

BRITISH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COLLEGE. PRIZE PENMANSHIP! Superior Advantages Offered!

The attention of young men looking forward to a mercantile career is earnestly requested to the internal arrangements of this College, which afford every possible advantage and facility for acquiring a thorough practical knowledge of business life and business habits.

One of the direct objects of studying and holding this high position has been the constant and varied selection of thoroughly competent, conscientious and energetic teachers in each department. In the Writing department the First Prizes for Business Penmanship were awarded to us at the Provincial Exhibitions of 1865, 1866, and 1867.

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NEW LIVERY STABLE. HORSES FOR HIRE. PARTIES wishing to hire Saddle-horses, or Horses and Buggies, can do so at moderate rates, by applying to the undersigned, at the Wellington Hotel.

CORDWOOD for SALE IN GUELPH. GOOD, cheap Cordwood for sale at BROWN'S WOOD YARD.

The Wizard Soap. W. F. FOX & CO. HAVE commenced to manufacture the celebrated Wizard Soap in Guelph. It is superior to any other.

SOAP for all kinds of WASHING. IT REMOVES STAINS, PAINT, GREASE OR TAR. Does not injure the hands, takes less labor, and gives the clothes a better appearance.

JOHN HOWARD, Agent. W. F. FOX & CO., Guelph, 30th November, 1867.

STRAY CATTLE. CAME on the premises of the undersigned on the 9th December 1867, 2 Heifers 3 years old and one two years old.

Store House to Rent. TO RENT, the premises formerly known as Williams' old Brewery, with three floors 80 feet long by 25 wide, suitable for either storing wheat or packing work.

TROTTER & GRAHAM. DENTISTS! GUELPH and BRAMPTON, Members of the Dental Association of the Province of Ontario.

Over Mr. Higginbotham's Drug Store. REFERENCES.—Rev. Archdeacon Palmer, Drs. Clarke, Parker and Herod, Guelph; A. J. Scott, Esq., County Judge; George Green, County Attorney; Dr. Pattullo, M. C.; Rev. Mr. Arnold, Dr. Maydon, Dr. Barnham, Warsop, of Preston; Dr. Hampton, resident Surgeon Toronto Hospital.

W. K. GRAHAM, Guelph, 2nd Avenue, 1867.

NEW LAW OFFICE. FREEMAN & FREEMAN. BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY, CONVEYANCERS, &c.

Office over C. C. Freeman's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Evening Mercury. OFFICE..... MACDONNELL STREET. THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 26.

Local News.

THE TEA MEETING TO-NIGHT.—We would remind our readers that the annual tea meeting of the Wesleyan Sabbath School will take place this evening in the church at 6 p. m.

A new and attractive stock of China, Glassware and Crockery, suitable for holiday presents, at Geo. Wilkinson's.

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ACCIDENT FROM THE ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF A GUN.—We regret to learn that Mr. Archibald Johnston, son of Mr. John Johnston, Eramosa, and a member of the Volunteer Company in that Township, met with a serious accident a few days ago.

STILTON CHEESE.—Tugersoll Factory Cheese at John A. Wood's.

SAD ACCIDENT IN FERGUS.—A man named John Nelson, about fifty years of age, a farmer in Garafraxa, came to a sad and untimely end in Fergus on Saturday night last.

SOIREE IN GUELPH TOWNSHIP.—The second annual Soiree in connection with the school in Section 44, Guelph Township, was held on Friday evening last.

For Almonds, Walnuts, Brazil Nuts, Filberts and choice Turkey Figs, go to Geo. Wilkinson's.

FIRE IN PAISLEY.—The Paisley Advertiser has the following:—We regret to have to record the destruction by fire of the premises used by Mr. Halston as an ashery, which took place Tuesday evening last.

A COUPLE OF NICE SLEIGHS.—We happened to call at Mr. Robt. Parker's carriage shop the other day, and saw a very handsome sleigh and cutter which he had just made to order.

Municipal Elections. ERIN TOWNSHIP.

The nomination of Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillors for the township of Erin took place at Brisbane, on Monday 23rd inst. Mr. Wm. Cornock was elected Reeve by acclamation.

NASSAGAWETA.

The nominations in this Township were as follows:—Archd. Campbell Esq. was proposed for Reeve and elected by acclamation.

PUSLINCH TOWNSHIP.

The nominations for Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillors for Puslinch were held at the Town Hall, Aberfoyle, on last Monday.

Mr. Thos. Ingram proposed Wm Leslie, Esq., for Reeve. Mr. Donald Grant proposed D. Stinton, Esq., for Reeve.

Mr. Duncan McFarlane gave a lengthy explanation of the proceedings of the Council in connection with the erection of the Town Hall.

Mr. J. McCorkindale was present, applying for the ditch in front of his farm, and for a depth corresponding with the level cut across the south corner of his land.

Police Court. Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate. THURSDAY, Dec. 26th.

HORSE STEALING.—David Herkimer, an Indian, and Wm. P. Henry were brought up on a charge of horse stealing. The prisoners had lived at one time at Muncetown in the County of Middlesex, but latterly in the County of Brant.

CHRISTMAS.—Christmas Day was duly observed in town. The weather during the day was far from pleasant, which kept a number in doors.

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APPOINTMENT.—Mr. Bowly, of Berlin has been appointed County Attorney of Waterloo, in place of Mr. Miller appointed Judge of Halton.

School Examination in Garafraxa.

The annual examination of the school taught by Mr. Tovell, section No. 14, Garafraxa, was held on Friday, 30th inst. Although the weather was rather unpleasant it did not prevent the attendance of a large number of spectators.

Items from Elora.

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Geelph Township Council.

The Council met on Monday the 23rd; George Murlon, Esq., Reeve in the Chair. Present—Messrs. Anderson, Benham, Campbell and Darby.

The following accounts were presented and ordered to be paid:—Blair & Guthrie, for preparing By-laws and advice, \$78.00; J. Shewan, for binding 'ral stationery, \$2.00; Wm. Paterson, do, gravel, \$4.30; M. Zimmerman, for gravel, \$3.00; The Whitelaw, for timber for culverts, \$5.00; T. W. Cooper, for Surveying and diagram, \$5.00; J. Wilkinson, for printing, \$15.70.

The Reeve was instructed to call on Blair & Guthrie, relating to some items in account. The Reeve read a report from T. W. Cooper, Surveyor, with a diagram, showing the survey he made to find an outlet for water from a ditch cut along the road in front of Mr. Gray's farm.

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CORRECTION.—In the prize list of the Christmas Show, Richard Wallister got the first prize for fat pigs and not the second as we had it. Robert Oakes got the

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The Abyssinian Expedition.

The following is an extract from a letter received by Sir Stafford Northcote, from Colonel Merewether:—We have just returned from a most interesting and important reconnaissance up the pass from Koomoglee to within five miles by road from Senafee, a distance of 41 miles.

THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT has addressed a note to the Government of France, protesting earnestly against the shifting policy of the latter upon the Eastern question.

AMERICAN DESPATCHES. New York, 25.—Christmas was generally observed—business being entirely suspended.

CHARLESTON, 25.—Steamer Raleigh, from New York to New Orleans was found west about twenty miles off the coast.

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BY TELEGRAPH. Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE. The French Government is seriously contemplating the necessity of ordering the troops of the French expedition remaining at Civita Vecchia to return to Rome, and members of a secret political society which has held its meetings in this city have been sentenced to imprisonment.

LONDON, Dec. 24, noon.—The Fenians are still active. The newest sensation is the effort made last evening to destroy the Gas Works at Glasgow.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—At a banquet given at the Royal Polytechnic, on Saturday night last, in a reply a congratulatory despatch from the Duke of Wellington, a felicitous telegram from the President of the United States was read amidst great enthusiasm.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The accounts received at Massowah of the condition and progress of the British expedition in Abyssinia are all favourable. The army was "adly advancing into the interior. Up to date of the latest despatches they had met with no opposition; but on the contrary they had been received in a friendly manner by the natives everywhere along the line of march.

PARIS, Dec. 24, even.—The unsettled condition of affairs in Florence causes much anxiety here, the changes impending in the Italian Government, it is feared, place Italy in a menacing attitude towards France. The feeling on the bourse is uneasy, and rents have been flat and nominal all day.

FLORENCE, Dec. 24.—The existing Cabinet is not to be dissolved. Some changes in its composition will be made; but Gen. Menabrea will remain at the head of the Government, and under his direction the reorganization of the Ministry will proceed.

LONDON, Dec. 25th.—The precautions of the government against the Fenians continue very great and unusual preparations have been made to-day, which indicate that the authorities are in possession of information that a general attempt is to be made by the Fenians to rescue the prisoners confined in various parts of the United Kingdom for complicity in the late outrages, both in England and Ireland.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The Times to-day in an editorial on the Abyssinian war, says it fears the war will be protracted till next year. It blames Sir Wm Napier, the commander of the British forces, for the delays which the expedition has sustained, and says nothing of consequence has been done during the present season.

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