

removal of the two firms from amongst us. The chairman then gave the members of the firm of Messrs. Farr & Co., and Farr, Long & Bixby. Responded to by Dr. Bowley and Messrs. Long and Bixby.

"The Manufacturing Interests of Canada," responded to by Mr. Schofield, of the firm of J. Schofield & Co. Mr. Farr here took occasion to say:—"As so much has to-night been said about protection, I feel called upon to state here thus publicly, that had we for the last five years 25 or even 20 per cent. protection, my firm to-day would be employing 500 hands instead of removing from the country."

"The Medical Profession," by Mr. Kennedy. Responded to by Drs. McIntyre and Bowley, and at some length by Dr. Swan, who spoke highly of the standard of the medical profession in Canada, and of the success of Canadian medical students in Britain and foreign countries.

"The Merchants of Hespeler," by Mr. Brewster. Responded to by Mr. Ashbury and the chairman. "The Prosperity of the Village of Hespeler and its inhabitants," by Mr. Farr. Responded to, in the absence of the Revue, who had retired, by Counsellors Jardine and Zryd.

Mr. George Hespeler, by Mr. Kennedy; Mr. Hespeler responded. "The Agricultural Interests of Canada," by Mr. Hespeler; responded to by the vice-chair and Mr. R. Little, of Pashinich. "Jacob Hespeler, Esq.," by Mr. Schofield, received with enthusiastic cheers; responded to by Mr. Geo. Hespeler. "The Educational Interests of Canada," responded to by Mr. Brewster. "The Mechanics of Hespeler," by Mr. Little; responded to by Messrs. W. Jardine, Chas. Kereh, J.P., and Andrew Jardine. "The Press of Canada," by Geo. Hespeler, Esq.; responded to by Mr. Brewster and Dr. Swan. "The Chairman," by Wm. Jardine. "The Hostess of the Evening," by Mr. Farr.

After singing "God Save the Queen" the meeting broke up, and thus ended one of the most interesting evenings ever known in Hespeler. Great credit is due the committee for the arrangements made by them to insure the happiest of evenings to all present.

To Business Men.

The circulation of the Mercury and Advertiser being nearly five times that of any other paper published in the County of Wellington, business men and others would study their own interests by advertising in the Mercury and Advertiser.

Guelph Evening Mercury

THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 5, 1874 Guelph and the Municipal Loan Fund.

It will be remembered that in the Government scheme for the settlement of the Municipal Loan Fund debt, Guelph was classed among those Municipalities which are still indebted to the Fund after receiving credit for the several allowances provided in the resolutions, and whose debts are not reduced by either the 5 cent rule or the 2 cent rule. Following this rule, the Government in the first schedule returned Guelph as indebted in the sum of \$52,221.62. In the revised schedule, just issued, we find that this amount is reduced to \$49,660.81, being \$2,560.81 less than the sum first charged against the corporation. The reason for this reduction is that the town is entitled to interest on four-sevenths of its railway allowance, for a longer period than that for which it had been allowed in preparing the first schedule, namely from December, 1853, instead of 1855. It was also found that the town is entitled to a larger allowance in respect of Clergy Reserve moneys retained by the Government during the time the instalments on the Municipal Loan Fund debt, according to the 5 cent arrangement, were left unpaid.

THE PETITION AGAINST DR. ORTON. -Mr. Bethune, agent for Mr. D. Guthrie, Attorney for the petitioners, has filed a petition against the return of Dr. Orton for the Centre Riding of Wellington.

THE LEGISLATURE. -Mr. McCall moved for copies of all papers, documents, and communications had or passed between the promoters of the Victoria Railway and the Government.

After some remarks in favour of the scheme, the motion was carried. Under the existing law Protestants pay \$6 for marriage licenses. A Bill is being passed by the Government for the purpose of repealing the obligation to pay \$4 of the \$6, thus getting rid of the objection that Protestants were taxed for general purposes. Mr. Merrick wanted to get rid also of the \$2, but this the Attorney-General said there was no reason whatever for doing.

Mr. Rykert moved for a return, giving the names of all the Commissioners appointed in regard to the Agricultural College, and the report of the Commissioners, as well as the instructions they received. Carried.

The adjourned debate on the subject of official salaries was resumed. After much discussion, the question was put, and the amendment—which affirmed that the true principle of engaging officers for the public service was by procuring efficient persons by paying fair salaries for the services rendered—was adopted. The Opposition not venturing to go to a division.

Meeting of the Tract Society. The annual meeting of the Guelph Branch of the Religious Tract Society was held on Wednesday night in St. Andrew's Church. There was only a small attendance, owing partly to there being two or three meetings going on in connection with the other churches. The President, Mr. T. McCrae, presided. Singing, reading, and prayer by the Rev. Dr. Hogg opened the proceedings.

Mr. D. McIntosh read the annual report. It referred to the object of the Society, which was to circulate truth in printed tracts, which through the influence of the Holy Spirit was made effectual to salvation. The nature of the work rendered it difficult to give any particulars as to the result, but the Committee had every reason to hope that much good was being done. There were about 25 distributors going from house to house, ten of whom were ladies and 15 members of the Y. M. C. A. During the year they had distributed over 90,000 pages of tracts, and visited about 700 houses. They had been kindly received, and many persons had become interested in the tracts.

DR. Balance due Treasury..... \$9 23 The report and financial statement were adopted. Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed as follows:— President, Mr. T. McCrae; Vice Presidents, Mr. D. Savage, and all the ministers who are members of the Society; Secretary, D. McIntosh; Treasurer and Depositor, Mr. D. Smith; Committee, Messrs. J. Schofield, J. Ryan, W. H. Maroon, W. Watson, R. Thompson, C. Raymond, J. Tyndall, Jas. Massie, and F. Hunter; Distributors, Mrs. D. Hogg, Mrs. E. Thompson, Mrs. Hancock, Miss Mickie, Miss Williams, Miss Clarke, Miss Davidson, and Miss Elliott, with 15 or more members of the Y. M. C. A.

Rev. Mr. Eastman, Agent of the Upper Canada Religious Tract Society, gave an exceedingly interesting address bearing on the work being done by the parent Society—the British and Foreign—and by the U. C. Society, referring especially to what was being done amongst the labourers on the Welland Canal, and the labourers on the Welland Canal. The meeting closed about nine o'clock with the benediction.

WONG CHUN FOO.—The Chinese lecturer, Wong Chin Foo, gave an interesting description of the Chinese Empire, its laws, politics, agriculture, modes of worship, courtship and marriage, and tea making, in London, on Monday. The lecturer is a young Mandarin, who coming early in life to America, learnt the language and became imbued with progressive sentiments and ideas. Returning to China at the age of seventeen he was for some time employed in the Government, but becoming involved in political intrigues was obliged to leave the flower kingdom, which he did after much difficulty, and now at the age of twenty-two is making his way through Canada, before going to England. He speaks English fluently, and is of very agreeable address.

MARRIED.

GHER-WARDROPE.—By the Rev. D. Wardrope, uncle of the bride, assisted by Rev. R. Torrance, George Arthur Orler, of Montreal, to Lettie, second daughter of Rev. Thos. Wardrope, Chalmers Church, Guelph.

Graham-Spurr.—At Guelph, on the 4th inst., by the Rev. W. S. Ball, Mr. W. T. Graham, of Brantford, to Miss Ellen Spurr, of Guelph.

POULTRY SHOW.

OPEN TO THE WORLD.

POULTRY BOOKS

The Illustrated Book of Poultry, by Wright. The Poultry Book, by Tegetmeir. Eggs and Poultry as a Source of Wealth. Domestic Poultry, how to rear and keep them. The Pet Journal Magazine. Poultry Books from 15c to \$10.

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Cheap Bookstore, East Side Wyndham-st., Guelph, Ont.

THE ILLUSTRATED BOOK OF POULTRY

By L. Wright. With 50 coloured portraits of prize birds. Price \$9.00. Tegetmeir Poultry Book. Illustrated by Harrison Weir. Price \$6.25.

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Plain Illustrations, \$1; Coloured, \$1.50. A large stock of other books. Cheap, Cheap, Cheap.

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All of which will be sold at and below cost. Orders received for Hair Jewellery. I. & J. ANDREWS, Guelph, Jan. 18th, 1874.

NEW GOODS.

Electro-plated Cruet Stands, elegant patterns. Ivory-handled Table and Dessert Knives. Nickel Silver and Electro-plated Forks to suit. Table, Dessert and Tea Spoons. Electro-plated Butter Coolers. Tea and Coffee Pots. Table Napkin Rings. Bread Platters and Bread Knives. Tea Trays and Waiters. Coal Scuttles. Vases and Parolonians. Fire Irons and Stands. Skates, Boys' and Girls' Sleighs. Snow Shovels, Sleigh Bells. Also, a large assortment of Lamps, new patterns very cheap: Lamp Glasses, Globes, Shades, Wicks, Burners, etc., etc., at

JOHN HORSMAN'S, HARDWARE MERCHANT, GUELPH.

List of Letters

REMAINING in the Guelph Post Office on the 1st of March 1874.

Axford Sam King Richard Aymer Thos Kirby M Barlow Miss R Kirwood & More Barber J E Knox Miss A Bartholmeo S Laird Joseph Bertwell T H Lattimer J N Bell Miss E Lawry Wm Billing W H Lavie Patrick Black Samuel Lecroft A Blackley Wm Rossland Robert Bolen Mrs L Lewis Chas Brien J Lillie Miss M O A Broadfoot & Miller Linda Miss M Logan Mrs James Bruce John Lone Miss S Burcham James Lorance Miss M Burcham & Co. Lyall Wm (5) Burs Samuel Lyon John Lynch Joseph Campbell Alex Madagan Luke Carey Wm Mackin Geo Carey Wm Maroon Miss Carman J W & Co. Marton W Carrol J Marshall Isaac Carrol Jno Marshall Miss H Carter F W Martin P Chambers J B Martin Miss G Clarke John (2) Maston Geo P Clayton B (2) Miller Wm Cleburn J O L (2) Moore J O L (2) Coady Miss K Moss Geo Cochran Robert Moyers Mrs J Coffey T Murray M Collins Wm McAvoy John Conley Mrs J McAvoy John Conolly A McAvoy John Conolly A R. R. McClendon Miss M (3) Conlin Robert (2) McCrae Miss M T (2) Craun & Laird McDonald D O Crawford W McDonald A Crawley Mrs W McElliott Mrs H Crooks Samuel McElliott Mrs M Crossfield Henry McGill Miss M Cruikshank Robert McIntosh Mr McLean Miss K Dalrymple J C McNeil Miss J Darby Henry McNelly Miss J Davidson Geo. McNelly Miss L R Davis James McNeil Miss L R Day E T McShehan Mr Develin H Neagle Richard Doyle L New Thos Driscoll Dan Nichol Miss F Duffield S (2) O'Keiff D Duggan Andrew O'Rourke H Dumbear Mrs R O'Sullivan A Elminger E Parker Mrs Ferguson Wm Patterson George Ferguson Wm Payne Elizabeth Flynn J Pearson Thos Forbes F J Perkins Rev J H Forest Jas Potter Joseph Foster Robert Powell Thos Fowler W H Powell M L Frank F Pringle Mrs Wm Frank Miss C Reynolds Miss F Fraser John W Rieo John Garvin Wm Roberts John Garvanta Louis Roberts Mrs John Graham Mrs A Robertson & Co Thos Grant Jas (2) Robbins Miss A Green Howard Roblison Mrs M J Griffin Mrs Roe Miss S Gordon Jas Ross James Gordon T A Rowe Mrs D Guhart H Y Runstetter E Guilfoill Susan (2) Scario Mrs M O Hackett Wm Scario Mrs M O Hall H Sharpe J R Hamilton Jas S Shaw Miss J Hamilton James Sheehan C (2) Hannahan J B Skelton Mrs John Hans Miss J E Smith Ed Hanson Miss M Smith Susan Miss Harris & Co. Smith Sarah Miss Harrison Wm Smith Louisa M Hay John Smyth Robert Healy James Snyder Wright & Co. Heard Geo Sparrow W H Hefferan Jno Stewart A Hefferan P & F Stewart Duncan Helms Henry Stewart G R Heg Theodore Stull G R Henry James Sullivan John Herrington Thos Taylor John Hever Wm Taylor Mrs H Hicks G Taylor Mrs Robert (2) Hill Geo Taylor Wm Hines John Taylor Wm Hinna Walter Taylor Mrs M Howie James Tunnicliff E Hogan Wm Walker E Hood Andrew Ward Robt Hood Andrew Webber Henry Howie George White E W Howie Miss E Whitey W Jackson G & H Wilson Geo Johnson A Wood Wm Johnston J J Woods Chas Johnston J V Wright D Jones Albert Wright D Jones E Young James A Kay D R REGISTERED Keough C McCormick Miss F Elder Mary Ranuncul Ellen Taylor John N. B.—Any person asking for a letter published in this list will please ask for an advertised letter. A. WELLS, Acting P.M.

GREAT SALE

Short-Horn Cattle, Colswold Sheep, and Berkshire Swine.

The excoeters of the late JOHN SNELL will sell at public auction, without reserve, at Willow Lodge farm, Edmonton, Ont., four mules from Brantford G. T. R.

On Wednesday, April 8, 1874, The entire Willow Lodge herd of short-horns, comprising about 50 head, including the noted premium bull, "Imported British Baron," two other premium bulls, 2 and 3 years old, all the above cows and heifers which composed the herd which has won the 1st prize for the best herd at the Provincial Fair for two years past. About thirty of the cows and heifers will be in calf to British Baron. There will also be sold one-half the famous flock of

Which have taken the Flock Prize at the Guelph Central Fair for three years in succession, including all the yearling sheep on the farm, 30 ewes and 30 rams, an extra good lot, sired by first-class imported rams, and from ewes imported or bred from imported stock, the fine imported ewes which took the 1st prize at the Royal Show in England last year, a number of ewes with lambs or having lambs by their side.

Also the entire herd of BERKSHIRES, including a number of imported sows, a premium imported boar, and a few young boars and sows.

TERMS:—All sums under \$100, cash; over that amount seven months' credit on approved notes, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable at the Merchants' Bank, Brantford. A discount at the rate of 2 per cent per annum allowed on all sums over \$100.

Free conveyances from Brantford on the morning of the sale. Auction at 11 a.m. Sale to commence at 12 o'clock sharp. Catalogues sent on application to

JOHN SNELL & SONS, Edmonton, Ont.

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OUR NEW TWEEDS Wore selected from six different houses, therefore we have a choice lot to choose from. We employ a Tailor.

NEW COTTONS Horrocks Bleached Cottons, soft finish; also, Linen finished Cottons, all prices. Dundas and Lybster Cottons in stock.

NEW PRINTS Hoyles & Ashton's Fancy Prints will be offered at 12 1/2 cents per yard.

NEW BOOTS AND SHOES For style, finish and durability will be found superior to former years. Ladies Prunella Boots 75c per pair.

GUELPH, March 2, 1874 dw J. C. MACKLIN & Co.

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"Pay as You Go." Good Doctrine: first rate: Admirable Philosophy: more good sense and economy in these few words than most people are aware of. If you take a paper, pay as you go—your butcher, baker, tailor, shoemaker, pay as you go. It is a philosopher's stone. We wish it was impressed on some people's hearts with a sledge hammer.

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A large lot of Ladies', Misses and Children's Prunellas, WHICH WILL BE SOLD AT THE LOWEST CASH PRICE.

Purchasers will do well to call and examine our stock and prices, before purchasing elsewhere. REMEMBER THE HOUSE—The Dominion Shoe Store, Day's Block, opposite the Town Hall. Guelph, Feb. 9, 1874

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WM. TAWSE & SON. dw2mtes

Elephant Clothing Store. C. E. PEIRCE & Co. Just Received a splendid new stock of HATS AND CAPS! C. E. PEIRCE & Co., Hepburn's Old Stand, Wyndham-st., Guelph. Guelph, Mar. 2, 1874.

ALL READY FOR THE COLD WEATHER In every Department AN Immense Stock OF NEW GOODS AT WILLIAM STEWART'S Who is now offering some of

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of Goods ever Offered in this Town. A fair comparison asked with any House as he feels satisfied that the Goods and prices will well repay the purchaser, as from

10 to 15 Cents can be Saved On every dollar's worth of Goods bought, as all were bought in the Cheapest Markets, and will be sold at the very lowest prices.

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New Flannels, all qualities; 2500 yards Union Shirting Flannels 25c, worth 30c. 475 Ladies Beaver and Cloth Jackets cheap.

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Coutings, Trouserings, and Vestings and made up to order in the most fashionable styles.

WM. STEWART. Guelph, Oct. 15, 1873.

Pay Up. All parties indebted to W. D. HEPBURN & CO. are requested to call at the old stand, and pay their accounts before the 15th of March, or they will be placed in the hands of A. A. Baker, Esq., for collection. W. D. HEPBURN & Co. GUELPH, Feb. 17, 1874. dw

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