

TO THOSE IN ARREARS.

All Parties who have had Accounts rendered them, for Job Printing or Advertising, or whose Subscriptions to THE MERCURY are due, are requested to call at the Office at once, and settle the same.

PARLIAMENTARY.

On Tuesday Hon. Mr. Gow introduced a bill to establish municipal institutions in the districts of Muskoka, Parry Sound and Nipissing. Hon. Mr. Scott gave notice that on Thursday he would move his resolutions with respect to make certain reductions in the price of lands in certain townships.

The bill to render members of the House of Commons ineligible as members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario was, after a long and animated discussion, read a second time. Mr. Rykert moved the following amendment, which was lost on a vote of 19 to 54. That in the opinion of this House the said Bill interferes with the rights of the people to select such representatives as in their judgment may best advance the interests and promote the welfare of the province, without any sufficient cause of debarring the people of such rights having arisen; and it is inexpedient and improper to take away a right or privilege enjoyed by the people without grave and cogent reason therefore: wherefore this House do not dispose further to proceed with the said Bill. Several bills were passed through Committees, and some were read a third time and passed. Hon. Mr. Scott's bill, relating to arrears due upon Common School Lands sold previously to 1st July, 1867, was read a second time.

Hon. Mr. Wood's Resignation.

THE COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION. The Committee appointed to investigate the charge of an alleged corrupt inducement offered by Blake to Wood, to induce him to resign, met on Monday morning. All the members were present except Anahg. Dr. Boulter, Chairman, said that since the Committee met before he had, in accordance with instructions of the committee, notified Blake and Wood to attend, and Cameron to attend and produce evidence to sustain his accusation. Blake and Wood told him they had no evidence to offer. Cameron first told him he had no evidence to offer, and that he should go on with the investigation. Last night, however, he told him that he would not appear before the Committee unless compelled to do so by the House. The result was that no evidence had been summoned.

Mr. Prince thought the accused parties should be called upon to make whatever statement they had to make with regard to the accusation. Mr. Blake, being called upon by the Committee, stated that he had read the charge, and he denied the truth of it entirely. It was absolutely false. Mr. Wood was also called, and having heard the charge read, said it was false in all its particulars. There was not one word of truth in it.

Both gentlemen expressed their willingness to be subjected to the most searching examination; but the Committee decided that as the presence of the accused parties, it would not be proper to do more than take the denial of these gentlemen. Boulter said Cameron's reason for refusing to appear was that the motion had been taken out of his hands and altered. Wood pointed out that what Cameron wanted was to introduce into his motion the statement that Blake had offered corrupt inducements through a third party who he would not name. The charge, as it stood now, covered that statement, because what a man does by another he does by himself.

Farewell said that the only thing for the Committee to do was to report to the effect that Cameron, who had made the charge, had refused to attend and produce witnesses, and that, therefore, the Committee were obliged to report that fact, with the formal denial of Blake and Wood. This course was finally agreed to, and the Committee adjourned till 12:30 a. m. on Thursday, in order to prepare a report to submit to the House.

How a Scotchman Laid Out Three Confidence Operators.

From the New York Sun. George Hamilton, a big burly Scotchman from Dumfriesshire, arrived here last week in the Glasgow steamer. Before coming he made himself acquainted by a diligent perusal of New York newspapers with the ways of the Confidence Operators. The knowledge thus acquired, added to his natural shrewdness and great courage, made him rather a dangerous pigeon for the confidence operators to attempt to pluck. In West street, on the foot of Day, he paused for a moment to look around him. Three well-dressed men approached him from behind. One of them touched him on the arm. The man held in his hand an open pocket-book stuffed with greenbacks. He elevated the pocket-book until it was under the Scotchman's nose, and said: "Friend, you have just dropped your pocket-book."

"Ye dinna say so," Hamilton exclaimed, gazing on the greenbacks and preparing to grasp the book. "Stay, friend," said the man, closing the book and holding it behind him. "you see it's our duty to give this book to the police, and then it would cost you some trouble and money to get it. Me and my friends here, however, seen you drop it, and if you'll give us a \$20 bill we'll hand it to you without no bother."

By this time, the three young men had gathered in front of Hamilton. Hamilton raised his hand as though to put it into his side pocket. "Ye thievish divils!" he exclaimed, and drawing off before the astonished men could comprehend his intention, he planted his fist right and left into the faces of two of them, and sent the third reeling into the gutter with such a kick as only a bravv Scot who had made the leather ball fly on the links of Dumfries could have administered. The confidence men picked themselves up and went off in a hurry.

"Fient a pocket-book I ever had I buy hale excosioners," said the Scot to the bystanders. "I hard o' the game afore, though, an' none o' the thiev' scoondrels are ganzing to mak' a file o' me, di'el tak' em!"

A bill is before Congress, proposing to grant a bounty of not more than 10 per cent, to be paid each year for a period of five years, for the construction in the United States of iron steamships of not less than 1,000 tons each.

The Hamilton Times says that a large number of the cattle now offered in that city come by the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railroad from distant points. This is only one of the many advantages of the line.

MARRIED.

FISHER-PURDIE. At Hamilton, on the 7th inst, by the Rev. Arthur Boultie, Mr. Joseph Fisher blacksmith, to Miss Jane Purdie, all of Hamilton.

DIED.

VALE. In Guelph, on the 14th inst, of scarlet fever, William Edward, son of Mr. W. T. Vale, Bandmaster, aged 2 years and 8 months.

New Advertisements.

WORKING MEN'S CLUB. A General Meeting of the above Club will be held in the TEMPERANCE HALL, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th inst, at 8 o'clock, p.m., when all those favorable to the cause are particularly requested to attend both employers and employees. In addition to the usual business, an entertainment will be given, to consist of Vocal and Instrumental Music, Readings, and Lectures. Club Rooms have been engaged in Day's Block, which the Committee propose to open on Saturday evening next. JOHN READ, President. MATT. TINKER, Secretary.

N.B.—The Committee will please meet on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Guelph, Feb. 13, 1872.

GRAND ENTERTAINMENT. A grand entertainment, under the auspices of the Wellington County Lodge, F. O. G. T., will be held in the Town Hall, Guelph, on the evening of Thursday, 15th of February. When speeches will be delivered by Mr. S. CAMPBELL, D.M.P. Subject, "Fleware of Dogs." And the G.W.C.T. of Canada, Dr. OROHYATEKHA, of Stratford, to be followed by Messrs. Redfords, and Dialogues. All are cordially invited. To commence at half-past seven. Admission Free. J. T. BIRCH, Chairman of Com. Guelph, Feb. 13, 1872.

TO CONTRACTORS.—Tenders will be received by the Commissioners at the Union Hotel, Armstrong's Mills, on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd inst, at 1 o'clock, noon, for the erection of a Bridge over the River Speed, near Armstrong's Mills, and for making approaches to the same. To be built according to plans and specifications made by T. W. Gosser, P. E., with the exception of the Rock Foundation, to be substituted in place of Pine. Plans and specifications may be seen at Mr. Gosser's office, near the place, at 10 o'clock, a.m., on the day of the sale, or for a copy of the same, to be sent by mail, to be completed before 12 o'clock, next. JOHN REA, T.A.S., L.L.D., Guelph, February 13, 1872.

FIRST CONGREGATION CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ANNUAL SOIREE. The Annual Soiree of the First Congregation Canada Presbyterian Church, Guelph, will be held in the Iowa Hall.

On Tuesday, 20th February. Tea will be served from 6:30 until 8 p.m.

The Rev. Messrs. Grant of Ingersoll, Bentley, or Galt; Mallan, of Fergus; Dickie, of Berlin, and others, will address the audience. Lawrence's Silver Cornet Band will be in attendance. Tickets 25 cents, to be had at the stores of Messrs. Hepburn, Savage, Day, Anderson, and A. Armstrong.

The Annual Meeting of the Sabbath School Children belonging to the Congregation will be held in the same place on the following evening, 21st Feb, at 5 o'clock. A collection in aid of the Funds will be taken up. Guelph, Feb. 13th, 1872.

R. CHAWFORD, MANUFACTURER. WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER. Next the Post Office. Watches and Jewellery. Exclusively I will sell you the present stock of Watches, Clocks, Jewellery, &c.

BARGAINS WILL BE GIVEN. Until the whole stock is sold.

The Jobbing Business will be carried on to a further extent than ever.

Observe the address. NEXT THE POST OFFICE, GUELPH, ONT. Guelph, Feb. 12, 1872.

Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway SOUTHERN EXTENSION Notice to Contractors. TENDERS are invited for the construction of the Southern Extension of the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway FROM LISTOWEL. In the Township of Wallace.

TO LUCKNOW. in the township of Kinloss—a distance of 42 miles. Plans and Specifications may be seen at the Office of the Company, Canada Life Assurance Buildings, James Street, Hamilton, on and after the 27th inst.

Tenders marked "Tenders for Construction Southern Extension," addressed to the Secretary, will be received up to noon of Friday, 16th February, 1872. W. McULLOCH, Secretary. W. McGUIVERN, President. Hamilton, Jan. 24, 1872.

FARM FOR SALE. — Lot 41, comprising 130 Acres, containing 110 acres, about 90 cleared, well fenced, and in good state of cultivation. There is excellent timber for rail and firewood purposes on the farm, which is situated within 2 1/2 miles of Cliff Road Station on the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway, and 7 miles from Hamilton on the same line. Good log house and barn, and well watered by a spring. Terms easy. Apply to Wm. McEwan, on the premises, or to James McEwan, Builder, Stratford, J2-21-72.

WARD OSLER, Law, Chancery and Conveyancing Office, Notary Public, Land, Loan and Insurance Agent. Office next door to R. H. Perry's Drug Store, Fergus, Ontario. The Standard Life Insurance Company, of Scotland; The Insulated Risk Fire Insurance Co., of Toronto; The Hamilton and Erie Savings and Loan Society; The Ontario Savings and Investment Society. Loans advanced on Farm and Village Property. \$10,000 in private funds to invest on good farm security. No commission charged. Fr-17-72

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CHEAP SALE. AT— COST PRICE. AT— THORNTON'S BOOKSTORE. East Side Wyndham Street. Fancy Goods, Toys, Books and Stationery, DURING Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 12th, 13th, and 14th Feb., 1872. By order of the Official Assignee, JOHN KEHR, Feb. 12th, 1872.

LOTS FOR SALE IN THE TOWN OF GUELPH.—Lots from 9 to 22, being the front, on the Elora Road of the Catholic Church Globe, in lots to suit purchasers. For terms and particulars of sale, apply to Messrs. J. H. & O'Connor, Barristers, Nos. 8 and 9, Day's Block, Guelph. 19-2w

LEAP YEAR! 1872. VALENTINES. AT ANDERSON'S. Cheap Book, Stationery, and News Depot, Opposite the Market, GUELPH. BLACKSMITH SHOP AND LAND TO RENT. To Rent, in the Township of Puslinch, a piece of Land, and Blacksmith Shop, where a good business can be done, and near the Puslinch Post Office. The premises will be rented for from one to five years, as may be agreed upon. For further particulars enquire, if by letter, post-paid, to Robert Watson, Puslinch, P.O. Fr-17-72

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INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869. In the matter of JAMES B. THORNTON, an Insolvent. I, the undersigned, John Kerr, of Toronto, have been appointed Assignee in this matter. Creditors are requested to file their claims before me within one month. JOHN KERR, Toronto, 2th Feb. 1872.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869. In the matter of JOHN McNEIL, an Insolvent. The Insolvent has made an assignment of his Estate to me, and the Creditors are notified to meet at his place of business, in the Town of Guelph, in the County of Wellington, on Saturday, the twenty-fourth day of February, inst, at twelve o'clock, noon, to receive statements of his affairs, and to appoint an Assignee. Residence of Interim Assignee, Guelph, Dated at Guelph aforesaid, February 7th 1872. EDWIN NEWTON, Interim Assignee.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869. In the matter of JOHN McNEIL, an insolvent. Tenders will be received by the undersigned Interim Assignee up to the twenty-fourth day of February instant, at twelve o'clock, noon, for the purchase of the entire stock in trade of the Insolvent, at a rate per cent, on the invoice prices. The stock and stock list may in the meantime be inspected on application to the undersigned, who does not bind himself to accept the highest or any bidder. Guelph, 7th February, 1872. EDWIN NEWTON, Interim Assignee.

WARD OSLER, Law, Chancery and Conveyancing Office, Notary Public, Land, Loan and Insurance Agent. Office next door to R. H. Perry's Drug Store, Fergus, Ontario. The Standard Life Insurance Company, of Scotland; The Insulated Risk Fire Insurance Co., of Toronto; The Hamilton and Erie Savings and Loan Society; The Ontario Savings and Investment Society. Loans advanced on Farm and Village Property. \$10,000 in private funds to invest on good farm security. No commission charged. Fr-17-72

New Advertisements.

THE STOCK OF PRESERVES, JELLIES, —AND— CANNED FRUITS, Generally runs low in every household at this season of the year.

JOHN. A. WOOD Is prepared to supply the deficiency, having in stock the largest and best assortment ever shown in Guelph.

CANNED GOODS. Strawberries, Raspberries, Blackberries, White Cherries, Red Cherries, Pears, Plums, Peaches, Pine Apples, Quinces, Rhubarb, Pippins, Sweet Corn, Tomatoes, Green Peas.

JAMS. Green Gage, Apricot, Strawberry, Raspberry, Red Currant, Black Currant, Damson, Gooseberry, Orange Marmalade, Lemon do.

JELLIES. Red Currant, Black, Calves Foot, Lemon and Orange.

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S REMNANTS, REMNANTS CLEARING SALE OF REMNANTS COMMENCING TO-MORROW.

Remnants of Dress Goods of all kinds, Remnants of Silks, black and colored, Remnants of French Merinos, Remnants of Lustres, black and colored, Remnants of Wool Plaids, Remnants of Flannels, Remnants of Hollands, Remnants of Towellings, Remnants of Shirtings, Remnants of Prints, Remnants of Tweeds and Filled Cloths, Remnants of Overcoatings, &c.

NOW IS THE TIME, LADIES! Every Remnant in the Store must be cleared out previous to stock-taking at the end of the month. Come direct to the Alma Block. Come early. A. O. BUCHAM, Fashionable West End Dry Goods Store. Guelph, 9th February.

ASH WEDNESDAY! FRESH HADDOCK, FRESH CODFISH, FRESH FLOUNDERS, FRESH SEA HERRINGS, FRESH LAKE HERRINGS, FRESH SALMON TROUT, FRESH WHITE FISH, FRESH PERCH.

OYSTERS---XXX, J. C. L'S, AND SELECTS. FINNAN HADDIES. HUGH WALKER, Wyndham-st.

GREAT CLEARING SALE OF BOOTS AND SHOES. THE Sub. either having decided to remove from Guelph, begs to intimate to the public that before closing his business here, he will sell off the balance of his Stock of Boots and Shoes at Cost Price!

The Great Sale will commence on THURSDAY, the 8th of FEBRUARY, and CONTINUE FOR 30 DAYS. During which time the whole of his stock which comprises a good assortment of New and Fresh Goods, will be offered at actual cost price for cash, and cash only. This is a Genuine Clearing Sale, and the public may depend upon getting FIRST-CLASS BARGAINS!

N.B.—All parties indebted to the Subscriber, either by Note or Book Account, are respectfully requested to settle them at once, as after the 30th inst. all accounts unsettled will be placed in the hands of A. A. Baker, Esq. for collection.

F. PREST, Guelph, Feb. 7, 1872. West side Wyndham Street.

Fire, Marine and Life Insurance Company. Provincial, Lancashire and Phenix. Canada Landed Credit Com'ry. Lower rates than any Loan Co. in Ontario.

JOHN McCREA, Agent. Over Bank of Commerce Buildings, Guelph, Guelph, Nov 28th, 1871.

THE Lancashire Insurance Company. Capital £2,000,000 Sterling. Head office for Ontario Northwest Corner of a 2nd and Church Streets, Toronto. General Agents, S. O. DUNCAN-CLARK & Co. Manager, WM. CAMPBELL, Agent at Guelph, 62nd JOHN McCREA, Guelph, Nov 27th, 1871.

IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE

OF Farm Stock, Implements, Carriages, &c. WITHOUT RESERVE.

Mr. B. S. Brodie having leased his Farm has instructed the undersigned to sell by Public Auction, at his farm, Marten, near Blyth's Acre, on FRIDAY, the 16th day of FEBRUARY, next, the following valuable Stock, Implements, Carriages, &c.

Horses—1 cream colored horse, aged 1; grey mare, 8 years old, in foal, by French Canadian Stallion "Grey Oak"; 1 iron grey horse, 8 years old; 1 bay horse, 7 years old; 1 bay mare, 6 years old; a first-class buggy animal, fast; 1 mare, 5 years old, in foal, by Royal Oak; 1 aged mare, 1 yearling colt, 8% by Porter's trotting stallion, a powerful colt, and likely to be fast; 1 yearling filly by Nichol Champion, very promising.

Cattle—Thoroughbred Durhams, with registered pedigrees; 1 cow, with heifer calf at foot, 7 years old; 1 cow, 3 years old, in calf; 1 heifer 1 year old; 1 bull calf 9 months old. Grades—2 cows in calf to thorough bred bull, 1 heifer 3 years old, do; 2 cows, farrow; 5 three year old well-bred steers, in prime order for fattening purposes; 2 two year old heifers; 2 yearling heifers and 5 calves.

Cotswold Sheep—25 superior breeding ewes, 1 cotswold ram lamb, 5 lambs. Carriages, &c.—1 family carriage, covered top, patent English axle, recently painted and done up, and comparatively little used since first purchased—can be confidently recommended to any purchaser; 1 covered top buggy, with reversible seat, has been in use only two years; 1 common buggy; 1 family cutter, reversible seat. The whole of the above are from the celebrated makers, Messrs. J. B. Armstrong & Co.

Implements, &c.—1 combined mower and reaper, adapted either for self-rake or reel. Messrs. Sawyer's make, but little used and carefully kept; 2 waggon, 1 light do; 1 roller (new), 1 horse rake, newly turned sower (horse), Double mould plough (chain), cultivator, white trees, double trees, neck poles, shovels (barn and field), 2 fanning mills (Cassell's), grain drill, forks (new) and barley, hand rakes, pick, iron lever, calf and pig troughs, scalding trough with lid, trace chains, hand sleigh, cattle chains, grindstone boxes, harrow, hay and wood ricks, turnip cutter, sleighs, &c. &c.

Harness—1 set silver plated carriage harness, 2 sets single horse harness, 4 sets team harness, collars, buffalo robes, horse blankets, etc. etc. Household and Dairy Furniture—4 bedsteads, superior kitchen stove and furniture, churn, 3 doz. excellent tin milk cans, dairy table, large kitchen tables, fire dogs, superior iron mangle, etc. etc. Also, a quantity of Lumber, and a quantity of Hay, the terms for which will be cash.

Sold to commence at 12 o'clock, sharp. Terms—\$10 and under cash over that amount credit to 1st January, 1872, on approved notes; or a liberal discount for cash. W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer. Jan. 24th, 1872.

THE MEDICAL HALL GUELPH.

JUST RECEIVED at the Medical Hall another lot of Simpson's Cattle Spice.

SIMPSON'S SPICE Makes Monster Calves. SIMPSON'S SPICE Makes Monster Cattle. SIMPSON'S SPICE Makes Monster Sheep. SIMPSON'S SPICE Makes Splendid Horses. SIMPSON'S SPICE The Farmer's Friend.

FARMERS That have used it say it's the best thing they have ever used for their Cattle.

E. Harvey & Co. Sole Agents Co. Wellington. Guelph, Feb. 9, 1872.

AUCTION SALE of Farm Stock, Implements, &c.—The undersigned has been instructed by Mr. Thos. Lush, to sell by auction on his premises, Lot 28, Con. 5, Erasmos, on Friday, 23rd February, at 12 o'clock, the following property: horse 11 years old, 1 aged mare, span of well matched mares (1 in foal) 7 and 5 years old, mare 4 years old (in foal), 3 year old colt (large), 3 year old colt and yearling filly, 8 sulch cows in calf, farrow cow, well-bred bull 3 years old, 3 steers 2 years old, 2 heifers 2 years old, 3 yearlings, 7 sheep, 2 waggon, pair trucks, 3 sleighs, double pleasure sleigh, single buggy, combined reaper and mower, 2 cultivators, 2 pair harrows, turnip drill (horse) fanning mill, 2 sugar kettles, chains, forks, rakes, spades, new grain mill, 3 sets of double harness, set of single harness, 20 new sap falls, 2 iron ploughs, horse hay rake, &c. The whole will be disposed of without reserve, as the proprietor is about leaving the premises. Terms of sale: \$25 and under cash, over that amount 10 months credit on approved notes. (7-15) E. B. TREVIN, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE OF FARM STOCK, Implements, &c.—W. S. G. Knowles will offer for sale, by Public Auction, on Wednesday, the 15th of February, inst, on the farm presently occupied by Mr. Mark Sutton, Lot No. 9, 7th Con. Erasmos, the following valuable property, viz., 1 mare, in foal, 3 good horses for general purposes; 5 Grade cows, in calf; 4 heifers, rising 2 years; 3 calves; 15 hogs; 10 well-bred Cotswold ewes, ranging and mowing machine, light wagon, light pair of bob, grain drill, turnip drill, 2 turnip slicers, straw cutter, cultivator, 2 iron ploughs (Stevenson's), 3 sets of harness, scudler, 2 wooden ploughs, fanningmill, flume, gage plough, and other articles. Terms—sums of \$5 and under cash, over that amount 11 months credit on approved joint notes. Sale at 11 o'clock. Erasmos, Feb. 8. 21n

ONTARIO COAL YARDS. MURTON & REID. Have received and are receiving a large stock of Delaware, Lackawanna and Western R. R. Co's COAL of all sizes.

EGG, STOVE AND CEMENT, IN FIRST-RATE CONDITION, CLEAN AND DRY. This Coal, for general use, is the best article in the market, low for quality, and best of all. All other Coals, such as Briar Hill, Mount Morris, Lehigh and Blossburg, in large quantities. Order early and secure your best at present prices.

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