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Business Cards.

AUSTIN C. CHADWICK, Barrister, Solicitor in Chancery, Notary, &c., Town Hall Buildings, Guelph. dw

WILLIAM HART, Conveyancer, Land and General Agent, Negotiator of Loans, &c. Office hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Office, No. 4, Day's Block. dw

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

GEORGE PALMER, Barrister and Attorney-at-Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Notary Public and Conveyancer. Office, over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store. Entrance on Macdonnell street. dw

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

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,
Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law,
Solicitors in Chancery,
GUELPH, ONTARIO.
D GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W H CUTTEN.
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-dwly

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

CASH FOR WOOL, HIDES, SHEEPSKINS, CALF SKINS, and WOOL PICKINGS.
The highest market price paid for the above at No. 3, Gordon Street, Day's Old Block, Guelph.
Plasterers hair constantly on hand for sale at MOULTON & BISH.
Guelph, April 19, 1872. dwy

F. H. PASS,
Painter, Glazier and Paper Hanger
All orders promptly attended to.
RESIDENCE:—Two doors above St. Andrew's Church.
Guelph, Feb. 26, 1872 d3m

ROYAL HOTEL LIVERY STABLE.
The subscriber begs to notify the public that he has purchased the above livery from Mr Geo. W. Jessop, and will continue the business as heretofore. Having made considerable improvements, he will be able at all times to meet the wants of the travelling public. First-class Turnouts ready at the shortest notice.
Guelph, 6th Dec. dtf W. J. WILSON.

O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL,
IN THE
QUEEN'S HOTEL, GUELPH, OPPOSITE THE MARKET.
Refitted in the latest fashion. Five latest styles Phelan Tables. do

THE BEST HOTEL IN TOWN.
CASEY ALWAYS JOLLY.
The richest drinks, best table, most comfortable beds, merriest company, and jolliest house in town at Casey's—The Harp of Erin Hotel, Macdonnell Street, Guelph. do

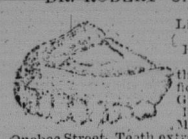
DOMINION SALOON.
Fresh Oysters in every Style
The table supplied with all the delicacies of the Season in a first-class manner.
☞ At the Bar will be found the Choicest Brands of Liquors and Cigars.
DENIS BUNYAN,
Guelph, Nov. 21, 1872. do

PARKERS HOTEL,
—DIRECTLY—
OPPOSITE the MARKET, GUELPH
First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.
The best of Liquors and Cigars at the bar.
JAMES PARKER, Proprietor.
Guelph, Feb. 6, 1872 dwy

W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S.,
SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH.

Office over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham and Macdonnell-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 McGregor, Guelph; W. K. Graham, Dentist, Brampton. dw

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, Quebec Street. Teeth extracted without pain.
References, Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph. Drs. Buchanan and Philips, Toronto Drs. Elliott & Meyers, Dentists, Toronto. dw

NEW BAKERY.
The Subscribers beg to notify the people of Guelph that they have started a new Bakery
On Essex Street, one door south of Dr. Keating's,
Where they will always have in stock a supply of bread of the first quality.
Having secured the services of Mr. George Watson as baker, they feel assured in giving satisfaction.
Bread and Flour promptly delivered in any part of the town.
They hope by strict attention to business, and making bread of the best quality, to merit a share of public patronage.
A. McPHAIL & Co.
Guelph, March 12 1872 3md

New Advertisements.

FAMILY CARRIAGE FOR SALE.—Apply to R. S. Brodie, MERCURY office, Guelph. dwtf

SERVANT WANTED.—Wanted immediately, a good active servant. Apply at this office. 16d

40 ACRES of GOOD PASTURE in TOWN TO RENT. RIVER upon one side of it. Apply at the Law Office of the undersigned.
May 8, 1872 dtf ROBT. MITCHELL.

SHEEP LOST—About three weeks ago; 12 in number; principally last year's lambs, and one oldish ewe with black mark over her eye, with lamb at foot. The finder will be liberally rewarded on application to Robert Cochrane, York Road. m16dwtf

WOOLEN RAGS, CARD, or YARN WASTE—Best cash price paid. Apply to
SMITH & WILBY,
m10dwlm 116 Adelaide St. East, Toronto.

TO LET—25 acres of excellent land in the Town of Guelph, near Mr. Stevenson's nursery, with nice new house, barn, 4 stall stable, orchard of 100 bearing trees, root house, &c. A never-failing spring creek runs through the lot. Apply to Hart & Spiers, 4 Day's Block, Guelph. 8-w16d

LOST—A dark brown Devonshire cow, five years old, large erect horns, is rather timid, and wild. Any one restoring her to the undersigned, or giving information where she is will be suitably rewarded.
May 7, 1872 dwtf JAMES MASSIE.

FIRST-CLASS SAND FOR SALE.—The undersigned offers for sale, either at the Pit, or delivered, when required, Lime Sand for Plasterers. Apply to John Ford, Paisley Block Road. 5-d1w3m

BAND INSTRUMENTS FOR SALE.
An E Flat Cornet and B Flat Bass (silver), also a Brass Snare Drum (all new), formerly used in Lawrence's Cornet Band. Apply to
R. SAVAGE,
Guelph, May 1st, 1872. dtf Guelph

TO MASONS.—Tenders will be received by the undersigned for the erection of a Stone Barn 49 x 69, on his Farm, York Road. Tenders received until the 25th of May. Plans and specifications can be seen on the premises, or on application to Robt. Cochrane, York Road. m4dtd

TANNERY FOR SALE OR TO RENT
The subscriber will either sell or rent his Tannery, on Surrey Street, Guelph. Possession given on the 1st of March. Apply, on the premises, to JEHU CLARKE Proprietor
Guelph Jan 9 1872 dw

GUELPH TURF CLUB.
A meeting of this Club will be held at the Royal Hotel, on Monday evening, at 8 o'clock. Business important.
CHARLES SHARPE,
Guelph, May 11th, 1872. 2d Secretary

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.
The partnership heretofore existing between David Clark, sr., and David Clark, jr., as millers, is hereby dissolved by mutual consent. All claims to be paid by David Clark, junr., who is authorized to settle all outstanding debts of the said firm.
DAVID CLARK, Sr.
DAVID CLARK, Jr.
Witness—J. W. Dutton.
Rockwood, May 8, 1872 d2w2

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.
In the matter of JOHN HEWER, an Insolvent.
The entire Estate and effects of the Insolvent, real and personal, will be sold in one lot, for a gross price, on Wednesday, the 15th day of May, 1872, at Twelve o'clock noon, at the Great Western Hotel, in Guelph, by Auction. Terms Cash.
EDWIN NEWTON,
Assignee of Insolvent.
Guelph, May 1st, 1872. dtd

AUCTION SALE
—OF—
Valuable Mill Property!
There will be offered for sale by Public Auction, at the Market House, in the Town of Guelph,
On Saturday, 18th May, 1872,
At the hour of one o'clock, p.m., that excellent steam-saw and grist mill, and three acres land, situate on the front of Lot 6, in the 2nd concession of the Township of Maryborough, County of Wellington, now in possession of Michael Tromanhiser.
The saw-mill is capable of cutting from 1,000 to 1,500 feet per hour with the circular saw. It is fitted with the best machinery in the County of Wellington, including a new steam engine and boiler of 32 horse power. The mill has only been running about a year, so that the machinery is as good as new. The grist mill is in good working order, with new machinery. This is a good opening for business, being only a short distance from the W. G. and B. Railway, and in a direct line between Glenallan and Listowel. Title good. The above will be sold under mortgage. For further particulars apply to
OLIVER & MACDONALD,
April 26, 1872 dw Solicitors Guelph

TOWN HALL, GUELPH.
A GRAND CONCERT
—WILL BE GIVEN—
On Tuesday Evening, 14th May,
In the Town Hall, by
MR. D. D. GALLETLY.
—ASSISTED BY—
MISS DOLLY GERRIE,
(Her last appearance in public)
Prof. Jones, of Galt; Miss Ada Galletly
Dr. Swan, Hespeler; Miss M. Gerrie.
Mrs. Budd presiding at the Piano.
PROGRAMME:
PART I.
English Duett—"The Echo"—Miss Gerrie and Mr. Galletly.
Song—"The Rescue,"..... Prof. Jones
Irish Song "Come back to Erin," Miss Gerrie
Pastoral Song, "Afton Water," Mr. Galletly
Scotch Song, "I'm ower young to marry yet," Miss A. Galletly.
Irish Song, "Kathleen Mavourneen," Dr. Swan
Scotch Song, "Ilka blade o' grass keps its ain drap o' dew,"..Miss Gerrie.
Humorous Song, "Jenny's Bawbee," Mr. Galletly.
PART SECOND.
Song—"Grave of Bonaparte,"... Prof. Jones
Duet—"Home, Sweet Home,"... Miss Gerrie
Song—"Nil Desperandum," or "I'll never despair,"—Mr. Galletly.
Scotch Song—"Gloomy Winter's noo awa'," Miss Gerrie.
Song.....Dr. Swan.
Humorous Song—"The Laird o' Cockpen," Mr. Galletly.
Duet—"When you and I were young, Maggie," — Miss Gerrie and Mr. Galletly.
And I Lang Syne.
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.
Tickets 25 cents; Reserved seats 50 cents. Tickets may be had at the Book and Drug Stores.
Doors open at 7.30; concert to commence at 8. d3

THOROUGH-BRED DURHAM BULL—The subscriber having purchased the celebrated short horn bull "Darling Duke" at the Provincial Exhibition, Kingston, and which carried off the 3rd prize at the Central Exhibition, Guelph, will have him on his premises during the ensuing season for the service of cows. Bred by John Snell, Edmonton. Terms for thoroughbred cows $5 each; grades $2, each payable at time of service.
For sale, 6 spring Berkshire Pigs, and 4 improved Berkshire Sows in pig.
JAMES ANDERSON,
Aspwicken Springfield, Brampton

CANADA LIFE
ASSURANCE COMPANY
ESTABLISHED 1847.
Cash Income over $1,000 per day
Investments over $1,250,000,
Affording with the uncalled capital of $875,000 a
Security of Over $2,000,000
For the exclusive protection of Assurers.

Claims paid for Deaths since commencement	$800,000
Annual income	400,000
Sums assured nearly	10,000,000

The strong financial position of this Company, and its
Moderate Rates
Render it one whose advantages are not surpassed by any other, and explains the fact that it stands at the head of all the Life Companies in Canada.
Forms of Application, Detailed Reports and Tables of Rates may be obtained at any of the Company's offices or agencies.
A. G. RAMSAY,
Manager.
F. W. STONE, Agent at Guelph.
March 2, 1872. 3md

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Local and Other Items.

THE first shipment of Canadian salt to the United States is said to have been made last week from Seaforth.

THE Dominion Telegraph Co. has extended its line on the T. G. & B. Railway to Mount Forest.

BASE BALL MATCH.—In a game of base ball, played at Fergus on Friday between the Athletics of Elora and the Victorias of Fergus, the former were victorious by three runs. Score—37 to 34.

THE Walkerton *Herald* says that notwithstanding the late opening of the season, the grass is more advanced already than it was on the 24th of May last year.

THE rails on the Wellington, Grey and Bruce are laid to the neighborhood of Dunkeld. The work of gravelling is being pushed forward with vigor. Two engines are at work upon the road.

GUELPH TURF CLUB.—We would remind those interested in the success of this club operating for the coming season to remember the meeting to-night at 8 o'clock sharp, at the Royal Hotel. As business of importance is likely to come up, a large attendance is desired.

RALPH FEATHERSTONE, an ex-Reeve of West Zorra, cut his hand a few days ago while pruning trees. Shortly after, he skinned a cow that had died, and it is thought some poisonous matter from the carcase entered the wound, causing death in the course of a few hours.

THE Drayton *Enterprise* says:—The fall wheat in Peel and Maryborough, so far as we have been able to ascertain, looks as well and promising as could be wished, and we learn that in Wallace, where it was feared that it was winter killed, it has improved wonderfully during the past few days.

THE men in Waterous & Co.'s foundry Brantford, struck on Friday. They were asked to sign a circular forbidding them to agitate or support any reduction of the hours of labor. The men would not sign, but promised to work at the existing terms till the nine hours movement become general. So they struck.

THE ROMISH DOCTRINE OF THE RULE OF FAITH EXAMINED.—Mr. Anderson has sent us a copy of this pamphlet, being a lecture delivered at the close of the session of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, by the Rev. Wm. McLaren, of Ottawa. An appendix is added, in which certain statements of Rev. Father Damen and Dev. Dr. O'Connor are considered. Copies are for sale at Anderson's Bookstore.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.—Messrs Deady and D. Heffernan are canvassing the town for subscriptions to enable the citizens to duly celebrate the 24th inst, and we are glad to learn that their efforts have been handsomely responded to. By to-morrow the likelihood is that the arrangements will be perfected, and we hope to be able to announce a programme that will furnish abundance of pleasurable enjoyment to both old and young.

GOOD TEMPLARS.—At the regular weekly meeting of the B.A.O. of Good Templars held on Friday evening last, the following officers were installed by the P. D. for the present quarter:—Brother Brown, W.C.T.; Sister Fisher, W.V.T.; Bro. J. Howie, W.C.; Bro. Barkley, W.T.; Bro. Martin, W.S.; Bro. Rickaby, P.W. C.T.; Bro. Russell, W.F.S.; Bro. Hobbs, W.M.; Bro. R. Howie, W.I.G.; Bro. Parlan, W.O.G.; Sister Brunell, W. R.H.S.; Sister C. Bellior, W.L.H.S.; Sister Hutchison, W.A.S.; Sister M. Bellior, W.A.M.

THE Mt. Forest *Examiner* says that the contract for the ballasting of the line of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway between Mount Forest and Arthur has been awarded to Messrs. Gibson and Dickson. Operations were commenced on Wednesday, and will be prosecuted vigorously until the whole is completed. It is not known precisely when the work may be finished, but it is presumed that in July everything will be in a shape to permit the running of two passenger trains daily from Toronto. The tracklaying on the Grey extension will be commenced early in July.

THE SOUTHERN EXTENSION.—The Southern branch of the W. G. & B. Railway is being rapidly pushed forward; considerable chopping and clearing having been done during the winter; ties and timber are on the ground from Palmerston to Listowel, the bridge over McDermott's mill pond is nearly finished, whilst culverts and crossings are in progress. Beyond Listowel Mr. Hendrie has 150 men at work, which will be largely added to shortly. The *Banner* expects the road to be open to Listowel by the 1st of October, and to Wingham within two months afterwards. The survey from the latter place is now actively progressing.

FOUNDRY IN ERIN VILLAGE.—Messrs. John Henry and Wm. Roof, with Mr. Donald McMillan, have entered into a partnership at Erin Village in the foundry and agricultural implement manufacturing business, having put in a large amount of capital for the purpose. They have in course of erection a building for the casting department, which is 90 x 30 feet, and a blacksmith shop adjoining, which will be superintended by Mr. McMillan. The firm will manufacture stoves, reapers, thrashing machines, and all the various kinds of latest improved farming implements, etc., for which there is certainly a large demand in the surrounding country.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—The Orangeville *Advertiser* gives the following serious accident, which happened in that village on Tuesday the 7th. Mr. W. J. Middleton, of the "Gordon House," left a lamp burning in his bed-room at night so that he could get up at any time to attend a horse that was ailing. About three o'clock, a.m., the lamp exploded scattering the oil over the bed room which immediately broke out in flames. Mr. Middleton, in his efforts to extinguish the fire and save his wife and children was terribly burned, Mrs. Middleton had a leg broken and one of the children was slightly injured. Medical attendance was at once procured, and everything possible was done to aid the sufferers. Mr. Middleton was delirous for some time on Wednesday and has been in a very critical state ever since. Mrs. Middleton is doing as well as could be expected and the child is safe.

Municipal Aid to Manufacturing Enterprise.

We are informed that a delegation from Elora had an interview on Saturday with Messrs. Hirsch & McKinnon, of this town, relative to the establishment of a sewing machine factory in that village. The inducements held out for this purpose were very liberal, namely, a bonus of $5,000, the entire block of stone buildings opposite Bain's Hotel and exemption from taxation for 10 years. Messrs. Hirsch & McKinnon have, likewise, a most handsome offer from Oshawa with the same object in view, namely, $6,000 of a bonus, a free site whereon to build the factory, and in addition Messrs. F. W. Glen & Co. offer to present the necessary machinery. An offer of $10,000 has also been received from the village of Aylmer, distant from St. Thomas 14 miles, and with a population of 800, but the absence of railway accommodation and banking facilities are considered more than counterbalancing the enterprising liberality that has prompted the offer of $10,000. Messrs. Hirsch & McKinnon expect to come to a final decision as to location in a few days. It is much to be regretted that they do not see their way clear to the establishment of their factory in Guelph. The machine they intend manufacturing is one patented by Mr. McKinnon, and if it realizes the advantages its proprietors allege it to possess, it cannot fail to secure a speedy and permanent place in public favour.

The Lock-out in Hamilton.

The Hamilton *Times* of Saturday says: This morning all the foundries in the city are closed. Some days ago the proprietors determined that if the men in any one establishment struck, the rest should also close up. Yesterday morning those in the employ of Messrs. L. P. Sawyer & Co. left work, and the other proprietors set about the fulfilment of the agreement. Accordingly, during the afternoon, or towards the close of the day's work, the men in Messrs. J. Stewart & Co's, Turnbull & Co's, Gurney & Ware's, E. & C. Gurney's, Burrows, Stewart & Co's, and the other places (except Kennedy's and Cowie's, which it is understood will close this evening,) were informed that their services were no longer required for the present, and that they were discharged. No reason was given. This morning the employers paid off their men, and then told them that if they would sign the following agreement, that they would be taken on again during the course of next week. The paper reads:—

"I,—, the undersigned, agree to work for—, of—at my usual calling or trade of —, and will not in any way agitate for, or support the agitation for the reduction of a day's labor to less hours than now constitutes it."

———(signature.)

A number signed this, but the majority, belonging to Unions, declined to do so at once. The employers state that they will take stock, etc. A large number of men are as a consequence thrown out of employment.

A despatch from the city on Saturday night says:—At six o'clock this evening, the masons, upholsters, carpenters and joiners, together with nearly all the trades in the city, shut down. It is supposed that, owing to this, the number of men out of work has been increased to two or three thousand. At present all is quiet, with the exception of rumoured threats towards those who have complied with their employer's wishes, and also great complaints of the action of the City Council in refusing the Crystal Palace grounds for the demonstration on Wednesday next.

BY TELEGRAPH
THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES
THE WASHINGTON TREATY
A New Phase of the Question.
A New Treaty to be Formed.

LONDON, May 11,—1:30 p. m.—The *Post* this morning confirms the rumour which was current yesterday that negotiations between the United States and England relative to the indirect claims have been broken off, and states positively that the British Government has withdrawn from the arbitration provided for under the Treaty of Washington.

London, May 13.—The *Times* and other London papers this morning are of the opinion that the announcement of Friday that the negotiation between Great Britain and the United States, with regard to the indirect claims, had broken off was premature. The *Times* says positively that all will yet be righted. It maintains that the American Government has agreed in principle to withdraw the claims for indirect damages, and advises for forbearance on the part of both Houses of Parliament.

New York, May 13.—A Washington special says that since the negotiation so suddenly terminated in London on Friday last over the consequential claims between the United States and Great Britain the important correspondence, which was investigated by Gen. Schenck, has transpired, by which the Washington Treaty is to be suspended for the present or until the two Governments can negotiate and ratify a new or supplemental treaty covering the disputed question raised by the presentation of indirect claims. The British Ministry expressed their willingness to resume the negotiations on that basis which was telegraphed here yesterday afternoon. Last night the President convened a special Cabinet meeting at the White House, at which this new and important phase of the situation was thoroughly and earnestly discussed. The result was that it was decided, rather than let the Washington Treaty fail, to enter upon the work of framing a new treaty to include the point, that for hereafter neither nations shall make any claim upon the other for consequential damages, because of any failure on the part of either to observe strict neutrality when the other is belligerent. Arrangements are in progress between Gen. Schenk and Lord Granville to secure for the present a suspension of the Geneva Conference. It will merely meet on 15th June and again adjourn. The new Treaty will at once be negotiated in London and forwarded here for ratification by United State Senate. If Congress adjourn before the Treaty is received here the President will convene the Senate in order to discuss and ratify it.

THE LASH IN GUELPH.
TWO PRISONERS WHIPPED IN THE GAOL YARD.

To-day (Monday) at noon two of the prisoners convicted for assault with intent, at the late Assizes, received a portion of their sentence. One, Theophilus Coats, for assault with intent on the little Indian girl, near Hollin, received 20 lashes, and the other, Levi Gillies, for assault with intent on Mrs. Husson, near Elora, received 30 lashes. The prisoners were whipped in presence of the Sheriff, Gaol Surgeon, the representatives of the Press, about half a dozen other parties, and in presence of the other prisoners in the gaol, who were taken into the yard. The culprits were strapped and fastened to a triangle made for the purpose and stripped to the waist. The implements of punishment were small canes or switches, which were vigorously applied by an old soldier, who was induced to undertake the work, and who wielded his tools with dexterity and to some effect.

Coats was first strapped to the triangle, after which the cane was applied to his shoulders with stinging effect. The first blow made him howl, and as each succeeding one was applied he roared lustily, but otherwise stood his punishment with considerable nerve and power of endurance. Every application of the switch left its mark on his back and shoulders, which by the time he received the 20 lashes, was seamed over with long and ugly stripes of blue and red. The cane cuts cleaner than the cat—so old soldiers say—but the after effects of a caning are far worse than the blows inflicted by the old fashioned cat. When Coats had received his punishment he said something about being used like a dog, walked off the triangle himself, took his clothes and marched into gaol.

Gillies was then brought out and strapped up. On the first blow he winced very much, and after two or three more he twisted and tried to relieve himself, all the time roaring out that he could not stand it. Still the blows fell with telling effect until the thirtieth one was given, when his back was pretty well gridironed. He did not stand his punishment so well as Coates, and at the end remarked in a plaintive tone that he did not know how he could stand the rest of his sentence. He appeared at first to be fainting but after a little came to himself, walked to the pump, took a drink of water and then walked into the gaol.

The other prisoners seemed to be impressed with the whole affair, and no doubt thanked their stars that they had not to undergo the same punishment. It is savage work, but for crimes of this description, it is not too severe, and may deter others from committing them.

GREAT FIRE IN TORONTO.
Balance of the Iron Block Burned Down!

On Sunday morning about 5 o'clock, the portion of the Iron Block in Toronto, which was saved from the fire which occurred last February, was burned down. It started in the Room Paper Factory of Messrs. Staunton & Son, which was soon in a blaze. The engines were speedily got to work, but not before the flames had obtained such headway as to render all chance of saving the manufactory proper, with its valuable machinery, blocks, stock, &c., hopeless. The wind at this time was blowing nearly a gale from the northwest, and the flames were fanned into an intensity, rendering the heat something terrific. Sometime after the fire broke out, the boiler in the engine room burst, and the walls of that portion of the factory facing south were blown on to the Esplanade. The flames spread rapidly through the whole length of the building, backing up against the wind, and soon the lumber in Mr. Smith's yard was made the prey of the fire, which seemed to leap from one lumber pile to another until it reached the office of the last named gentleman.

The roof of Messrs. Milloy's storehouse was on fire three times, and it was only by dint of the greatest exertions, on the part of some of the employees of the firm, that some serious damage did not ensue. The Harbor Commissioner's office was the next to go, but Mr. Harris, seeing the danger, managed to remove his books and the greater part of his household furniture. Mr. Smith's office and the last named building, burnt up like tinder, and all the efforts of the firemen to arrest the progress of the flames were quite futile.

All the premises between Staunton's store and the Esplanade resembled one vast furnace, the lumber and chips which strewed Mr. Smith's premises, while blazing, offering the greatest resistance to the firemen. By seven o'clock all the upper stories of Messrs. Fisher & Son's and Messrs. Staunton's stores, were irretrievably gone, the metal of the sills on the roof commenced to melt and drop down in a manner which rendered it dangerous for the firemen to venture in close proximity to the buildings; presently the roof fell in with a tremendous crash, filling the air for a moment with a cloud of dense black smoke, combined with dust and a shower of ashes.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. The Chief of the Fire Brigade is of opinion that it commenced in the engine room of Staunton's factory, which is reported to have been left in a perfectly safe state on Saturday afternoon, at three o'clock, when the men left off work.

It is difficult to estimate the total value of the property destroyed, but it is computed to be about $150,000.

A Marine Novelty.

The following from the *Glasgow Daily Mail* of the 11th ult., is a description of the trial trip of the new dredge built for the Canadian Government, a marine novelty, to which we have before referred.

As most of our readers interested in such matters will remember, we gave the other day a description of a new iron steam vessel, of novel design and arrangement, designed and constructed, by Messrs. W. Simons & Co., of the London works at Renfrew. It has been built to the order of the Canadian Government, and combining in the functions or properties of a powerful steam dredger, a hopper barge and a screw steamer. It is intended to be employed at the mouths of harbors and rivers in Canada, to keep them clear of silting and other obstructions at a cost wonderfully below what would be practicable under the whole system of a fleet, including dredgers, barges, and tug steamers—the work of all which is managed under the new system in "one bottom." The vessel or floating machine—which ever we may call it—was duly moored, at about 11 a. m., a little way below Dalmuir, and its machinery started for operation in about 18 feet of water. In about two hours the "hopper" cavity was filled with 200 tons of stuff—sand, gravel, &c., dredging from the bottom of the channel. The dredging machinery was then, with remarkable ease, disconnected and the screw propeller put into motion. The dredging crew were there and then transformed, as one might say, into sailors; and the moorings having been loosened, the *Canada*, as the craft is called, proceed down the river under easy steam, at the rate of about eight miles an hour. Off Port Glasgow, a halt was called for the purpose of putting on shore one or two of the company who required to return early to town; but with this exception the *Canada* made no stoppage until at the mouth of Lochlong, and about half a mile from the Kilcreggan shore the trapped bottom of her hopper cavity was opened, and the 200 tons of the dredged stuff above mentioned allowed to slide into the sea. The *Canada*, as we have stated more explicitly at the outset, is the property of the Canadian Government, whose representative in this country, Mr. Maxwell Scott, Birkenhead, was present on the trial trip of Tuesday along with other gentlemen.

THE PEACHIE DISMISSAL.—The Berlin *Telegraph* says:—"We think we are only discharging a public duty, in letting our readers into the secret of the great Tory newspaper storm that has arisen over Peachie's ceasing to be an employee at a government institution. He is a great favourite with the rabid section of that party, because he has been useful in playing the rowdy and stifling discussion, when this is found to be to the advantage of his Tory patron. If rumour be correct—and we believe it is—this same Peachie is the man who headed the gang of rowdies that broke up Mr. Blake's meeting at Brantford during the last election campaign. How modest then, is it not, on the part of the Tories to ask these "orrid grits" to appoint such a character as this to a permanent situation? And because they will not, the Ontario Ministry, but especially Messrs. McKenzie and McKellar, are roundly abused."