizootic among horses has broken out almost simultaneously along the whole of the south-eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains, and mail communication with New Mexico is in consequence suspended.

MAKING IT PAY.—The labor of the prisoner in the Ottawa jail is made to pay their maintenance. They are now largely engaged in picking oakum. There are now several tons of the picked article on hand, and difficulty is experienced in finding a sale for it as quickly as it is produced. The female prisoners are employed in knitting. Those who on entering are ignorant of the art are immediately put under instructions. The profits in this department are said to be considerable, and a premium is awarded those who exceed a given amount of work per diem. In the jail yard a large quantity of stone is broken during the year, and sold at a profit to the city corporation. Its a pity that the prisoners in our County Jail are not made to support themselves.

Lady Inglis, widow of Major General Sir John E. W. Inglis, K. C. B., the defender of the Lucknow Residency, has been appointed by Queen Victoria to be housekeeper of St. James's Palace.

Our Oyster Supper.

(By Our Apprentice Reporter).

On Friday evening, we, the boys of THE MERCURY, were treated to an oyster supper kindly given by Mr. Innes, the proprietor of THE MERCURY, and served out by Mr. Dennis Bunyan in his usual first-class style. As you may be sure, gentle reader, we were all in attendance at an early hour, and found ourselves, comfortably seated in an upper room calmy contemplating the issue. We were suddenly roused, however, from this state of affairs by the entrance of a bright fair-haired girl of about twelve summers, who silently walked across the room and took her seat at a piano; (by the way a superb instrument from the famous establishment of Messrs. Rainer & Co., Guelph) which, as I suppose, had been placed in the room solely for the occasion, and commenced playing a lively air. No sooner had she commenced than we found ourselves all simultaneously on the floor mingling in the dance, led by the *devil*, who threw himself round in a most artistic manner, receiving loud applause on every hand. After half-an-hour's furious dancing we were compelled to take our seats, all except the *devil* being quite exhausted, who said he commenced this show and was determined to "run it," giving, at the same time, a sly wink, as much as to say "beat the *devil* if you can." Soon, however, his rapid revolutions were put a stop to by the entrance of the waiter, who slipped up to him and said, "stewed or raw." "WHAT?" "Have your oysters stewed or raw?" After a pause he replied, "I'll take them boiled." The waiter with open mouth stared at His Excellency for a moment, then at last gaining utterance echoed *boiled*, turned round and rushed from the room amidst roars of laughter. In a few minutes he returned, asked the company how they would have their oysters; but carefully avoided questioning our *devil* further on that subject.

At eight o'clock supper was announced ready, so we silently obeyed the summons. After the oysters were disposed off, and the boys having filled their pockets with Mr. Bunyan's superior crackers, as they said, to have some relic to hand down to their families of this memorable event, Mr. Innes said:—

Boys, this supper has long been talked off, and would have come off sooner, but circumstances prevented. As you are aware, by the superior workmanship of Mr. Davidson, and the first-class style in which we get up our printing, we have been enabled to take a number of first prizes at the Central Exhibition; and this prize money is being spent on the supper to-night, so I would propose to you the health of Mr. Davidson, the foreman, whom you have to thank for this supper.

Mr. Davidson thanked the boys for the hearty manner in which they drank his health, and said that no honour was due to him for this supper, that it was Mr. Innes whom we had to thank, and he hoped that Mr. Innes would live long and meet with every success in his future labours. As for the past it showed for itself. THE MERCURY stands to-day as it has done in the past far ahead of any other country paper, and scarcely second to any of the city journals. He hoped THE MERCURY would achieve as much, and even much more success in the future as it has done in the past. Mr. Davidson then proposed the health of Mr. Innes.

Mr. Innes thanked the boys for the honor they had done him in drinking his health, and said his past success did not depend upon himself alone, for one individual could do little. His success depended on the harmonious way in which he and the employees worked together, and he was sure there was not a better conducted office in the Dominion, having seldom or never any jarring or unpleasantness in the office, which afforded great pleasure to him, and must do the same to them. He would now propose the health of Mr. Brodie, who had been connected with THE MERCURY for over a year. He was sorry to say that we were about to lose his able and valuable assistance, which he was very unwilling to dispense with, and wished him every success in his future undertakings.

Mr. Brodie responded in a very suitable manner. He said that THE MERCURY, as a useful journal, was hardly equalled, and that, as an advertising medium, it could not be surpassed, and if he had done anything for its advancement, he felt amply repaid in being in any way the means of advancing it. He regretted very much that he was about to leave Guelph, as he would have liked to have spent the rest of his days in this Town, but we must all follow the course which Providence has marked out for us; also that during the short time he had been connected with THE MERCURY, he and the employees always got along in the most agreeable and social manner, and concluded by wishing them increased facility in the printing, and bade them a kind and friendly farewell.

Mr. Innes then proposed the health of Mr. Taylor, manager of the news department, stating that the position which he occupied was not the least responsible.

Mr. Taylor made a suitable reply, saying that he had always found the boys ready and willing to do their utmost for the success of the office, and he believed that the present staff of THE MERCURY was the most efficient of any yet employed. He hoped that Mr. Davidson would still further improve in the art of fine printing, and thereby secure annual first-class prizes, and that the money so earned would be spent in first-class oysters. He was deeply grieved to hear of Mr. Brodie's departure from Guelph, and he hoped that in his new sphere of life, he would be liked as well, and better, if that were possible, than he had been in Guelph. In concluding, he thanked Mr. Innes and Mr. Davidson, in behalf of the employees of the office, for their kindness in causing them to halt at this pleasant little oasis in life, and hoped that in the future we should make annual visits to it.

Mr. Brodie then proposed the health of THE MERCURY employees, which was suitably responded to.

The meeting then broke up, the employees highly pleased with the kindness shown them by their employer, going far to strengthen the bonds of friendship and good feeling which exists between them.

THE side-wheel steamer [illegible] dusky, will, on the [illegible] run between [illegible]