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PRICE ONE PENNY

AMERICAN HOUSE,
BOSTON, MASS.
The largest first-class Hotel in New England, offers to Tourists, Families and the travelling public, accommodations and conveniences superior to any other hotel in the city. During the past season additions have been made of numerous suits of apartments, with bathing rooms, water closets, &c. attached; one of Tullis' magnificent passenger elevators, the best ever constructed, conveys guests to the upper story of the house in one minute; the entries have been newly and richly carpeted, and the entire house thoroughly re-furnished and furnished, making it in all its appointments, equal to any hotel in the country.—Telegraph Office, Billiard Rooms and Cafe on the first floor.
Aug 18 do em LEWIS RICE & SON, Prop'rs

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

N. CROFT

WOULD inform his friends and the general public that he has opened a shop in his old premises, on

CHURCH STREET,

Two doors West of Deady's Hotel,

Where he is prepared to make up Gentlemen's Garments in the newest style.

CUTTING DONE ON SHORT NOTICE.

Agent for the best Sewing Machines.

N. CROFT, Church-st.
Guelph, 11th September. d

NO. 10

FRESH BISCUITS, of all kinds,
AT C. & T. MEREDITH'S.

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

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

TEAS, from 50c. and upwards,
AT C. & T. MEREDITH'S.

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

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

Nearly opposite their old stand,
Known as the Canada Clothing Store.

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

New Catechism

FOR THE PEOPLE.

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

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

Who have the Newest and Best Styles of Boots and Shoes in Guelph?
PREST & HEPBURN.

Who always have been ahead in Style, Material, Workmanship, Neatness and Durability?
PREST & HEPBURN.

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

Support Home Manufacture

And keep your money in the County.

Remember our Goods are all Warranted.

TERMS Cash, and no Second Price.

PREST & HEPBURN.
Guelph June 18 dwtf

Another Lot of those Delicacies

Pine Apples

At H. BERRY'S.

SPLENDID DATES

At H. BERRY'S.

FINE

ORANGES & LEMONS

At H. BERRY'S.

REAL

Maple Sugar

At H. BERRY'S.

Guelph, May 30 1868. dw

CLARK'S EXCELSIOR

Washing Composition!

The best and Rarest Discovery of the Age, for Washing Purposes,

Worth Twenty Dollars a Year

In a family of eight or ten persons.

It will wash in hard or soft water. Clothes require no rubbing. The dirt is boiled out in ten minutes, and the washing may be on the line before breakfast. It is warranted not to injure or discolor the clothes, and will also remove paint, grease, or stains of all kinds. Give it a fair trial and you will never be without it. "Family Rights," containing full directions for making and using the Composition, &c. each. Sold at the Patentee's Music Store, and at A. B. PETER'S Drug Store, 100 WATER STREET, Guelph, Ont.
July 16th dw

Educational Classes.

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

DANCING CLASSES for young ladies and children will commence the FIRST WEEK IN OCTOBER.

Guelph, Sept. 11th, 1868. dows

Medical Dispensary

COUGH NO MORE!

But try a bottle of HARVEY'S

RASPBERRY

COUGH SYRUP!

WHY suffer with a teasing Cough when relief can be had after taking a single dose of this Remedy.

From its first introduction to the public, great numbers have given their testimony as to its curative properties. One bottle will be found sufficient to convince the most scrupulous.

PREPARED AND SOLD BY

E. HARVEY.

Wyndham Street,

OPPOSITE ENGLISH CHURCH.

Guelph, 11th September. daw

ARRIVED

New Turkey Figs,

" Ivica Almonds,

" Barcelona Filberts,

New French Walnuts,

" Brazil Nuts,

" French Prunes,

New Lobsters,

" Salmon,

" and Tins Sardines.

AT

Geo. Wilkinson's.

1ph, September 14th. dw

SALT, SALT

Wholesale and Retail at

A. H. R. KENNEDY'S

FLOUR AND FEED STORE,

UPPER WINDHAM-ST., GUELPH

Guelph, July 24. dw-tf

CASTLE GARDEN SALOON

MARKET SQUARE,

GUELPH, ONT.

THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has fitted it in a very superior and substantial manner, and hopes to share a portion of the patronage of the public.

THE BAR

will be supplied with the best

Wines, Liquors & Cigars

And the table with the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

LUNCHEON!

Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock.

OYSTERS AND GAME,

Etc. Dinner and Supper parties provided short notice, at reasonable charges.

JOHN MILLER,

Proprietor.

Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whitty

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Guelph Jan. 29, 1868. do

FIRST CLASS MILL PRIVILEGE

TO BE SOLD AT

A BARCAIN.

AN Excellent MILL PRIVILEGE, with dam erected, situated on the Grand River, between the Villages of Fergus and Elora, in the County of Wellington and Province of Ontario, known as the KINNETLES MILL PROPERTY, containing about 44 acres.

The property is in close proximity to where the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway crosses the Grand River.

There is a fall of 163 feet, embracing both sides of the river, which gives a number of water-powers capable of being used for various kinds of manufactures.

The property is situated in the centre of one of the finest agricultural counties in the Dominion of Canada, with easy access to either the American or European markets, and is one of the most eligible properties now offered to the public.

Price moderate, terms liberal, the proprietor wishing to dispose of the property on account of failing health.

Further particulars can be learned on application, either personally, or by letter (prepared to) DAVIDSON AND CHADWICK, Land and General Agents, Town Hall Buildings, Guelph.

Guelph, Aug. 10. daw tf

FUNERALS

WILLIAM BROWNLOW

UNDERTAKER,

SHOP, in rear of the WELLINGTON HOTEL, Douglas Street. House in rear of M.F. W. Stone's Store, and fronting the Fair Ground.

The subscriber intimates that he is prepared to attend

FUNERALS

As usual in Town and Country. Coffins always on hand and made to order on the shortest notice. Terms very moderate.

W. M. BROWNLOW,

Guelph March 20 1868. dawa

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET

THURSDAY EVEN'G, SEPT. 17, 1868.

Local News.

SOCIAL.—Remember the social in the Primitive Methodist Church this evening, at half-past seven o'clock.

At a meeting recently held in St. Paul's, Minnesota, \$2,000 were subscribed in a short time for the relief of the people of the Red River country.

The robbers Frank Reno and Charles Anderson are held by Justice McMicken, at Sandwich, for extradition to the United States.

The Diocesan Synod will be called together at Montreal, on the 9th November, for the election of a Metropolitan.

The house of Mr. Flummerfelt, St. Catharines, was entered by robbers on Saturday night, and \$300 taken. Fortunately they overlooked \$800 that were deposited in another drawer.

Johanna Hurley, aged twenty-two years, drowned herself in Montreal, on Friday, in consequence of some misunderstanding she had with one of the 13th Hussars, to whom she was to have been married.

The Traction Engine was thirty-five hours in accomplishing its last trip between Kincardine and Walkerton.

THE EXPRESS ROBBERS.—At the adjourned examination of the express robbers in Toronto yesterday, Den Thompson was acquitted and set at liberty.

THE LOWER CANADA EXHIBITION.—This exhibition, now being held in Montreal, is pretty successful. The contributions to the exhibition from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia are not numerous, and there is a falling off as regards Ontario.

At the meeting of the Young Men's Debating Club, last night, Mr. Joseph Ryan was elected President, Mr. Watt, Vice-President, and Mr. James McMillan, Secretary.

A collection in aid of the Red River people was taken up in Knox Church, Galt, on Sabbath last. The amount was \$91.16. Very charitable indeed.

STATION ROBBERS.—The Galt Reporter learns that of the three negroes who were tried for attempting to rob the safe in the Great Western Station at that town, Riley was sentenced to two years in the Penitentiary, Hunt was declared "not guilty," and Graham, who turned Queen's evidence, was let off with one month in gaol.

HOUSEBREAKING.—On Sunday afternoon last, while Mr. James Hunter and family, of Caledon, near Erin Village, were at church, their house was entered, and a large chest, which was supposed to contain valuables, was broken open with an axe. The thieves took what they conceived to be the cash box, but what proved to be only a repository of the deeds of Mr. Hunter's farm, and some promissory notes that might have been bought cheap. With unaccountable stupidity \$700 in another part of the chest were overlooked. Who the robbers were is not known, and we understand they are not even suspected.

BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.—The match for the championship at billiards between McDevitt, the champion of America, and Joseph Dion, of Montreal, took place at Chicago last evening. Dion, it will be remembered, lost the championship in a match with McDevitt, at Montreal, some months ago, but challenged the victor immediately afterwards, when the match, after the necessary preliminaries had been arranged, was appointed for yesterday. The stakes were \$1,000 and the championship, on a standard table, and the American carom game. The result has again been disastrous to Dion, who has been badly beaten, McDevitt making 1502; Dion 408.

BURIED ALIVE.—Mr. Franz Vester, a German gentleman from New York, has invented a new kind of coffin in which it is quite comfortable to be buried alive. The historic Jones' Wood witnessed one of his exhibitions on Saturday afternoon. About 500 people were present to see him interred, and to be witnesses of his resurrection. A band of music, and a great deal of lager were on the ground. The coffin is of the usual shape, but larger than is generally used, the lid having a sliding panel, over which, after the coffin has been placed in the grave, is placed a wooden tube, or shaft, which fits into the aperture and extends to the surface of the ground. Over the mouth of this tube is placed a diminutive wooden house, or monument, containing a gong and a speaking tube, both communicating with the interior of the coffin, the former by a stout bell-cord, by which the occupant can speedily give a sonorous signal of his return to animation. Between four and five o'clock, Mr. Vester stepped into his coffin, and the people took the liberty of lowering him into a hole, and packing six feet of earth on top of him. Then the dancing and flow more than recommenced, and went on for more than an hour, at the end of which time the resurrection occurred, and Mr. Vester stepped out of his coffin uninjured, and quite lively.

Presentation to Mr. William Cowan.

(From our Correspondent.)

The other day Messrs. Robert Boyd, James Laidlaw, James Wright and Jno. Hobson waited upon William Cowan, late teacher in Paisley Galt, and in the name of friends and old pupils presented him with a handsome sofa, arm chair, and looking-glass, as a slight token of their gratitude and esteem for his long and faithful services.

Mr. Cowan said he felt highly grateful for the handsome gift now presented. He could assure them it was not expected, and therefore the more warmly appreciated; and it made him the more thankful to state that this was not the only instance of their kindness, having on a former occasion been presented with a valuable collection of books. Such tokens of their esteem would ever be held by him in grateful remembrance. Should it please a kind Providence to spare him to future years, when seated in "The Old Arm Chair" it would bring to his memory the scenes of former days, and the kind friends with whom he had been so long and intimately connected.

The following remarks were intended to be delivered as a farewell address by Mr. Cowan on his retiring from office at the last annual meeting, but certain circumstances prevented his doing so. We look upon it as quite appropriate to be given at the present time:—

Twenty years have elapsed since a meeting was held in the old log house, at which it was proposed and agreed that he was to retire from the office of teacher. Some of the friends present were of the opinion that it would be useful as a teacher. Of those present at that meeting several have passed away from this earthly state, but whose memories are still held in fragrant remembrance. Some have left this neighborhood, and a few still survive among us, spared through a length of years. Changes not a few have occurred since that day, and the changes in the world around—wonderful alterations in converting woodlands into fields, yielding their increase in their season, and into pastures dotted with flocks and herds. The log houses of those days have in many instances given place to substantial stone edifices. These, with the spacious barns and outbuildings, furnish unmistakable proofs of advancement made in material wealth and outward prosperity. May peace and happiness be in each abode, and may the members thereof be wise in laying up treasure in heaven, and progressing in the acquisition of true knowledge.

Great improvement has been made in the system of affording the means of education to the youth of this Province, increased facilities for obtaining at reasonable rates maps and other apparatus needed in the school-room, text books of all kinds now easily procurable, an amazing variety of books in all departments of literature now brought within the reach of all who choose to avail themselves of such advantages. It is desirable that we should have a more liberal and judicious system of education, that responsibility always keeps pace with favored opportunity and privilege.

When selected to fill the situation of instructor of youth, it was with no little diffidence that one so inexperienced could venture to undertake the situation then tendered. And in retrospect it can be distinctly recalled how it weighed on the mind when he had been called to the Guelph to the scene of future labor with a grammar in one pocket of the jacket and a pound of sweets in the other. Certainly there was not much within the old room, nor in the streets, to produce sanguine expectations. The box with its high stool in the corner, from which occasionally words of heavenly wisdom were addressed by ministers of the gospel; a crazy desk, or rather a table, with its benches, were all the stock in trade furnished with which to make a commencement. In humble dependence upon the favor of heaven, and with a few interruptions, has proceeded. Maps and text books were at very considerable expense imported expressly to aid in the imparting of instruction. Hand-veds have thereby enjoyed an opportunity of acquiring what may be beneficial to them as intelligent members of society, and of having imprinted on their minds the fundamental doctrines and truths of our most holy faith.

But what of all those who have sat on these benches, and stood in a semi-circle around the teacher? The grass—the house appointed for all living—has long since decayed, and the lake have closed over the mortal remains of one; and of those that remain until this day, some are now with us, the heads of families and parents having children, who are receiving instruction; others whose lot has fallen in localities at a distance from this place; not a few still under the parental roof in the various stages of adolescence. It is to be hoped that each will reflect that an account has to be given for every talent entrusted according to their several ability to develop the body.

The present opportunity is taken of acknowledging the courtesy shown by the various Superintendents on the various occasions when they visited the schools; for the kindly trouble taken in coming to the examinations and the kindly interest shown in the progress of the children by Mr. B. C. Eramosa.

For the various trustees who have held the unremunerative office, and who with rare exceptions have regularly attended the meetings, and especially to those who for successive terms consented to be tendered. He had every reason to do to appreciate the courtesy with which he was treated, and he hereby expresses his heartfelt regret that an unnecessary trouble and vexation should have been caused by unintentional indiscretion on his part. And a grateful acknowledgment is hereby made to those parents who expressed their confidence in the teacher by committing to his care and training the various members of their families. Those who aided him in his work by attending to, and assisting in, the preparation of the prescribed lessons will reap the reward of the scene of labor—though the memory clings more fondly to the old loghouse; from the conviction of greater usefulness while occupying it than the present spot—and an earnest desire that all shortcomings may be forgiven. Since the relation which has subsisted has now been dissolved, it only remains to express devout thanks during the lengthened period of service which has now come to a close, with candid confession of not having attained such a high standard of efficiency as was desired.

LET OF TOLLS IN THE SOUTHERN DIVISION.—The toll in the Southern Division of the County of Wellington, was levied on Monday, the 14th inst., as follows: Gate No. 1, Elora Road, John Lillie, \$2,100; Gate No. 1, Eramosa Road, John Carter, \$1,031; Gate No. 2, Eramosa Road, John Cooper, \$456; Gate No. 1, Dundas Road, John Hokin, \$640; Gate No. 2, Dundas Road, Wm. McPhail, \$483.

FIRE AT WATERLOO.—On Sunday morning, at 2 o'clock, the hop-house and kilns of F. B. Newton were destroyed by fire. The year's crop, about 30 acres of hops, was in the building, and but about 4,000 lbs. were removed. There was on stock—\$4,000 in the Waterloo Mutual, and \$2,000 in the Western, of Toronto. The loss will be nearly covered by insurance.

Agricultural Statistics.

To the Editor of the Mercury.

SIR,—Statistical tables or returns to be of any practical use should be based upon some certain data. Not many days since I saw in the hands of a Secretary of an Agricultural Society a number of questions forwarded from the Bureau of Agriculture, which, if they could be correctly replied to would be of great service to many, but as is frequently the case, these enquiries are sent forth by gentlemen in office who have not the slightest conception of the practical difficulty of obtaining the information. In the paper referred to it is inquired of the cereals, each in rotation, Wheat, Barley, Oats, &c., what yield per acre, and as compared with last year, and how many acres sown of each. Of course these questions will have to be replied to in some fashion, but the result will be as valuable as waste paper, with all due deference to the Commissioner, and if such a return is to be published as the true state of our crops it is a sad mistake that the consulting should be so expensive. We might just as well reckon so many families in a Concession, guess so many heads in a family, and in half an hour each township might send in its return. What stands good in one case will do so for the other. In the first place this is not the time of the year to get even an approximate idea of the yield of grain, the harvest is but just over, most farmers are too busy getting in their fall wheat and ploughing their land, to wheat to any extent especially spring wheat, oats and peas. Secondly, how is it possible for any society to ascertain the number of acres grown? If the Bureau would request the Reeve of every township to include this enquiry in the Assessor's duties in his spring tour and in November or thereabout when the Collector of taxes goes his rounds to obtain a return of the yield of the crop per acre, something like a reliable estimate might be formed and published even in time to be useful, and not at a heavy expenditure either, if the people at large would consent to such inquisitorial handling. There are hundreds who never reckon such matters up, and there are more who would hesitate to give the information from an erroneous suspicion that they would be indirectly helping government to put on more taxation. I attended a meeting to-day and the matter was a source of regret. The notice or enquiry was received on the 4th of September and returned by the 5th but the Secretary not liking to take the responsibility of replying, called the Directors together. It would take three weeks at least to stamp the township to ascertain the number of acres grown of each crop, even if the Society could afford to pay for it, but the whole was to be sent in to the Department by the 15th September and there was a great trouble was out of the question as the request of the Bureau was peremptory if not practical.

A FARMER.

September 13th 1868.

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From our own Correspondent.

We are now rejoicing in the most pleasant of weather, in a spring like arrangement of country, in pure air and invigorating breezes, in a livelier business and in cheering reports. Our brave and moral little village has to-day created a great sensation and indignation amongst lovers of the turf by forbidding under pain of severe penalty, the races already noticed. Whether the law will be defied by those worthless or not, remains to be seen; if so we may expect a lively time. But I have heard a rumour which is most likely correct, that the turf will retire beyond the limits of the corporation, and in this way secure their ends, avoid all evil consequences, and verify the old saying that "discretion is the better part of valor." What ever opinion may be entertained by our sporting friends anent the stand taken by our model village, all our peace loving citizens will certainly approve of it.

Most of the buildings commenced this spring are finished and some of them are already occupied. We will this year have nearly double the number of shops that a year ago—some fourteen or fifteen having been erected. I doubt much whether all will manage to exhibit favourable balance sheets—large as the trade undoubtedly is that steps here.

It is not always the wisest course to speculate on the probable state of matters some time hence, but we may be allowed to predict that a great part of the trade now brought in will be intercepted by the long-talked of and much desired railway; and in consequence of this many who are now indulging in pleasant dreams will awaken to find themselves bitterly disappointed.

A complimentary supper will on the evening of Wednesday the 16th be given to Mr. M. Kerr, one of the firm of Fraser & Co. Mr. Kerr who now retires from the above firm to business in Montreal has been a number of years in Elora, has always stood high in the opinion of all who knew him, has taken an active part in the village affairs and has invariably been kind, obliging and generous, with a hearty smile for everyone. He leaves us regretted and with our best wishes, having made few enemies and many friends.

Chicago will spend \$705,000 the coming year for the education of her children. Six large school houses are put up every year, but still half the children in the city do not attend school.

Baiter Cocktails is the latest fancy drink. It is compounded to wit: Take a whiskey "straight," stir it with a spoon, squint one eye, and put the spoon in your pocket.

Three snakes were taken out of the stomach of a boy named Anderson, at Port Rowan, a few days since.

Thirty thousand women are picking hops in Wisconsin. The like has never been known in the history of lager.

THE MAINE ELECTION.—The State election in Maine came off on Tuesday. Returns from 298 towns, embracing more than four-fifths of the entire vote of the State, give Chamberlain a Republican majority of 18,489.

FRED DOUGLASS ON LUXURIES.—Fred Douglass said at the equities convention, a few years ago, the only luxury he enjoyed was a whole seat in a car. Even that luxury he does not have now. The other night he was riding muffled up in his blanket, when somebody asked him for half his seat. He stuck out his head and replied, "I'm a nigger." "I don't care who the devil you are, I want a seat." The people are conquering their prejudices.

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

American Despatches.

Father Point, Sept. 16.—Steamship St. David arrived inwards at 11.15 p. m. 12 cabin, 14 intermediate, and 102 steerage passengers.

St. Louis, 17th.—The steamboat excursion and banquet given yesterday by the Grand Commander of the Knights Templars of Missouri to the Grand Encampment of the United States was the grandest and most successful event of the kind that has ever taken place here.

Louisville, 17th.—The rains of the past two weeks have swollen the streams in Kentucky to a great height. The low lands are entirely flooded, submerging the corn crops. This proves a serious blow to a wide extent of country.

Havana, 16th.—Mexico City advices state that the preliminary meeting of Congress was attended by a quorum. The Ministerial crisis is ended. The opposition press condemn Secretary Seward for his late treaties about naturalized citizens and claims.

Havana, 17th.—An amnesty has been proclaimed in favour of all but the leaders in the late rebellion in Hayti. A priest had made an offer to surrender Miragoane to Salnave's forces. The Cacos were concentrating their forces to arrest the new movement in favour of Salnave. It is probable that the whole south will return to Salnave should Gonaves and Cape Hayton fall; but fears are entertained that the north will secede and form an independent state.

We have the announcement from Nassau, N. P.; that Mr. Scott is to replace Gov. Rawson in the Bohema Islands.

Some Englishmen went on a recent excursion with half-fare railway tickets, and one of their number was killed. The station master refused to take the dead excursionist's return ticket to pay for the transportation of his body home; and a law suit is now in progress to decide whether an excursionist can use his ticket, dead or alive.

THE G