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FOR SALE, 3000 bushels Turnips at 5c. per bushel. JAMES SIMPSON, Guelph, March 12, 1874.
ALL PARTIES having claims against the Estate of William Brownlow will please hand them in before Saturday, the 15th inst., after which date each creditor will be paid pro rata. JOHN HORSMAN, Trustee.
NOTES STOLEN.—The public are hereby cautioned against receiving any notes payable to J. B. Armstrong & Co. or signed by them, as the same have been stolen from them. J. B. ARMSTRONG & Co. Guelph, Feb. 23, 1874.
In selecting Spring Stock, Merchants are reminded that Golden Syrup Vinegar is acknowledged to be the Best Vinegar in the market for pickling and other domestic uses. It may be obtained of leading Wholesale Houses, or at the Manufactory of Mr. B. E. CHARLTON, Hamilton, Ont.
DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. The partnership between the firm of ROBERT CHANCE and JAMES D. WILLIAMSON, of the Town of Guelph, Dry Goods Merchants, was dissolved on the fifteenth day of February, 1874, by mutual consent. All debts due by or to the firm will be settled by the said JAMES D. WILLIAMSON and all parties indebted to the late firm are requested to pay Mr. WILLIAMSON at once, and save costs. Dated at Guelph, 24th February, 1874. Signed, J. D. WILLIAMSON.
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.
LEROUX BROS. COMBINATION Gymnast, Variety and PANTOMIME TROUPE. The wonderful LEROUX BROTHERS. In their Double Trapeze and Horizontal Bar, in which they challenge the world, will appear in the Town Hall, Guelph, On Monday Ev'g, March 16.
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Public Dinner. Tuesday, 17th of March.

NOTICE ABOUT ACCOUNTS.

All accounts for Printing or Advertising rendered to the 1st of January must be paid by the 1st of April, otherwise costs will be incurred. Subscribers in arrears will have to the 1st of April to pay up. After that they will be charged the credit price.

Guelph Evening Mercury

SATURDAY EVE'G, MARCH 14, 1874

Town and County News

REMEMBER J. B. FRASER'S great auction sale of ready-made clothing to-night. The color of the wind was yesterday discovered by the man who went out and found it blew. PEN AND PLOW.—This little monthly contains reading matter written or selected with the utmost care, displaying taste, judgment and variety such as is rarely seen in publications of its kind. Issued in the Daily Star at \$1 per year. IN THE DRILL SHED.—A few days ago the Elora High School building was destroyed by fire, and now the Principal and his scholars meet in the commodious drill shed which was purchased by the school. We hope that the master will properly drill his subjects. A SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL was held in the Christian Church, Minto, a short time since. K. G. Lambert, of Harrison, occupied the chair, and Miss Flath, of Drayton, assisted by Mr. Marshall, was at the organ. Proceeds amounted to nearly \$22. Another social was held in the same church on Friday the 18th. MARKS SUGAR.—The Teeswater News says:—A number of the farmers in this neighbourhood during the late thaw, we hear, made considerable maple sugar, and molasses, and as the sugar season will be right on, it will be well for those intending to go into the business to get ready. There is every likelihood of a good run. MEMBERS OF THE HOPE GROWERS.—The next meeting of the Hope Growers' Association will be held at the Wellington Hotel, Guelph, on Tuesday the 31st inst. It is expected there will be a large attendance of Western hop-growers. The officers are George Moore, President; George Dunning, Vice-President; and James Mathews, Secretary-Treasurer. NEWSPAPER CHANGES.—Messrs. Watt & Co. have purchased the plant and goodwill of the Brantford Expressor. Mr. Trimble has been managing the Expressor for some time, whilst it was under the proprietorship of the late Mr. C. E. Stewart, Hamilton, and both partners are well known in Brantford. An incorrect statement has been made by some of our contemporaries to the effect that Mr. Holmes was the Expressor's purchaser. CURLING.—A match was played on Friday between the St. Mary's and Guelph Clubs, two rinks a side, in the Guelph rink. The ice being very keen and good, some fine play was made. The following score was made: that our town was victorious by 44 rholes:— GUELPH. RINK NO. 1. G. M. W. R. A. Robertson, Jy. Thos. Dobbin, Jy. 40. ST. MARY'S. RINK NO. 2. J. Anderson, Robt. Emilio, Alex. Congleton, J. Kennedy, Jy. 35. NEW DOMINION MONTHLY FOR MARCH.—The contents of this magazine for the present month are varied, and comprise much that both instructs and interests. The second instalment of "The Review of the Times" more than fulfills the expectations arising from the February instalment. An article entitled: "Canada's Early Marine," contributed by Mr. J. B. A. Kingston, contains much information not generally known concerning the rise and progress of ship-building and shipping in the Dominion. The illustration for the month is a well executed engraving of Edward Jenkins, M. P. for Dundee, Scotland, author of "Gin's Baby," and other works. NORTH WELLINGTON SEED SHOW.—The annual Seed Fair of the North Riding was held in Rothsay on Wednesday last. The day was very stormy and the attendance was not so large as might have been expected. The seeds were very good, and certainly the farmers deserve credit for the grain which they exhibited. The following is the prize list: Scotch Wheat, 1st R. Ibbotson; 2nd, John Hillier; 3rd, Jas. Pollock. Red Chaff Wheat, 1st, John Hicks; 2nd, John Hillier; 3rd, Wm. Oxy. Other sorts: Wheat, 1st, R. Ibbotson; 2nd, Wm. Miller; 3rd, John Ridd; 4th, Bart. Ibbotson. Small Peas, 1st, R. Ibbotson; 2nd, J. Hillier. Large Peas, 1st, John Hicks; 2nd, John Hillier; 3rd, R. Ibbotson. White Oats, 1st, Ibbotson; 2nd, John Hillier; 3rd, J. Ridd. Black Oats, Wm. Miller. Timothy Seed, 1st, Jas. Pollock; 2nd, R. Ibbotson; 3rd, Wm. Miller. Clover Seed, 1st, Wm. Miller. Early Potatoes, 1st, Jas. Watson; 2nd, Wm. Oxy; 3rd, J. Hicks. Late Potatoes, 1st, R. Ibbotson; 2nd, J. Pollock; 3rd, Wm. Oxy.—Observer.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY

Gladstone and the Liberals. The Women's Movement. Central Pacific Disabled. Imperialists at Chiselhurst. Sumner's Funeral. Nice Doings in Virginia.

Local and Other Items

Gar for March 14 is to hand from Anderson's bookstore. There are some good things in it. Mr. J. A. Day has sent us Good Words and the Sunday Magazine for March—both excellent numbers. For sale at Day's. The Stratford Herald says there are more places where whiskey can be procured in Stratford than in any town of its size in the Province. We don't doubt it. Good IDEA.—The magistrates of Yorkville, where Dain was shot, have declared the Vagrant Act in force; and now, after a certain hour in the evening, any person who is regarded with suspicion by the police may be arrested as a vagrant and committed for such. SUGGESTIVE.—There is a Danbury legend to the effect that a party desiring to transact some private business with another was invited to step into a neighboring store. "But we will be disturbed there," said the first party. "O, no," said the other, "they don't advertise." THE HAMILTON TIMES says there is a movement on foot in that city to try to induce Rev. Charles Kingsley, now on a visit to America, to come here and deliver one of his lectures. Correspondence has been entered into, and all that awaits arrangement are time and place. NEW COUNTY.—The Embro Review says:—It appears that the Council of East York County has made application to the Government of Ontario for the formation of a new county, the town of St. Mary's to be the county town; and in reply to the resolution forwarded by the Council, the Attorney-General promises to give resolution his attention.—Argus. A LARGE LINE.—The Merchants' line of steamers, which is to run between Montreal and Chicago during the season of 1874, consists of 31 boats. In addition to these there will be 8 propellers running independently, making 39 in all. It will take 600,000, or over half a million, bushels of wheat to supply one trip of these steamers down, and 18,000 tons of freight to load them on their way up. In 1868 the number of freight steamers running on Lake Ontario and the upper lakes was only 14. TEA.—We observe from Lloyd, Mathison & Co's Tea Circular, received from London by the last English mail, that the stock of tea in the United Kingdom is eleven million pounds less than it was at the same period last year. This has caused an active enquiry at advanced prices in the market being about cleared out of good green teas. Prices are now from 4d to 6d sterling higher than in November. SHOCKING ACCIDENT.—On lot No. 8, 5th con., Markham, on Friday the 6th inst., a daughter of Mr. Robert Hayes, about five years of age, was burned to death. The mother went on an errand to a neighbor's house, and remained about ten minutes, leaving three small children in the house alone. When she returned, the eldest child was found lying outside the door a charred and blackened corpse, all her clothes being burned off from her. The mother had left some apples steaming on the stove, and the probabilities are that in reaching over a horse to get the apples, her linen slip was drawn in by the draught and ignited. STABBED TO THE HEART.—A young woman named Charlotte Pridgeon was stabbed and instantly killed in Detroit a few days since by her lover, Wm. T. Underwood, whilst out for a walk with him. The deed was committed in a frenzy of jealousy, and the murderer at once gave himself up to the Police. He is a sailor by occupation, and is 33 years of age, a well dressed man, but of ordinary personal appearance. After he was locked up he betrayed a great agitation, and he paced up and down his narrow cell, baring his face in his hands, and groaning aloud in anguish. He freely confessed his crime. QUEEN EQUINE FREAK.—At three o'clock this afternoon a horse tried to stand on his head opposite the Post Office. It was a miserable failure. It seems the animal had been tied by the reins, and becoming frightened at a newspaper being carried on the wings of the wind down James street, reared up, and losing his equilibrium, lit on the top of his head on the dash-board of the vehicle to which he was attached. A gentleman who was passing at the time, cut the reins speedily, and the horse reached the ground on his back, completely turned end for end in the harness. Quite a crowd assembled round the prostrate animal. He was extracted from the unpleasant situation in a few minutes, badly frightened, but apparently none the worse.—Hamilton Times. IMPORTANT ITEM FOR FARMERS.—A President of an agricultural society calls attention to the fact that there are, in a standard legal barrel, only one hundred quarts, while the ordinary four barrel measure is one hundred and twenty quarts. In the sale of potatoes and apples, contains nearly one eighth more. Farmers sell their produce in flour barrels, and merchants transfer the same to standard barrels, making a profit on quantity as well as on price. In the sale of eight hundred barrels of potatoes from a farm, the proprietor loses one hundred barrels, worth two hundred and fifty dollars, for which he might as well be paid. The middle man, not the consumer, profits by this. Farmers, see to it that you employ the one hundred quart barrel hereafter.—Hamilton Times. A new "wrinkle" about the age of horses is the discovery of an Illinois farmer, who determines the age of all animals over nine years old by the following method: After the horse is nine years old a wrinkle comes over the upper corner of the lower lip, and every year thereafter he has one well-defined wrinkle for every year over nine. If, for instance, a horse has three wrinkles, he is twelve; if he has four, he is thirteen. Add the number of wrinkles to nine and you will get it. The Grand Trunk Railroad has received from England 400 patent car wheels, made with spokes instead of being solid, and having steel tires. It is claimed that they will wear much longer than the common kind. A man was boasting that he had been married for twenty years and had never given his wife a crease word. Those who know him say he didn't dare to. Are blacksmiths, who make a living by forging, or carpenters, who do a little counter fitting, any worse than men who sell iron and steel for a living?

The Ontario Legislature.

March 18. Mr. Bethune, on the opening of the House, introduced a Bill to provide for compulsory voting and to amend the Act respecting the House sitting on Saturday, and holding two separate sittings per day until the end of the session—the first to commence at 11 a.m., and the second at 3 p.m., daily. Government orders to have precedence. Mr. Bykerk protested against members having Bills on the paper being prevented from bringing them forward. Mr. Currie asserted that if any measures were dropped, it would be caused by the needless waste of time of the House by the Opposition. The motion was carried. The debate on the motion concerning the Commissioner of Public Works was then resumed by Mr. Haney, who said that he had the fullest confidence in the Government, and as the Provincial Secretary had been especially signified, and that he (Dr. H.) would say he considered that gentleman an acquisition to the Ministry. Dr. Clarke (Norfolk) said the Opposition had been playing a game of pretence from first to last. Mr. Oliver ridiculed the exaggerated importance attached by the Opposition to granting a holiday to a few workmen, whilst they had promoted trips by the Chieora to Lake Superior, which had cost the country thousands. Mr. Holmans would be sorry to give a vote that would affect the existence of a Government which had done so much for the country the present one. In his part of the country it was usual to give not a half holiday, but a whole one, on such occasions. Mr. Meredith said that if Mr. McKellar did not know the act he committed was a wrong one he was not fit to be a Cabinet Minister; if he did know he deserved severe censure. Mr. Hodgins said if the rule laid down in the resolution was to be adopted, it would preclude the granting of a holiday to Government employes to celebrate a Royal visit or any other event of national interest. At this point the House rose for recess. After recess a number of private Bills were observed a stage. Mr. Bykerk held they had nothing to do with the consequences of their vote to the Commissioner. He then at a length declared against the action of the Commissioner out of which the debate had originated. Mr. Hardy, after some caustic remarks on Mr. Bykerk's speech, referred to Grip's cartoons, and identified in turn the most active members of the Opposition with the figures in Grip's comedies. Mr. Bouthie regarded the conduct of the Commissioner as more straightforward than that of some of his friends. He asserted that Mr. McKellar's act was ten times worse than Sir John A. Macdonald's, as the Commissioner had used the money of the country's pockets, while Sir John A. Macdonald had dealt only with a private individual. Mr. Wood said he should vote against the resolution. Mr. Bishop charged the Opposition with having sneered at the farmers of the country. He believed a good many of the attacks upon Mr. McKellar were occasioned by the fact that he came from the handles of the plough. Mr. M. C. Cameron having replied, a division was taken on Mr. Cameron's resolution, which was lost by Yeas, 27; Nays, 44. Yeas—Messrs. Ardagh, Boulter, Bouthie, Boulton, Cameron, Code, Corby, Day, Deacon, Fitzsimons, Gifford, Giles, Guest, Hamilton, Harrington, Leander, McCall, McDowan, McInnes, Meredith, Merrick, Monk, Read, Richards, Ryker, Scott, Topley—27. Nays—Messrs. Barber, Baxter, Bethune, Bishop, Caldwell, Chisholm, Clarke, Clarke, Fraser, Gibson, Gow, Graham, Haney, Hardy, Hodgins, McLeod, Mowat, O'Donoghue, Oliver, Pardoe, Patterson, Farison, Prince, Sexton, Sinclair, Smith, Sneltinger, Spring, Striker, Waterworth, Webb, Williams (Hamilton), Wilson, Wood—44. The House adjourned at 2 o'clock. A little girl of eight or ten summers being asked what dust was, replied that it was mud with the juice squeezed out. The Village of Drayton had two of the happiest Days of the year about the middle of February last—Mr. Wm. Day and Miss Eliza Day were made one flesh. May their Days be multiplied on the earth. Amen. A young man about 21 years of age, named Oscar Rohmer, whose parents reside in Stratford, Ont., was the victim of a daring robbery in Chicago recently. He lost \$100 in money and a valuable diamond pin. An amusing story, says the Bristol Times, is told respecting one of the "free and independent electors" at Bere (Warham). Asked to vote for one of the candidates, he said, "Well, master, I hain't a promised for anybody yet; I like the old Squire. Mr. Guest is a fine likely gentleman; but I hain't a promised; and, there—if you'll gie a pig, I'll vote for you." On the Great Western Railway there has been an improvement—so far as safety is concerned—in the method of lighting the saloons used in the first-class carriages. The lamps that were once used have been replaced by candles, which are so adjusted as to be safe and satisfactory. W. A. George, on a hunting expedition with some friends in Texas, concluded to frighten them by imitating the cry of a panther. It was night, and he crawled up into a tree for the purpose. They were startled from their sleep by the clever imitation and one of them fired into the tree, where he saw the outlines of a moving body. George was hit severely, and tumbled down at the feet of his companions. The wife of an Arkansas farmer has made herself famous by her proficiency in modelling in butter. The bust of a sleeping girl, made of this material, was recently on exhibition in Cincinnati, and has been much praised for its artistic execution. The tavern keepers of Smith's Falls—a smart little place down towards Ottawa—have gone on strike. It seems that the village Council passed a by-law requiring bonds to the extent of \$400 for the due performance of the laws relating to the sale of liquor. Sooner than submit, the tavern keepers have closed their houses, and are determined to fight it out on that line if it takes all summer. Florida dandies wear sleek-bottoms made of alligators' teeth.