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Directly opposite Chalmers' Church,  
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**THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH,** remodeled and newly furnished. Good accommodations for commercial travellers. Free omnibus to and from all trains. First-class Livery in connection. (dw)

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**CHAS. LEMON, J. County Crown Attorney**

**GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,**  
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**J. M. MARRIOTT,**  
Veterinary Surgeon,  
M. B. C. V. S., L. R. V. S., &c.  
Having lately arrived in Guelph from England, and taken up his residence here, intends continuing the practice of his profession. Orders left at the Mercury Office, or at H. A. Kirkland's, Paisley Street, opposite Howard's saw foundry, will be promptly attended to. (dw)

Having had great experience in all diseases of Horses and Cattle, all cases placed under his treatment will receive the greatest attention. Charges moderate. (dw)

**PRIZE DISTRICT.**  
**DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL**  
Licentiate of Dental Surgery. Established 1864. Office next door to the "Advertiser" Office, Wyndham-st., Guelph. Residence opposite Mr. Bonita's Factory, Quebec Street. Teeth extracted without pain. References: Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph; Drs. Buchanan and Phillips, Toronto; Drs. Elliot, & Meyers, Dentists Toronto. (dw)

**W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S.,**  
SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH.  
Office over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham and Macdonell-sts. Guelph. (dw)

**DOMINION SALOON.**  
**FRESH OYSTERS**  
IN EVERY STYLE  
to be had at this saloon.  
The best Liquors and Cigars always in stock.  
Guelph, Sept. 20, 1872. (dw)

**H. HEATHER'S**  
Stove and Plough Depot  
The subscriber would call the attention of the public to his new and improved Stove Furniture, by which pots, kettles, frying pans, &c. are so constructed that no smoke, smell or steam from frying meat or other cooking are conducted up the chimney as perfectly as in the old-fashioned fire-place. Ladies give them a trial.  
Sole agent for Guelph.  
A good assortment of STOVES, TINWARE and PLOUGHS always on hand, and at the lowest prices.  
WM. HEATHER,  
Corner Woolwich-st. and Erasmus Street  
Guelph, 2nd August, 1871. (dw)

**RAYMOND'S**  
**SEWING MACHINES**  
Family Sewing Machine (single thread);  
Hand Lock Stitch (double thread);  
No. 1, Foot Power;  
No. 2, for heavy work;  
Furnished with ribbons, tables, half, or Cabinet Cases, as required.

**CHARLES RAYMOND,**  
GUELPH, ONT.  
July 12, 1871. (dw)

**H. D. MOREHOUSE,**  
**Exchange Broker,**  
Market Square, Guelph.  
**AGEN OR**  
Inman Steamship Company,  
Between New York and Liverpool, leaving New York Thursday and Saturday.  
Lakes Superior Royal Mail Route,  
Leaving Collingwood every Tuesday and Friday.  
Michigan Central Railway Company  
—AND—  
Erie Railway Company.  
Tickets to all points East, West and South, and full information on application at this Office. (dw)

## New Advertisements.

**FURNISHED ROOMS.**—To let, furnished rooms, suitable for a man and his wife. Apply at this office. (dw)

**CORN FOR SALE.**—For sale, 10,000 bushels of corn. Apply to  
**A. B. DAVIES,**  
On the Market. (dw)

**NO LET.**—The large room over the MEMORBY OFFICE, formerly used as a Temperance Hall, suitable for an office or for any light manufacturing purpose. Inquire at the MEMORBY Office. (dw)

**SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE.**  
For sale, the Wanser, Lockman and Howe Sewing Machines, all first class and cheap for cash. Inquire at the MEMORBY OFFICE. (dw)

**SHEEP STRAYED.**—Came on the premises of the subscriber, on Tuesday, the 1st inst. The owner, on proving property and paying expenses, can take them away. dsw J. W. SMART, York Road. (dw)

**WANTED IMMEDIATELY.**—A good stout youth as an Apprentice to the Dyeing and Scouring Business. Apply to  
**GOLDIE & CO.,**  
Dye Works, Upper Wyndham-st. (dw)

**CITY WOOD YARD.**—The subscriber has opened a Wood Yard, next to the new English Church, where he will keep all kinds of wood, cut and split, and will deliver it in quantities to suit purchasers, in any part of the town. Orders can be left at Mrs. Ferguson's shop, opposite Chase's Hotel, or at Hay and Straw kept on hand. THOS. KERR,  
Guelph, Nov. 28, 1872. (dw)

**TWO Improved Berkshire Boars**  
WITH PEDIGREES,  
For the service of sows this season, on the premises of the undersigned.  
Terms—Cash at time of service.  
**ALAN SIMPSON,**  
Guelph, Dec. 9th, 1872. dwtw Blacksmith. (dw)

**FINAL NOTICE.**  
The subscribers being about to dissolve partnership, beg to notify parties indebted to them that the amounts due must be paid to them on or before the 14th inst., as the business of the firm must be settled by that date; otherwise they will have to be paid into Court with costs. All parties having claims against the firm, will please call and get their money as once.  
**GOWDY & STEWART,**  
Guelph, Dec. 9, 1872. (dw)

**GORDON STREET BAKERY.**  
ESTABLISHED 1868.  
J. SOLE hereby tenders his sincere thanks to his numerous customers for the very liberal patronage he has received, and begs leave to intimate that he is now building a SECOND LARGE OVEN in order to meet the requirements of his steadily increasing business.  
The Bread, &c., will be delivered by J. SOLE, Junr. All orders promptly attended to.  
Remember the stand—next to F. W. Stone's store, Gordon st., Guelph.  
Dec. 5, 1872. (dw)

**TOWN HALL.**  
Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 11 & 12

**COOL BURGESS**  
The Canadian Champion,  
AND HIS CARNIVAL OF NOVELTIES  
**TWO NIGHTS ONLY**  
TEN FIRST-CLASS ARTISTES.  
See Programmes. (dw)

**BUSINESS NOTICE.**  
The undersigned having purchased one of Messrs. Gowdy, Stewart & Co's, Steam Saw Mills, near Georgetown, on the Grand Trunk Railway, and being about to remove from Guelph, beg to notify all parties indebted to it, either by Note or Book Account, that the same must be settled on or before the 14th December, otherwise they will be positively placed in Court for collection.  
**DOUGLAS & BANNERMAN,**  
Guelph, Nov. 29, 1872. (dw)

**STORE AND DWELLING FOR SALE**  
OR TO RENT. The subscriber offers for sale on reasonable terms, or will rent for a period, the store and dwelling at Bristol, Township of Erin, at present occupied by Mr. Mackellan, Postmaster there. The store is situated in a good locality, on the gravel road, between Guelph and Erin. This is an excellent opening for a party with a limited capital, as a good business can be carried on, and arrangements may be made to continue the Post Office in connection with the store. For particulars apply to JAMES MASSIE, Guelph, Nov. 25th, 1872. (dw)

**WESLEYAN METHODIST ANNIVERSARY.**  
The Annual Tea Meeting  
will be held in the Lecture Room of the Church on WEDNESDAY EVENING, the 11th inst. Tea served from 6 o'clock, after which AN ADDRESS will be delivered by Mr. W. S. GORDON, of Toronto.  
Admission, 25 cents. (dw)

**NORTH BRITISH Cattle Feed Company.**  
—NOTICE—  
We have appointed  
**W. H. MARCON, Seedsman, Guelph,**  
Our Sole Agent for the sale of our Food for Guelph and vicinity.  
**G. GORDON, Manager.**  
Dec. 2, 1872. (dw)

**PHENIX MILLS,**  
WATERLOO ROAD.  
**Chopping and Gristing**  
Carefully attended to, and satisfaction promised.

Family and Fall Flour, Graham Flour, Cracked Wheat, Corn Meal, Chopped Corn, Feed and Millers' Ovals  
Of all sorts for sale at the old Stand,  
Upper Wyndham Street,  
Next door to D. Naimith's.  
Having our own Mill, articles dealing with us can rely that our Flour, Feed, &c., is fresh, good, and as cheap as any place in Town.  
Buckwheat Flour for sale.  
Orders promptly attended to.  
Guelph, Oct. 21, 72.  
**MCWATERS & BUTT**  
**JOHN KIRKHAM,**  
Silver Plater and Brass Finisher  
All orders promptly attended to.  
Shop—opposite Chalmers' Church, Quebec Street, Guelph. (dw)

## RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Winter Arrangements—On after Monday, 16th November:  
**Grand Trunk Railway**  
Trains leave Guelph as follows:  
8:17 a.m.; 9:45 a.m.; 11:30 p.m.; 4:00 p.m.; 5:25 p.m.;  
To London, Godfrich, and Detroit. To Berlin.  
8:05 a.m.; 7:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 4:12 p.m. and 8:33 p.m.  
Great Western—Guelph Branch.  
Going South—8:30 a.m.; 12:30 p.m.; 1:05 p.m. for Hamilton; 4:55 p.m.  
Going North—11:45 a.m. for Clifford; mixed 1:15 p.m. for Clifford; 4:55 p.m. for Vergas; 1:05 p.m. for Vergas.

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## Town and County News.

**BOW BELLS.**—Mr. J. Anderson has received Bow Bells for December—a capital number.

**PERSONAL.**—Mr. D. E. McMillan, formerly of this town, will shortly take his departure for the "Sunny South," in order to avoid the rigors of our Canadian winter, and recuperate his health. We wish him a safe and speedy return to the land of his nativity.

**BOW BELLS AND SUNDAY AT HOME.**—Mr. T. J. Day has sent us Bow Bells for December, nicely illustrated as usual, and containing a large amount of reading matter; also Sunday at Home, which contains some choice reading. Both periodicals for sale at Day's.

**BELGIUM ANNUAL.**—Mr. J. Anderson has sent us the Belgium Annual for 1873. It is edited, and contains several tales by Miss M. E. Bradton, author of "Lady Audley's Secret," &c., besides several other tales by well-known authors. It is splendidly illustrated. Copies for sale at Anderson's.

**EAST PUBLISHING.**—We understand that the Presbyterian Congregation of East Pauline have agreed by a large majority to moderate in a call to the Rev. Mr. Urquhart from the Presbytery of Coburg. The names of two other ministers are in favor with a minority of the congregation, but we have no doubt that should it be decided to go with the call to Mr. Urquhart, all predilections will be merged in the common weal, and a hearty feeling of unanimity be displayed by all parties in the settlement of this gentleman over the important and flourishing congregation of East Pauline.

**KEMP.**—Availing ourselves of an opportunity presented by a visit of the County Council, at its recent session, to the goal, we inspected the quarters where Kemp is confined, and found them exceedingly clean and wonderfully comfortable. Kemp seemed to be dreadfully restless, both in manner and look, and pled hard with Chief Constable Kelly to obtain him permission to get into the prison yard occasionally, a request that the Chief told him he thought was very unlikely to be granted. He evidently dislikes his close confinement, and bemoaned to several of the visitors the hardships he considered he was undergoing in this respect. After seeing Kemp, we can readily understand why precautions are so necessary in his case as he thoroughly impresses one with the conviction of his possessing in no slight degree the evil devices of the cunning artifice in goal-breaking.

**POLICE COURT.**  
Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., P. M.  
Monday, Dec. 9.  
Catherine Ogilvie charged by Chief Constable Kelly with being drunk on Macdonell-st. Fined \$1 and costs, or 15 days in jail. (dw)

**GHEBLET'S HEART BROKEN.**—Rev. H. W. Beecher, Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, in alluding last Sunday to Mr. Greeley's death gave utterance to the following remark:—To-day a pall hangs over the nation, and all men's thoughts are turned towards a man who not long ago shone as the light in all our dwellings. A man whom I knew intimately; a man of great and varied power; a man of noble ambition, even if not the most wise; a man of enormous industry; a man that never undertook to do anything except that which was for the good, in his judgment, of the community in which he lived; a man that has gone successfully through a rough and stormy life, and then would have grasped a world-perishing honour, though not ignobly, but fell below it and died—broken-hearted. If you should write of him you should say: "A man that lived in stormy times and threw his heart and soul into what he thought the best interests of the community; who sought a yet higher honor, missed it, and died broken-hearted," for if ever a man died of a broken heart Horace Greeley was that man.

**SIXTY PERSONS POISONED IN WATERFORD.**—A few nights since Waterford was the scene of the wildest alarm and confusion. From the facts that came to our knowledge, it seems that Robert Weldon the day before had manufactured for the market a large quantity of head cheese. As it was the first of the season, the citizens bought it liberally, and many of them partook heartily of it for their tea. At about nine o'clock that night the alarm was given, the proprietor and inmates of the Howard House, one after another, being taken alarmingly ill. Physicians were summoned in hot haste, and from that time until morning the greatest panic prevailed. Altogether about sixty persons are poisoned. It is but fair to state that no blame is attached to Mr. Weldon. It is a mystery how the cheese became impregnated with the poison.

## Local and Other Items.

**SHOW STORM.**—A fall of snow to the depth of about two feet occurred in Bruce on Thursday evening, and the trains on the W. G. & B. Railway were in consequence considerably delayed.

**RAILWAY BY-LAW CARRIED.**—The by-law in Glespie for aid to the extension of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway from Clifford to Durham was carried on Saturday by 893 majority.

**MURDER NEAR BARRIE.**—James Carruthers, residing near Ivy, in the Township of Essex, killed his wife on Friday by knocking her brains out. They have had an unhappy life for some years.

**A DELEGATION** has been appointed to wait upon the Quebec Legislature to urge upon them the necessity of increasing the land grant in aid of the Northern Colonization Railway from Aylmer to Deep River.

**THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE** will shortly publish a memorial volume, containing an obituary notice of Mr. Greeley, with an account of his last illness, the popular honor to his remains at the City Hall, the final obsequies, and some of the more careful editorial tributes from the Tribune and other journals.

**ACCORDING** to last week's Canington Gleaner, the editor of that paper was brutally assaulted by a man named John Brown, on Monday week last. The fellow's brother, Neil Brown, was lurking near, to assist if necessary. The man was taken into custody and committed for trial at the General Sessions to be held next week.

**TORONTO, GREY AND BRUCE RAILWAY.**—Track-laying is being vigorously pushed forward on the Grey extension of this line. On Saturday Mr. Shanly, the contractor, had the track laid as far as Eleebrother. At the Owen Sound end Messrs. Mackenzie & Co., have now nearly completed 20 miles of track-laying, and by Christmas a junction will be made with Toronto and Owen Sound to be used by rail.

**CLIFFORD.**—In this neighborhood there is now excellent sleighing, and large quantities of farm produce are being brought into the market there, and which meet with a good and ready sale by the produce merchants of the village. We have no doubt that the same good fortune awaits sellers and buyers along the various market towns on the railway route.

**UNDER** the Free Grant Act of 1872, the Government of New Brunswick offer 142,000 acres of the public lands of that Province to intending settlers. Any ten persons, residents in the Province or non-residents, forming an association and applying together, can obtain 100 acres each, and on clearing two acres each will receive from the Government \$15 a piece, and have roads located to and through the Township.

Following the dinner given by the leading, commercial and railway men of Hamilton to Mr. Geo. Lowe Reid on Thursday evening last, that gentleman himself last night entertained at dinner his friends and fellow-workers of the G. W. R. engineers' staff to the number of about 70. In the course of the evening the members of the staff presented him with a silver fruit stand, handsome album, two bronze statuettes, also a set of valuable jewellery to Mrs. Reid.

**NEWS ITEMS**  
One of Mr. Gladstone's critics writes that in can say less in a larger space than any other man alive.  
Sir Hugh Allan and others propose to establish a beet-root sugar refinery at Montreal.  
Good news! A general decline in iron is reported in England and the United States.  
Ottawa telegrams announce that the grand tower of the Parliament Buildings is to be ornamented with an illuminated clock.  
Last week 1,147,000 pounds of cheese were shipped from New York for Liverpool.  
A queer country is China; a country where roses have no fragrance and women no petticoats; where laborer has no Sabbath and the magistrate no sense of honor; where the roads bear no vehicles and the ships no keel; where old men fly kites and the needle points to the south; where the place of honor is on the left hand and the seat of intellect in the stomach; where to take off your hat is an insolent gesture, and to wear white garments is mourning; which has a literature without an alphabet and a language without a grammar.  
London burglars have hit upon a dangerous experiment to draw off the scent from their exploits. It appears that after entering and ransacking a house they upon leaving set it on fire in three or four places, without any regard for the lives which they thus jeopardize. A discovery has been made at the Marquis of Granby Tavern, Chandos street, which seems to afford conclusive proof of the existence of this practice, and several cases of a precisely similar nature have also been called to mind by the discoverer.  
We say THEY ARE GOOD.—The Shoshonees Pills are manufactured with the utmost care, scrupulous, and exactness, from the very active principles, doubly refined and purified, of such of the vegetable kingdom as to possess them of properties that only meet in harmony the exigencies of every ingredient entering into the composition of the Shoshonees Remedy, and also that gives the Pills themselves more desirable qualities for general use, than any family pill before the public. On account of the extreme mildness and yet great certainty in action of the Pills, as well as their strengthening and healing effects on the stomach and bowels, and in fact the whole system; along with their purgative and restorative action on the liver, kidneys, skin, &c., &c., we say on account of their superior qualities, the Pills are placed on sale as a Family Medicine.

## THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

**Fire in St. Louis.**  
Colfax to be Editor of the "Tribune."  
Purchase of More Territory.  
Education in Japan.  
Mayor Hall to be Elected Editor of the "Herald."  
Tribute to Horace Greeley.  
St. Louis, Dec. 8.—The furniture warehouses of J. T. Comstock & Co. were totally burned this morning. Loss about \$100,000.  
New York, Dec. 9.—The Herald's Washington special says: The Credit Mobilier investigation will show that several Congress men for a time accepted enormous dividends from that concern, which they devoted to charitable and political purposes.  
New York, Dec. 7.—The Brooklyn Union states that Schuyler Colfax has been offered the chief editorial chair of the Tribune, as successor of Mr. Greeley, and that he will accept.  
The World says several prominent business men have just sent by the steamer "Tybee" the money for the purchase of Samana, San Domingo, they having become satisfied that the purchase which Congress rejected would be a profitable one, and they have renewed the bargain with Baez on their own account.  
Washington, Dec. 7.—Mr. Mori, Japanese Minister, says he has just received details of the new educational system of Japan, which embraces the organization of eight colleges, 250 high schools, and over 53,000 public schools, at which attendance is to be compulsory for all children above six years.  
London Dec. 7.—A meeting of Americans residing in London is to be held at the Langham Hotel to-night, to discuss steps for paying a tribute to the memory of the late Horace Greeley.  
New York, Dec. 7.—It is reported that Mayor Hall assumes the editorial charge of the Herald on the first of January, and that Mr. Bennett will shortly leave on a two-year European trip.

**HORRIBLE ACCIDENT IN ACTON!**  
**MAN BURNED TO DEATH IN HIS HOUSE!**  
(From our correspondent.)  
Any person acquainted with Acton and its vicinity will have observed a shanty by the side of the Grand Trunk Railway track, on the western approach to the village. In this shanty Patrick Powers has lived for a number of years, being engaged as a labourer on this section of the railroad, and, notwithstanding they have had a large family to support, he has, by the assistance of his wife, saved some money, and they have been noted for their industry and frugality. Mrs. Powers managing, by her labours throughout the village, to support the family and save nearly if not the whole of her husband's earnings. They have thus been occasionally enabled to let out a few hundred dollars on interest. Being quiet people and industrious they had the well wishes of the people, and many a wayfarer who has been shown the cold shanty because of apparent poverty by others, has found a shelter and a welcome in Patrick's shanty; and, indeed, the calamity we are about to chronicle may possibly be attributed to his charity and characteristic warm-heartedness. The facts as near as we can learn are as follows:—  
An old woman sought shelter on Saturday night, which was stormy, and obtained permission to sleep on the floor. Between four and five o'clock on Sunday morning, the 8th inst., one of the children happening to awake, aroused the mother, who at once discovered their dwelling to be in flames and so close upon them that they barely had time to escape in their night clothes. Powers first got his children out and then the old woman referred to, who had to be dragged out in an apparent state of insensibility, and which is thought to have been occasioned by liquor, which she had brought with her. After the escape of Powers and his family they were proceeding to a neighbor's house for shelter, when he observed to his wife that he had forgotten to let the cow out of the stable (which was adjoining the house) and then asked her if she had thought to save the money, to which she replied no; he at once returned and released the cow, and then rushed into the flaming house to lay hold of a box containing the money, about \$600. What occurred at this moment of attempt no one knows for no one was near; but at six o'clock when the flames had spent their fury, the lifeless and charred body of poor Powers lay among the ruins scarcely recognizable as a human being, his legs and arms and part of his head being off, and the rest of his body burnt to a cinder. Various surmises are afloat as to the origin of the fire, the general opinion being that it was caused by the old woman referred to smoking. The remains of Powers were conveyed to the freight house, there to await an inquest or interment to-day (Monday.) It is needless to add that the utmost sympathy is felt for

## Mrs. Powers and her family in this their sad affliction.

Acton, Dec. 9, 1872.  
Wellington County Council.  
(Continued from last week.)  
Saturday.  
The Council met this morning at nine o'clock. Present, the Warden in the chair, and all the members.  
The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.  
On motion of Mr. Connell, the By-law to incorporate the village of Harrison was read a third time and passed.  
On motion of Mr. Robinson, the By-law erecting Mount Forest into a High School District, with the names of the Trustees already mentioned, was read a third time and passed.  
Mr. Stevenson read the report of the Commissioners of Arthur and Mount Forest Road for 1871, showing that \$9,196.20 had been expended, leaving a balance of \$27.17, which Mr. Gordon, late Reeve, will hand over to the proper official on demand.  
Mr. Leslie read the report of the Committee on County Roads. Adopted.  
The report shows, as already detailed in the various Road Commissioners Reports, that the cost of repairs has been \$6,241.13; Commissioners services \$413.64; total expenditure \$6,654.77. The sum realized by the sale of Toll Houses, and appurtenances has been \$667.13.  
The Committee recommended that the account of Mr. John Molloy, P. L. S., be sent to the several Road Commissioners who authorized the work; they also recommended that any unexpended balance of \$60 per mile on any of the County Roads should remain at the credit of such road until next season.  
Dr. Orton presented an account from the House of Industry Committee, showing that \$14 were due the Committee for attendance of its members; and \$3 for postage. Recommended to be paid.  
Mr. Leslie presented the report of the Finance Committee. Adopted.  
The Committee recommended the payment of the various accounts as presented; and recommended no action upon Dr. Henry's communication; with reference to the communication of Mr. Thos. Rose, Deputy Reeve of Peel, recommending that the matter be arranged between the Warden and Mr. Rose; also recommended no action in the matter of funeral expenses of Michael Kelly, (a vagrant who died in the County gaol) as applied for by town of Guelph.  
Mr. Massie read the following report of the County Property Committee, and which was adopted.  
The report states that they have had the necessary repairs made to Guelph Registry Office and Court House at a cost of \$131.43. They found the roof not sufficiently strong to carry a covering of slate, and it being difficult to get a satisfactory roofing of iron, they had it covered with shingles, well laid in mortar. The Solicitor reports that he has now obtained a satisfactory title to the land purchased for the North Riding Registry Office; the architect reports that the Registry Building will be ready by the 20th inst. The cost is as follows:  
Land and expenses connected therewith..... \$336 00  
Contractors tender for construction..... 3320 00  
Architect, commission and expenses..... 186 00  
Printing and advertising..... 19 50  
\$3861 10  
The Committee's expenses are \$150.25, and the following accounts are recommended to be paid:  
Mills & Goodfellow, repairs at jail, \$33 50  
Wm. Nichols, extra work at Court House, whitewashing, &c..... 35 00  
J. F. Holtinger, rent of house for N. R. Registry Office in Arthur, 73 00  
They also recommend that the matter of building a vault in Master of Chancery's office be laid over till the January meeting, as the work of constructing a vault cannot be done satisfactorily at this time of the year, and as the Clerk of the County Court desires some alterations in his office, the whole can be reported on at the same time.  
They have ordered the jail wall to be repaired, and would invite the attention of the Auditors of Criminal Justice to the account for payment of Turnkey, since the Government ceased to furnish said Turnkey's salary.  
Mr. Darby was then moved to the chair, when the following resolution, moved by Mr. Leslie, seconded by Mr. Vanstout, was cordially and unanimously passed:  
That the thanks of this County are due and hereby tendered to the Warden for the courtesy and impartiality with which he has presided over the deliberations of the Council during the present year, and for the close and careful manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office, and that the sum of one hundred and forty dollars be granted to him as part compensation for the expenses incurred by him in attending to the various matters throughout the County. (Applause.)  
The Warden briefly and heartily thanked the Council for their kindly expressions of feeling towards him—a feeling he just as heartily reciprocated towards them—and hoped that the same harmony would characterize the future Council, as has been the case in the one now expiring.  
This closed the business, and the Council rose.  
A wonderful invention in telegraphing has just been perfected and is now in operation in Toronto and Montreal.—By its aid messages can be sent and received over one wire simultaneously.—Hitherto this was regarded as impossible, but by means of the new instrument, which is called Siemens' Duplex, it is shown to be quite practicable, and must prove most valuable, as it will double the capacity of telegraph lines. This invention will be of great advantage to the telegraph companies and the public generally.