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THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH—Re-modelled and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers. Free omnibus to and from all trains. First-class Livery in connection. **JAS. A. THORP, Proprietor** 14 1/2 dw Guelph, March 31, 1874.

LIME, BRICKS AND TILES FOR SALE. The subscribers are prepared to furnish Lime in quantities to suit purchasers at the Elms on the York Road, Guelph. Also, constantly on hand first-class Bricks and Tiles, at their residence, Liverpool-st., Guelph. **PEARSON & SON,** 3m Guelph, March 31, 1874.

PLASTER AND SALT. The subscriber has on hand 500 tons of the best Caledonia and Paris Plaster and Land Salt. Also on hand, seed grain of all kinds. The highest price paid for potatoes and turnips. **GEO. BALKWILL,** Gordon street, near the G. T. R. crossing. Guelph, Feb. 25, 1874. 5mdw

PARKER'S HOTEL, DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH. First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler. The best Liquors and Cigars at the bar. He has just fitted up rooms where Cysters will be served up at all hours, in the favorite styles. Pickled Salmon Lobsters and Sardines.

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, Proprietor,** Guelph, Dec. 11, 1873.

PRIZE DENTISTRY. **DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL,** Licentiate of Dental Surgery, Established 1854. Office next door to the Y. M. C. A. Rooms, Wyndham Street, Guelph. Residence—opposite Mr. Boulton's Factory, Quebec Street. Teeth extracted without pain. References—Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McQuire, Herod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph; Drs. Buchanan and Phillips, Toronto; Drs. Elliot & Meyers, Dentists, Toronto.

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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. **GEORGE MURTON,** Guelph, March 1st 1874. dw Proprietor

REMOVAL. **J. Kay, Brass Founder.** Has removed for a few months in rear of Mr. Smith's Food Store, Upper Wyndham street. Guelph, April 8, 1874. 2dm

New Advertisements.

WANTED—A Cook. Apply to Mrs. Lomon. 17-4m

LACROSSE.—A meeting to reorganize the Guelph Hockey Lacrosse Club will be held at the Western Hotel, on TUESDAY EVENING next, 14th inst., at 7.30 p.m.

MONEY FOUND.—In Guelph to-day (Monday). The owner can have it by calling at the office of Messrs. J. M. Bond & Co., proving property and paying expenses.

BOARDERS WANTED.—Two young gentlemen in a private family. First-class accommodations. Apply at this office, APRIL 8, 1874.

SEED BARLEY.—Seed Barley for sale at the Guelph Packing House, opposite the Grand Trunk Passenger Station. Guelph, Feb. 28, 1874. 4dw1m

CARRIAGE WOODWORKER WANTED.—Apply at once to J. F. ALMSTRONG & CO., Guelph Excelsior Carriage Works, Guelph, April 7, 1874. 4dw1m

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY. In unlimited supply on good Farm and Town Security. Lowest rates and most moderate charges. **HART & SPEIRS,** Guelph, April 1, 1874. 4dw1m

MAPLE LEAF Base Ball Club. A special meeting of the above Club will be held at the QUEEN'S HOTEL, on Tuesday evening, 14th inst., 8 o'clock sharp. Full attendance requested. **A. WEIR, Secretary.** Guelph, April 13, 1874. 2d

MONEY TO LOAN ON FARM SECURITY. The undersigned have \$25,000 for investment in Mortgages on Farms, in sums to suit borrowers, with interest at 8 percent, for periods from 5 to 15 years. Early applications requested. **LEMON, PETERSON & McLEAN,** Guelph, March 18, 1874. 4dw1m

DOMINION SALOON AND RESTAURANT. Opposite the Market, Guelph. The subscriber begs to notify his friends and the public that he is now proprietor of the above saloon, and hopes by keeping none but first-class liquors and cigars to receive a share of public patronage. Oysters in their season. First-class accommodation for summer parties. **M. DEADY, Proprietor,** Guelph, April 1, 1874. 4dw1m

TOWN OF GUELPH. Tenders will be received at the Town Clerk's Office, on or before

Thursday, the 16th inst. FOR

Excavating and Grading For the new Railway Siding at per cubic yard, according to plans and specifications. **JOHN HARVEY,** Guelph, April 10th, 1874. 4d Clerk

REMOVAL. **D. NAISMITH, HAM CURER,** Has Removed to Brownlow's Buildings, three doors north of the Post Office, late Arcade of Music. He has the opportunity of thanking the inhabitants of Guelph for their liberal patronage for the past twelve years, and hopes by strict attention to business to merit their support in the future.

ON Hand a fine assortment of Breakfast Bacon, Hams, Sausages, Lard, Mince Collops, etc. etc. etc. Also, a fine lot of small Pork for Roasting. **Guelph, March 29, 1874. 4dw1m**

LONDON, QUEBEC and MONTREAL 1874

Temperley Line Composed of the following, and other first-class Iron Steamships: St. Lawrence, Thames, Scotland, Severn, Delta. The first steamer of this Line is intended to be dispatched

From London For QUEBEC and MONTREAL On Wednesday, 13th April, to be followed at intervals of ten days during the season, and from

Quebec for London about 7th May Through tickets, from all points west of Reduced Rates. Certificates issued to persons desiring to bring out their friends. Through tickets to London and on the continent and in the United States to Detroit, Milwaukee, Chicago, and other points in the West. Free freight or passage, only to Temperley, Carter & Darke, 21 Billiter st., London; Ross & Co., Quebec; David Shaw, Montreal; and to Messrs. CHAS. DAVIDSON, Town Hall Buildings, Guelph.

SPLENDID CHANCE FOR INVESTMENT. Residence for Sale. That very desirable property situated on Paisley street, near the Western Station, consisting of White Brick two story dwelling house, with four bedrooms, front and back parlors, dining room and kitchen, with large soft water cistern, also two large dry cellars. The land comprises two-fifths of an acre, well stocked with fruit trees in full bearing. For terms, etc., apply to **Guelph, March 27th, 1874. 4dw**

SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE. For sale, several first-class Sewing Machines, different makes, all new cheap for cash. Apply at the Mercury Office.

WAR, WAR!! NO SURRENDER!! NO MONOPOLY!! If you want your hair cut in the best style

Go to Bryan's Hair Cutting Saloon Next to the Temperance Hall. Hair Cutting, Shaving, Shampooing, Shaving, and Dyeing on the lowest terms, and in the best manner. M300

MONEY TO LEND. In sums to suit borrowers. No solicitor's fees or commission charged. Apply direct to the undersigned **GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,** April, 1873. 4dw1m Guelph

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TO GAS CONSUMERS. Pay your Accounts on or before Wednesday, the 15th inst., and save the 20 per cent discount. Payable at the Company's Works, Waterloo street. **D. GUTHRIE, President.** Guelph, 11th April, 1874. 4dw1m

Town and County News

The UNION QUADRILLE CLUB intend having a social in the Town Hall this evening, when Prof. McLaren's band will enliven the proceedings.

GREAT AUCTION SALE of carpets, floor oil cloths and general house furnishings at J. B. Fraser's on Wednesday at 2 o'clock. See advertisement to-morrow.

BAPTIST CHURCH SOCIAL.—An excellent programme of music, readings, recitations, &c., has been provided for Thursday evening, when the Baptist church will hold their regular monthly social. A good time may be expected, and all are welcome. Exercises to commence at 7.30.

THE HERNDONS.—This Company played "Uncle Tom's Cabin" on Saturday night to a full house. The acting was good, and the applause frequent and hearty. The Company return to Guelph on the 29th inst., for four nights. They will be cordially welcomed on their return.

BASE BALL AND LACROSSE.—Two meetings are advertised for to-morrow evening—one a Base Ball meeting at the Queen's Hotel at 8, and the other a Lacrosse meeting to be held at the Western Hotel at 7.30. Those interested will please notice.

TEMPERANCE ENTERTAINMENT.—The Good Templars will give their last entertainment of the season in their Hall on Friday evening next, 17th inst. The drama entitled "Drunkards Warning" will be presented by the members of the Order, and talented amateurs in the town and from a distance will assist in the exercises.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Robt. Ballantyne, who has been in our employment as agent, &c., for some time, has been appointed agent for the "Polar and Tropical Worlds" for Pikington and Nichol. Mr. Ballantyne is a very efficient agent, and as the book is one of the best which has been offered subscribers for a long time, they may be sure they will get value for their money.

FUN AND FINE ARTS.—The agent of the Bordwell panoramas of Ireland and the Franco-German war, arrived in town this morning to arrange for the appearance of this double entertainment at the Town Hall on Monday and Tuesday of next week. With the panoramas is a fine comedy opera, and a troupe of "Fritz" German Bell Ringers, the performances of which make this one of the most amusing entertainments now upon the road. We notice the London Free Press speaks very highly of the performance in that city.

COL. KINGSMILL.—The Canadian Illustrated News of last week contains a very good likeness of Col. Kingsmill, with a sketch of his life. After serving in the Peninsular war the Colonel came to Canada and was appointed by Sir John Colborne, the then Governor of Upper Canada, to the office of Collector of Customs at Port Hope, and continued to be so employed, until an order was received from Sir Francis Bond Head directing him to proceed to Toronto, with all the men he could muster to assist in the suppression of the Rebellion. During that period he raised, organized, drilled and brought into the field, three regiments in succession, the discipline of which was approved of, in a marked manner, by the commander of the forces on the Niagara Frontier. On the close of the Rebellion, Col. Kingsmill was appointed by Sir George Arthur, to the Sheriffship of the Niagara District, then containing three counties, which office he held till he was appointed Postmaster at Guelph.

FIRE AT WINTERBORNE.—About four o'clock on the afternoon of the 19th inst., a fire broke out in the dwelling house occupied by Wm. Aris, and in a remarkably short space of time, about thirty minutes, the building was burnt to the ground. The fire is supposed to have caught from the chimney as this was first seen to be in flames, but the building being old and the chimney defective, the flames soon spread to the roof, and before the alarm could be given the whole roof was in a blaze. The family had barely time to escape with what few loose articles they could pick up, two of the children who were asleep at the time narrowly escaping being burned. The shops of the village as well as the mills near were quickly emptied of their men, who had enough to do to save a house and barn across the street occupied by a Widow Smith. Beside the dwelling house, there was also consumed a building adjoining formerly used as a store, it being the old original store of Winterborne. The loss upon the buildings is little, but the loss to the poor family of their home and what little they had is considerable. Mr. Aris but a few weeks ago lost his wife from consumption, and now his large family of little ones are not only without a mother but also without a home. The people of the vicinity since the mother's death have subscribed about \$500 for their necessities, and we hope that this additional misfortune will commend them to the sympathies of the charitable.—Com.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY

Treaty Signed by King Coffee

The Calcutta Famine Increasing.

Another Murder in New York.

Butler and Inflation.

Business Prospects in the U. S.

London, April 11.—The King of Ashantee has signed the treaty with England sent to him by Sir Garnet Wolsley, but has given no guarantee that he will execute its provisions.

London, April 13.—The office of Solicitor-General has been tendered to John Walter Huddleston, Q.C., but he has declined.

The Times Calcutta correspondent telegraphs that the distress from famine is increasing in Tirhoot, and that according to official estimates 4,573,000 persons in the districts of Patna, Chaziepoore and Rageshoo are still suffering from starvation. The Indian Government has ordered the construction of ten light draught river steamers in England.

New York, April 13.—Thomas Corbett and Timothy Leddy having quarrelled about the payment of liquor which they had ordered while playing cards last evening, in 5th street, the former fired five shots at the latter after fatally wounding him. He beat Leddy's face and skull in a shocking manner with the butt of a pistol. He then fled and was not arrested.

A Washington despatch says that Butler intends to persist in his efforts to substitute the text of the Senate Currency Bill, for that of the House. If he succeeds the currency question will not be any nearer solution, for the substitute will not be the actual Bill of the Senate which lies on the Speaker's table and cannot be taken up in that manner, but only a House Bill in the same language which must go back to the Senate for its concurrence, just the same as if it had been an original measure. The inflationists appear to be divided, some being disposed to follow Butler's lead, while others want to pass the Maynard Bill first, and the Senate Bill as soon as possible afterward. Their divisions, however, afford no assurance that inflation will be defeated. It now appears certain that the Senate Bill will become law during the present week if the President does not interpose his veto.

A Boston despatch says it now looks as if a Senatorial dead-lock will continue and remain vacant during the present session.

The Times says the prospect of spring trade here and in various other parts of the country is brightening.

The World does not think so, and believes the present business depression is more than temporary.

Public Meeting at Harriston—Proposed New Market House. (Special to the Mercury by Dominion Line.) HARRISTON, April 11. A large meeting of the ratepayers of this village and vicinity was held last evening at Collison's Hotel, to discuss the propriety of building a Market House; Mr. Meiklejohn, Reeve, in the chair. The Reeve showed that the village debt was over \$7,000; that other railways were expected to come by this route, and the construction of roads and sidewalks to the Toronto, Gray & Bruce station, besides repairs needed on the main street and the new school house which must be erected. The majority of the meeting thought the movement premature, hence it was defeated by 3 to 180.

The S. S. Tigress. Since the telegraph flashed the bare intelligence of the loss of life on board the Tigress, one of the steamships in search of the Polar, we have received further particulars. Since her return from the expedition the Tigress has been considered a sort of marine prodigy, owing to her miraculous escape from bergs and hurricanes on the coast of Greenland. She was returning south at the time with her catch when the terrible explosion already reported derided her of all steam facilities. Capt. Bartlett, of the Panther, states that on Friday, 3rd April, he discovered the Tigress, with flags at half-mast and moving under sail. He went on board, and found that on the previous day, the weather being very cold, nineteen of the crew had turned in after watch on the boiler for the sake of warmth. They were reposing in this position when the boiler suddenly exploded, killing them all, as well as the two engineers who were on duty. The ill-fated steamer had been under sail for twenty-four hours, owing to the loss of her steam apparatus. The Tigress is reported to have arrived and put into Bay Robert, where, in all probability, she will land her dead and wait for assistance to reach St. Johns.

Another bad crevasse is reported to have occurred on the Mississippi, about forty miles above New Orleans, threatening the railway lines with destruction, and the country for many miles round with inundation.

The slaves furnished to the Cuban Government under Jovellar's decree are to be enrolled for military service under white officers. At the expiration of five years they will be declared free; while serving they will receive the same compensation as the regular troops.

Several suits against the Great Western Railway Company, arising out of the Komoka disaster, have been entered for trial at the Middlesex Assizes, which open on the 5th prox. The claims for damages range from a nominal sum to \$10,000.

Local and Other Items.

DARING BURGLARY.—The other night a thief entered the residence of Mr. David Porteous, G. W. R. engine driver, Hamilton, whilst that gentleman was on duty, and made his way apparently without trouble to the money box at the head of the bed where Mrs. Porteous was sleeping, and extracted about \$100 in cash.

DUNDAS INDEPENDENTS.—Guelph baseballists will be interested in learning that the Dundas Independents have organized for the season with the following officers: President, James Thornton; Vice, Rowland F. Cowper; Sec. Treas., Mark B. Thomas; Cor. Sec., W. Fisher; Directors—R. Williams, T. Smith and E. Collins; Field Directors—J. McEwan, J. McArdle, W. Racey and T. McGunn. Captain of nine, George Cochrane.

UP TO THE MARK.—In the Registrar General's Report we see that W. McDonald, Esq., the Registrar for Beverly, gets the credit of being thorough in the discharge of his duty, the Hon. Mr. Fraser declaring that "he deserves commendation for his determination to discharge the duties devolving upon him by the Registration Act." In no other locality was full penalty provided by law exacted from any party for refusing or neglecting to comply with the law.

The Lodon Graphic shows that out of 106 men who have recently attained mathematical honors at Cambridge, and the 29 who distinguished themselves in the Low and History Tripos, there were 46 boating men, 15 cricketers, 10 football players, and 18 who devoted themselves to athletics proper, and some of them were proficient in more than one of the pastimes.

CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT.—A suit was commenced on Saturday in the Superior Court of Chicago by the Chicago and North Western Railroad against Thomas D. Shipway, their appointed agent at Quebec for the sale of emigrants' tickets. The bill alleges that Shipway obtained his appointment in November, 1873, by fraudulent misrepresentation, and since that time, has fraudulently misappropriated \$2,425 belonging to the company to his own use.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.—On Thursday last Mr. Wm. Button, an old gentleman aged 60, who lives about two miles from the village, was out chopping in his bush, and in letting down a lodged tree, it sprang in a contrary direction to his calculation, and in doing so threw him a number of feet, causing him to strike the ground with such violence as to dislocate his shoulder. Dr. Gillies was called in, and reduced the fracture, since which he has been progressing favorably.—Teeseater News.

The Manitoba Gazette, of March 25th, publishes a list of imports of the various necessities of life, during the year 1873, to the total value of \$193,000. Breadstuffs stand for over \$50,000, and in addition to meats, horses, sheep, and cows, eggs were brought into the Province. Manitoba's population has a good deal to do yet before becoming self-supporting. Consequently there is a good market for some time.

PASSED HIS EXAMINATION.—Sergt. Edward Ellis, son of Mr. Thos. Ellis, Purlinech, who returned last autumn from the north-west, has spent a term of three months at the military school, Kingston. He devoted his attention chiefly to artillery drill, being comparatively well posted in the other departments of military exercise before. We congratulate Mr. Ellis on his success, and are happy to announce that he has succeeded in obtaining a first-class certificate, which was only obtained by one other person besides himself at the same examination. In the course of a few days he starts again for the north-west, to rejoin the Boundary Commission.

SENATOR SUMNER'S WILL.—Mr. Sumner's will is written in his own hand. His papers, manuscripts, and letter-books are bequeathed to H. W. Longfellow, F. V. Balch, and E. L. Pierce, as trustees, to do with them as they think best. His books and autographs are bequeathed to Harvard University, his pictures and engravings to the Art Museum of Boston, his bronzes to H. W. Longfellow and Samuel G. Howe. To Harvard College he bequeaths \$1,000 for an annual prize for the best dissertation on universal peace and the methods by which war can be suspended: One moiety of the residue of his property to go to his sister—the other half to the College Library at Harvard.

STOCK SALE NEAR ST. MARY'S.—The sale of Mr. Hugh Thompson's Short-horns and Clydesdales came off on Thursday. The attendance, notwithstanding the almost impassable state of the roads, was large, many of the buyers at the Edmonton sale of the preceding day being present. A large portion of the animals offered were imported or from highly bred imported stock, and consequently sold well. We give the following summary:—16 females, average \$237—total, \$3,792; 3 bulls, average \$398—total \$1,194; grand total, 19 head, average \$599—total, \$11,385. Forfar Chief, a handsome five-year old Clydesdale stallion, was knocked down at \$1,250, and Professor McCandless, of the Provincial Agricultural Farm, purchased a very fine span of mares of the same color and breed for \$475. The Professor also bought another fine horse at Stratford.

The Zoological Society of London have just made an important addition to their collection, in the shape of a Javan rhinoceros, which is the first animal of the species ever brought alive to Europe. There were already representatives of three species of these huge animals in the Society's gardens. This makes a fourth, and renders the series nearly complete, only two other kinds of rhinoceroses being known to exist.

Proposed New Music Hall.

To the Editor of the Mercury.—I was of course curious to know what reply would be made to the arguments of my letter on the above subject by those who are so industriously and quietly passing the present scheme. The fact that the noise of passing trains will disturb either speaking or singing has never, as an argument against the scheme, been met in Council, and it is now evident that those who ignore it have too much regard for themselves to meet it at all over their own names, so that the only thing in the shape of a reply comes from the pen of the editor of the Herald, to which—as he admits all I said, and only resorts to his usual dirt-throwing—I shall not encourage the circulation of his peculiar literature by any notice whatever.

What I wish to bring before your readers to-day is the unusually silent and underhand way in which "the interested clique of property owners"—who seem to think they are going to get \$43,628 (principal and interest as per published by-law), to erect a useless structure on the worst possible site in Town—are trying to accomplish their design. I would like to see either of the leaders of the "ring" why this monstrous proposal was not mentioned, but kept so dark by them at their nomination. You, Mr. Editor, will remember that the following were the subjects most talked about at the Ward nominations last January:—

In the West Ward the all-absorbing topic was the injustice of the equal Ward appropriation; in the North Ward there was, as usual, no speaking at all; in the East Mr. Coffey's half-pound of nails was the text, and in the South the electors were treated to addresses on physiology, but although this expenditure is the most important question before the Council this year, and it is evident that they had their mind on their work, not one word was uttered by them on the point to their constituents. And why? Because they knew they would not be sustained, and one or two who represent the North and West Wards would not have been elected if they had shown the eleven foot.

Under these circumstances I think myself justified in using the term "silent and underhand" in qualification of their way of doing business. However I will give you another reason: Although they knew it was probable—and it has since become more likely—that another scheme could be submitted for the erection of a Music Hall, Post Office, Custom House, and Revenue Office that would not cost the Town a cent, they, in writing down Reeve Howard's motion to report on the matter, shut off all possibility of comparing their scheme with another in Council, and now flatter themselves that they have effectually pulled the wool over the eyes of the ratepayers. But they have not. If a better scheme could not have been submitted no harm would have been done, and all would have been fair and above board.

After the tide of public opinion has swept away the hopes this property clique have of getting "a \$43,628 more," or perhaps before that disaster takes place, facts and figures in reference to what the Government will do may be laid before your readers, and they will then have the information thus vainly withheld, and what I say will be confirmed. Your ob't servant, JOHN CROWE.

Guelph, April 13, '74.

Our Music Hall.

To the Editor of the Mercury.—

DEAR SIR,—Amongst the favorite arguments of the opponents of the new Music Hall and Market House site, is one lately founded upon an alleged lack of width in the street that will be left for roadway or street around the entire structure. Were their objections upon this ground even well taken, I would not admit them as fatal to the present project, because throughout the country may be found many such public structures not possessing the surrounding area of space which these gentlemen so arrogantly demand in the present instance, and because they themselves so far have failed to indicate any location or site that would come up to the standard which they demand. Surely, before asking the people to condemn the site chosen, they should offer something better. However, I emphatically deny that their arguments upon this point are sustained by the facts of the case. By reference to the plan, which can at any time be seen at my office, the measurements upon which are certified by the Architect to be correct, I find that between the Hall and the Bank building there will be left a roadway eighty (80) feet wide, which is sixteen (16) feet more than the law requires, while between the opposite wall and the railway fence there will be at the widest point a clear space of eighty-three (83) feet, and at the narrowest between the fence and the east end of the building a space of thirty-three (33) feet. Truly these gentlemen must occupy a great deal of room in the world if they cannot manage to circumnavigate the new music hall through such commodious paths as these. The above measurements are certified to be correct, and effectually answer the objections alluded to.

The other arguments of the opponents to the site are scarcely worthy of consideration, the noise made about the noise of passing trains cannot weigh seriously with any body. No serious inconvenience has ever resulted from that source in the present hall, and some of the gentlemen who are opposing the site selected propose another one at the opposite end of the square when the same objection would apply. How very consistent! An anonymous correspondent of the Mercury has come to the rescue with a proposition to utilize the Drill Shed, which is simply absurd. By so doing we would have a corporation barn instead of a music hall, and to the noise of passing trains we would have added the blockade of the crossing by frequent trains an event, as everybody knows, of daily occurrence.

Neither is the objection to the estimated cost of the hall a legitimate raised by gentlemen who have failed to point out where or how they could erect a cheaper structure and some of whom have before now supported this very scheme. The building will cost every free holder about (10) ten cents on each