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## New Advertisements.

APPRENTICE WANTED — To the Blacksmith business. Must be a good stout lad. Apply to Caleb Chase. w2d1

SERVANT WANTED.—Wanted a good general servant. Apply to Mrs. A. Dunbar.
Guelph, Aug 18, 1874. 6td-1tw.

SERVANT WANTED.—Wanted immediately a good general servant, where there is but a small family and no children. Apply at this office. a17

WANTED—By the Guelph Sewing Machine Co., three stout active boys from 14 to 18 years of age. Aug 18-3td

WANTED—To rent by the Sept. 10th a small cottage or 3 rooms, in the centre of the town. Apply at this office.
Guelph, August 13th, 1874. 2wd

MISS WIGHTMAN'S
Boarding and Day School for Young Ladies will (D.V.) reopen on MONDAY, Aug. 17th.
Guelph, Aug. 15th, 1874. d7t

GOOD BOARD AND COMFORTABLE Lodgings required by a gentleman in the house of a private family. Address in strict confidence, G.B., office of this paper. 6

CONVENT OF OUR LADY OF LORETTO, GUELPH.

Classes will be resumed in this Institution on TUESDAY, the 1st Sept.
Guelph, Aug. 15, 1874. 6d

DR. W. H. LOWRY,
Graduate of University of Trinity College, Member of College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario. Office—Next door to Mr. Jas. Hazelton, Upper Wyndham Street.
Guelph, August 3rd, 1874. d&w3m.

EDUCATIONAL.

Mrs. Budd will receive her pupils, or attend them at their own homes, on Monday, Aug. 24th.
Lessons on the Piano, Organ and Melodeon.
Guelph, Aug. 17th, 1874 d2w2

STRAYED.—Came into my premises this day a Bay Horse. Any person can have the same by proving property and paying expenses.
MRS. WM. BAKER,
Baker's Hotel, Hespeler, Ont.
Hespeler, Aug 17th, 1874. 2td2tw

EDUCATIONAL.

The Misses McDonald will resume their classes for Young Ladies, Tuesday August 18th, corner of Norfolk and Suffolk streets. Terms and particulars given on application. Residence Queen St.
N. B.—The Misses McDonald are prepared to give private lessons in Double Entry Book-keeping. Aug 13-1md&w

DRAUGHTS, DRAUGHTS.

**Mr. Wylie,**
The Champion of the World,
Better known as the Herd Laddie of Scotland, will play in the Wellington Hotel, on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY the 19th and 20th of August. Those interested in the game will be repaid by coming to see him play. Admission 25 cents.
Guelph, August 19th, 1874. 2td

FOR SALE — A very excellent Building Lot fronting on Paisley Street and running through to Oxford street — about half an acre. Apply to R. Easton, bookbinder, St. George's square, Guelph.

10 acres of Land wanted, suitable for Strawberries, near the town. Apply to the above.
Guelph, July 15, 1874. dwtf

SHOO FLY:

**The Magnet Fly Catcher**

Is the Cleanest, Cheapest, Neatest, Best, and Most Elegant Fly Exterminator extant,

Price reduced to $1.25. See it. Try it.

For sale in Guelph at Howard's Shop J. M. Bond & Co's Hardware Store, Sunley's and Mills & Goodfellow's Tin Shops.
D. B. DAVIDSON, Agent, box 208.
Guelph, Aug. 1, 1874.

I. O. G. T.
**PEACH FESTIVAL.**

A Peach Festival will be held by the Independent Order of Good Templars, in the Drill Shed, on

**Tuesday Evening, Sept. 1st.**

Lawrence's Silver Cornet Band

Will be present. There will be an abundant supply of delicacies. Admission 10 cents.
Doors open at 7 o'clock.
The proceeds will be applied towards the erection of the new hall.
Guelph, Aug. 19, 1874. d4t

STRAYED.

**$5 REWARD.**

Strayed from the premises of the subscriber, at Ancaster, on Friday, the 14th Aug., a large, fine looking Bay Horse, with black legs, mane and tail, in good order, with arched neck; had a poke on when last seen in Beverly and Puslinch. The horse was raised near Drayton, and it is thought was trying to make his way to that place.
Any person sending the horse to Mr. Webster's Flour Mills, at Bullock's Corners, Brock Road, or sending information to the subscriber, at Ancaster, of his recovery, will receive the above reward.
T. W. McMURRAY,
Ancaster, Aug. 19th, 1874. wtf
Galt Reporter and Reformer copy once.

JOHN McCREA,
Produce Commission Merchant,
and Insurance Agency.
Office—Bank of Commerce Buildings.
Guelph, July 28th, 1874. d6m

WALROND'S
CONFECTIONERY STORE,
Next to Petrie's Drug Store.
Choice Confectionery,
Ice Cream and Soda Water.
CAKES of all kinds constantly on hand. Weddings supplied on short notice.
Guelph, July 29, 1874. dtf

$100 REWARD
FOR THE
CONVICTION OF OFFENDERS.

CAUTION. — The Trade is hereby cautioned against buying goods from travellers pretending to be or to have been partners in our firm and selling Spectacles and Eye Glasses bearing our Trade Mark L.M. P. S. or L. & M. as we shall prosecute all dealers having such fraudulent goods for sale—also beg to caution the public against buying our *Celebrated Perfected Spectacles and Eye Glasses* from others than our authorized agents in each town, so many base imitations having been sold in the Dominion. LAZARUS, MORRIS & Co. Montreal.
P. S. — We supply no other in Guelph than
**Mr. B. Savage.**
We employ no pedlars. j20 d&lm



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WEDNESDAY EV'G, AUG. 19, 1874.


## Town and County News

BOW BELLS, an excellent number, Boys of England, and Every Month, for September, at Anderson's Bookstore.

PEACH FESTIVAL.—The Good Templars announce a peach festival to come off in the Drill Shed on Tuesday, September 1st.

BASE BALL.—A match will be played this afternoon at 4 o'clock, on the Maple Leaf grounds—The Lawyers against the Bankers and Doctors.

THE LATE T. B. HARRIS.—At the regular meeting of the Guelph Masonic Lodge to-night, arrangements will be made for attending the funeral of the late T. B. Harris, a notice of whose death appears in another column. A full attendance of the brethren is requested.

THE HERD LADDIE.—The checker players had a bout with the "Herd Laddie" yesterday in Mr. McKenzie's rooms, but none of them got even "a draw." Mr. Mitchell and Dr. Cowan played good games with him, but both were beaten. He plays this afternoon and evening in the Wellington Hotel.

CIVIC HOLIDAY.—We learn that a petition is being numerously signed, asking the Council to appoint Monday next as our annual civic holiday. The Council will no doubt accede to the request. Apart from other considerations, the Governor leaves town on that day, and the holiday will enable those of the citizens who feel disposed to go and see his departure.

TO THE LAKE.—This morning, shortly after nine o'clock, a procession of about fifteen carriages, headed by Lawrence's Band, organized on St. George's Square and started down Wyndham street, bound for Puslinch Lake, where the Hotel Keepers hold a grand pic-nic. If charming music, excellent weather, and a bountiful supply of provisions will help to make the occasion enjoyable, those who have gone to the Lake to-day should have a pleasant time.

A CATTLE CAR ON FIRE.—As the eastern mixed train on the Grand Trunk on Monday evening was passing Tuck's Hill, the conductor noticed that one of the cattle cars was on fire. Communicating with the engineer by the bell cord, he stopped the train, and the passengers lent their aid in endeavoring to check the flames, which fortunately had not gained much headway. The door of the car was locked, and as the fire had originated in the inside the efforts to suppress it were almost unavailing, especially as the water had to be carried from the engine. Finally Mr. John Weir, of St. Mary's, burst the door open and succeeded in overcoming the flames, which had greatly frightened the cattle. When this train was near Hamburg the door of one of the cattle cars flew open, causing a bullock to fall out and receive such injuries that it could not be taken further. Owing to these mishaps, the train did not arrive in Guelph until about half-past nine o'clock.

ANOTHER OLD SETTLER GONE.—One by one the old settlers in Guelph Township—who bore their full share of the struggles incident to pioneer life, and who lived to realize their youthful hopes—are disappearing from our midst. Mr. Joseph Hobson, Sr., one of the oldest of those early settlers, has passed away. He died at an early hour this (Wednesday) morning. The deceased came to Guelph Township in 1832, when there was but a mere handful of settlers, and when but only a few acres of land were cleared in the whole Township. After remaining some time he returned to England, where he resided for seven years. He again returned to Canada, and remained on the farm he originally took up in Paisley Block, which he continued to work until failing health compelled him to give up. For the past six years and more he was in infirm health, but was not confined to bed until about a fortnight previous to his death. The deceased was held in great respect by all his friends and neighbours, many of whom shared with him in the struggles incident to a young settlement, and who learned to esteem him for his many excellent qualities.

HARPER'S FOR SEPTEMBER.—The September number of Harper's Magazine covers a large variety of topics in its reading matter, and contains over one hundred illustrations. Among the features are an illustrated paper on Negro Schools; a continuation of Prof. Nourse's able review of the astronomical work accomplished by United States Observatories; a comprehensive paper on the present commercial situation of the Southern States; and an illustrated poem by J. T. Trowbridge, entitled "Song of the Flail." "The Silent Majority" describes the various modes of sepulture that have been adopted in past ages. The illustrated article on the South Sea Islands is now especially timely and important in connection with the project of the annexation to Great Britain of the Fiji Islands. Other features are:—An illustrated biographical sketch of William Makepeace Thackeray, by R. H. Stoddard; Illustrated Poems by Mrs. C. A. Merighi and Nelly M. Hutchinson; Poems by Helen S. Conant, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps and Joseph Cook; A new and charming serial story, "Rape of the Gamp," illustrated by Fredericks; An interesting and profusely illustrated paper on "The Art of Perfumery;" and two excellent short stories by Frank Lee Benedict and Constance Fenimore Woolson. The five editorial departments are full of entertainment and instruction in their various fields—social, literary, scientific, historical, and humorous.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.—The meeting of the quadrennial Legislative Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be held at Napanee, commencing on Wednesday, the 26th inst. This is always an important meeting, but more than the usual amount of interest will be felt in its proceedings this year. In the work mapped out for its members we find prominently the election of a new bishop, and the settlement of the question of lay representation in the General Conference.

## Death of Thomas B. Harris, Grand Secretary A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

*From the Hamilton Times of Tuesday.*

We are to-day called upon to chronicle the death of a prominent citizen in the person of the late Thomas Bird Harris, for many years a resident of this city, but better known for his lengthy and close connection with the Order in Canada of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Harris, who was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada from its founding, last July attended the recent annual meeting in Toronto. There he was on the 6th of the month seized with an illness which changed in a few days to acute rheumatism of the chest, from which the sufferings were intense. This was followed about a week later with a low type of typhoid fever, which baffled all the efforts of the physicians, and, though hope of recovery was entertained up to a recent date, it was abandoned a few days ago, as the patient had sunk to the lowest ebb and was utterly exhausted. Yesterday his dissolution was expected, but it was only at 8.30 o'clock this morning that the deceased breathed his last, and so placidly that the cessation of life was barely perceptible. The funeral has been arranged for 3 p.m. on Thursday, and it is expected that there will be a special meeting of the Grand Lodge, and that all the officers will be present at the mournful obsequies.

R. W. Bro. Harris was elected Grand Secretary in 1855 and Grand Registrar in 1856; in 1857 he was again chosen G. S., and has since enjoyed the office. The deceased rose in regular gradation through Capitular Masonry, the Temple and Hospital Order, the A. & A. Rite, the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, and received the 33° which are all to be obtained in the Order. He was instrumental in 1855 in getting from the G. L. of Ireland a Warrant for "St. John's" Chapter, and he became the Principal Z. which he was for six years. For the past thirteen years he was Grand Scribe E of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada. Having taken the degrees of "Red Cross Knight," "Knights Templar" Knight of Malte, Rhodes, Palestine, and St. John of Jerusalem, &c., in the Genesee Encampment, No. 10, Lockport, State of New York, in April, 1854, he endeavored to obtain an United States Warrant for opening a Grand Encampment in Canada, but the Warrant was declined. He obtained one from the Grant Conclave of Ireland, but it could not be used. The Warrant was subsequently exchanged for one under the Supreme Grand Conclave of England and Wales, and the "Godfrey de Bouillon" Encampment and Priory was opened in 1859, with E. Sir Knight Harris as E. Commander. He was subsequently elected for the years 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, again in 1866, in 1868, 1869, 1871.

In the Provincial Grand Conclave of Canada, E. Sir Knight Harris had held the following offices: Provincial Grand Chamberlain, in 1861; Provincial Grand Sub-Prior, 1862; Provincial Grand Prior, 1863, 1864, 1865 and 1866; was created a Deputy Prov. Grand Commander, 1867; afterwards was appointed Prov. Grand Chancellor, 1867, 1868; and Grand Chancellor of the Dominion, 1869, 1870. Was made and received a patent of appointment of a past Grand Sub-Prior of the Supreme Grand Conclave for England and Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown, on the 1st September, 1868. Was appointed the accredited Representative of the Grand Commandery of the State of Georgia with the rank of Past Grand Commander.

For some years Bro. Harris had been desirous of and labored for the introduction into Canada of the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and took the same from the 4th to 32nd degree, at the organization of the Order at London, in July, 1868; and is a member of the London "Sovereign Rose Croix Chapter." Ill. Bro. Harris, 33°, having been specially recommended for the position, was, on the 19th November, 1868, created by the Supreme Council A. and A. Rite for England and Wales and Dependencies, a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, 33°, and a member of the Supreme Council for Canada.

The Imperial, Ecclesiastical and Military Order of Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine and K. H. S., has been but newly introduced into Canada, and we find that Ill. Bro. Harris has received the appointment of M. Puis. Sovereign of the "Harrington" Conclave of Hamilton.

The deceased was held in the highest esteem in the Order, and was frequently the recipient of unsought honors and tokens of good will. All the lodges venerated him, and several bear his name. Besides beautiful and most expensive jewels and regalia presented to him on many occasions, he was entertained at a banquet in this city by the Grand Lodge on its 12th anniversary. He was also presented with a beautiful Address and valuable testimonial. Truly the deceased was a valued and appreciated member of the noble Order which never failed to recognize his efforts in its behalf. Had we space to-day we could enlarge far more than we have done, but it is unnecessary, for the deceased died full of honors and his memory will be held in respect and esteem by all who enjoyed his acquaintance and friendship.

NEW MASONIC LODGE IN CLIFFORD.—A new Masonic Lodge was formally organized and constituted under warrant from the Grand Lodge of Canada, in this place on Monday evening, by R. W. Bro. Savage, of Elora, D.D.G.M. of Wellington District, assisted by Masters and Past-Masters from Mount Forest, Elora, and Harriston. The following officers of the new Lodge were installed for the ensuing year:—Wm. Walton, W.M.; T. B. Patterson, S.W.; F. S. Dobson, J.W.; F. Brown, Treasurer; A. S. Allan, Secretary; John Lee, S.D.; Jas. S. Dewart, J.D.; Geo. Reddon, J.G.; H. Deering, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the brethern of the Clifford Lodge entertained their visitors to a sumptuous repast. After a time pleasantly spent with toast, song, and sentiment, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion with the usual friendly greetings. The brethren of Clifford have fitted up a handsome and comfortable lodge-room, and open under the most favorable auspices.

The St. Catharines *Times* croaks:—"Guelph and Hamilton are to have their Central Fairs next month as usual. We would have a similar Fair in St. Catharines, if we had the right kind of men at the head of the local Agricultural Societies."

St. Catharines is to have a park.

## Horrible Murder at Hungerford.

THE MURDERER STILL AT LARGE.

The following account of a most revolting murder at Hungerford, is from the Belleville *Ontario*:—

On Sunday afternoon Charles Mereau, who had for some time past been living with his brother, proceeded to the house of his relative, and in an angry manner demanded his dinner. His brother's little daughter awoke her mother from a sleep, (probably she was indisposed) and the repast was prepared for him. What followed we cannot exactly ascertain, but it seems a quarrel ensued, in the course of which the villain shot the poor woman several times in the head and neck, and when nearly exhausted from her wounds and the loss of blood, endeavored to cut her throat with a case knife.

The scuffle must have been fearful. The floor and furniture are besmeared with blood, pools of which are also outside the house, leading to the inference that the victim of so much butchery must have attempted to escape from her murderer but was intercepted.

Mrs. Mereau lingered in a very painful and critical condition until twilight on Monday evening, when death relieved her of her sufferings; the wounds were numerous and fatal.

No cause can be assigned for the commital of so grave an offence. Mrs. Mereau is alleged to have always treated her brother-in-law kindly and in a spirit of the utmost friendliness, and therefore the wilful assault upon her life is regarded as fiendish and brutal. The deceased's husband was absent from home at the time of the murder.

The murderer escaped to the woods and has, up to the last accounts, not been captured. Dr. Pomeroy at once issued a warrant for his apprehension, and some thirty or forty of the neighbors went in pursuit. An inquest is now being held, and the excitement over the deed is so strong that if he be caught it is feared there will be no restraining the people from hanging him. He is about five feet four inches in height, thick set, stoops in walking, nose turned towards one side, hair and whiskers black, and slightly turning grey; had on when leaving a slouch hat, grey pants and plaid shirt. The Mereaus live in the township of Hungerford, about three miles from Tweed.

Tweed, Aug. 18.—The following is the confession of Charles Mereau, the murderer of Mrs. Francis Mereau:—I confess to the murder of Mrs. Mereau. I did not use a knife, but shot her once in the head, and then used the butt of the pistol. I had no hard feelings towards her previous to the murder. Am sorry for the crime. Was under the influence of liquor at the time. There was a little girl in the house at the time. I threatened to shoot her if she did not keep away. You will find the revolver over the door in my house. It is not loaded.

## Bush Fires in the Province.

The Amaranth station on the T. G. & B. Railway has been burned down. Five thousand cords of wood and some lumber, and several houses and barns, have been destroyed. A great number of fences and a vast amount of grain are destroyed, besides a large quantity of valuable timber.

Bush fires are raging in the neighbourhoon of Brussels to a great extent, and have already done a large amount of damage. Unless rain comes immediately to arrest its progress further and more serious consequences will result.

Extensive bush fires are raging a short distance east of Kincardine. It is reported that several houses and barns have been burned, but we have received no definite information yet.

The barn, driving house, and contents, owned by Wm. Kennedy, Township of Tara, were destroyed by fire on Monday afternoon, together with some sheep and pigs in the barn. The origin of the fire was bush fires, which, by the prevailing high wind, swept everything before them. Mr. Kennedy's loss will be about $1,500, which is partially covered by insurance. Jas. Hammel's barn and contents were also burned, as were Jos. Pall's and contents; and a number of others in that vicinity suffered more or less from bush fires on Tuesday.

Fires are consuming the swamps and bush in all directions in the neighbourhood of Flesherton. The house and barn of Mr. W. Moore, of Artemesia, and the barn of Mr. Joseph Morrow, of the same township, were destroyed by fire on Tuesday.

About 8 miles north of Orillia considerable damage has been done.

Later reports from Ottawa state that the bush fires still continue in the surrounding country. Aylmer seemed on the verge of destruction on Monday, but a change in the wind took the fire in the direction of Du Chene Lake. On Tuesday afternoon the fire had sprung up with renewed vigour, in the vicinity of Skead's mills and Rochesterville. Several small shanties have been burned. The wind blows directly towards the lumber piles and Richmond road, leading to the city. Fears are entertained of the destruction of Judge Armstrong's residence.

A meeting of Montreal gentlemen interested in preventing further desecration of the old Protestant Cemetery was held on Monday afternoon. The opinion of Edward Carter, Q.C., was communicated that by a law passed in 1839 cemeteries could not be converted to any other use than that which they were originally intended for. The establishment of the principle mentioned will be most important, as its enunciation will place an entirely new feature on the whole affair.

Dr. Young has returned from his special mission to Canada. He has made arrangements with the Dominion Government for detailed quarterly statements of imports and exports, to be furnished by each Customs office on the frontier. In view of a new Reciprocity Treaty, these statements will be made as complete as possible, so that a full and accurate account of the trade between the United States and Canada may be obtained.

Arrangements have been made with Prof. Wise to make a grand balloon ascension in Hamilton on the 29th inst.; but should the Governor-General visit that city, the ascension will be postponed until that day.

Hon. Robert Leonard Hazen, Senator, died at St. John, N. B., on Saturday morning. He was born in 1808, at Fredericton, N B., and was called to the Senate by Royal Proclamation in 1867. In politics he was a Conservative.

## BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY

### Charlie Ross Found.

### An American Libel Case

### Moulton's Further Statement.

### Proofs of Beecher's Assertions.

### Crops and Weather in England.

Chicago, Aug. 18.—A special to the *Tribune* from Odell, Ill., says that two men and a woman were arrested there to-day having in their possession the child supposed to be the missing Charlie Ross. The parties came to Odell a little over a month ago, and excited suspicions by their indiscreet utterances. The oldest of the two men gives the name of Lewis Durgan and says he came from Philadelphia, where he lives, in search of Charlie Ross. The child was dressed in girl's clothes, but bears a striking resemblance to the photograph of Charlie Ross.

St. Louis, Aug. 18.—T. W. Cardozo, the colored State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mississippi, entered a suit against the *Evening Dispatch* for libel, asking $50,000 damages for publishing a paragraph to the effect that Cardozo had been arrested for forging warrants on school funds. The offensive paragraph was apologized for on the day following its publication.

New York, Aug. 19.—Frank Moulton arrived in this city this morning. It is not known when he will give his further statement to the public, if at all.

The books of Woodruff & Robinson confirm the statement of Beecher as to his payments of money to Moulton.

The Rev. Frank Russell, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, writes detailing a conversation he had with Mrs. Cady Stanton, wherein she spoke of Mrs. Tilton as a pure woman who had been wrecked by grief brought on by her husband. She also coincides with him that the slanders against Beecher were without foundation.

London, Aug. 19.—The *Mark Lane Express*, in its weekly review of the breadstuffs market, has the following:—"Bad weather has prevailed throughout the past week, but our farmers have kept a sharp lookout and have secured their crops. There are no reports of sprouting, though much wheat was stacked in poor condition in consequence of high winds and low temperature. The same weather has ruled on the continent. * * The latest estimates put our crop at seven per centum below the average."

Mr. William Fairbairn, the well-known civil engineer, died to-day, aged 85 years.

## The Governor-General's Visit to Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 18.

The Governor-General and the gentlemen of his suite, with a number of Chicago gentlemen, went this morning for a trip of seventy-three miles by the Illinois Central Railway out on a pic-nic. A short time was spent in shooting prairie chickens. The party returned to the city about half-past four. They start for Canada by the Michigan Central this evening.

## Fergus Correspondence.

The butter market held on the 6th inst. was the best of the season. Sales were readily effected at from 19 to 20 cents a pound. Mr. Ironside bought 11 kegs, being the largest lot purchased by any one person. The following is a list of prizes:—1st P. McBain, Nichol; 2nd Miss Beattie, Nichol; 3rd J. Lindsay, Nichol; 4th David Smith, Nichol; 5th S. Williams, Garafraxa. James Lindsay also got the prize for butter for immediate use. Another show will be held in a few weeks.

St. Andrew's Church Sunday School held its annual pic-nic in Kinnettles Grove on Wednesday, 12th inst.; the R. C. Church on Thursday, and the Congregational Church on Friday. All were well attended and very pleasant afternoons were spent.

The harvest has now fairly commenced, and should the present favorable weather continue it will be completed about the end of the month. Oats promise a splendid yield and the wheat, and root crops also look well. Pasture is suffering much for want of rain, which we hope will come soon.

A great deal of sickness prevails in this section of country.

Fergus, Aug. 19, 1874.

## Winterbourne Correspondence.

WOOLWICH SHOW.—The annual exhibition of the Woolwich Agricultural Society will be held at Elmira, on Wednesday, the 7th October.

ERRORS.—In last week's MERCURY you said "Messrs. Clemens & Wells had five flouring mills," when it ought to have been "a fine flouring mill," with 3 run of stone. For Laggie put Loggie, storekeeper; and change the name of Mair, wagon maker, to Marr.

CROPS.—The grain has ripened very fast during the last week. Spring wheat and oats are either being cut or are ready, and peas are nearly all in. If rain does not soon come the young grass will suffer again as it has for the last three years.

The friends of Mrs. Samuel Burnett, of Woolwich, in Guelph and vicinity, will be pleased to learn that she has now nearly recovered from the almost fatal injury she sustained some three weeks ago. It is seldom persons recover under an injury of this description, and therefore the very careful watching of her physician, Dr. Pasmore, of Conestogo, is the more to be praised.

Mr. Ballantyne, agent for "The Polar and Tropical Worlds," during his canvass of a week in this vicinity, has taken forty-seven subscriptions for the work.

Messrs. Morrison & Barclay, contractors for the Manitoba Penitentiary, have commenced work at Stony Mountain, where the site of the building is fixed.

THE Township of Caledon Fall Fair will be held on Thursday and Friday, the 8th and 9th of October, at the village of Charleston.

## The Would-be Murderer.

### He is Arrested at Oshawa and Brought to Guelph.

REMANDED FOR ONE WEEK.

After the tragedy of Thursday night the police commenced immediate operations with a view to arrest the perpetrator of the outrage. Every circumstance fixed upon John Hazle, who had been working for Mr. Tripp, shoemaker, as the man, and on Thursday night a watch was kept upon his house, while the railways were also watched. Every effort in this direction, however, seemed fruitless, and P. C. Kelly, suspecting that Hazle had left town by way of the country, despatched circulars containing a description of the man to the authorities in a number of Canadian towns as well as the principal American cities. On Monday night a telegram came from Oshawa, stating that a man answering the description had been arrested in a hotel there. Chief Kelly left here on Tuesday morning, and on arriving at Oshawa found that the man arrested was the right one. There being no accomodation for the prisoner in that town, the Chief brought him to Guelph by the midnight train, and the two arrived about three o'clock this (Wednesday) morning, Hazle being lodged in gaol.

This morning the prisoner was brought before the Police Magistrate, but at the request of P. C. Kelly his examination was adjourned for a week, in order that the injured parties may be brought into court and identified. Hazle was therefore taken by the Chief to the goal, and there the father and daughter, between whom there exists the most bitter hatred, now remain.

John Hazle is an old soldier, having served 27 years in the army, part of that time having been spent with his regiment in Newfoundland. About six years ago he removed to Brantford, and worked as a shoemaker. Here his daughter Eliza was employed as a stitcher, and was remarkably well behaved, until within a few days of the expiration of her apprenticeship, when she began to exhibit symptoms of nymphomania, expressing dissatisfaction with her father's rule that she was always to be at home by seven o'clock in the evening. This waywardness caused her father much anxiety, and he several times corrected her; but neither threatening nor punishment seemed to avail. When her term expired she become stubborn, and declared that she would not go out to work any more. Her father, who had been trained to the strictest discipline, could not brook such conduct, and said she must go. This last requirement was too strict for the girl, who had been kept closely to regulations, and she ran away with a fast-living girl named Rutledge. The two proceeded to Paris, where they got into the worst of company, and here it was that Hazel attempted to shoot Brown, at whose soloon the renegades were stopping. Eliza was taken home by her father, but the nymphomaniac tendencies would exhibit themselves ever and anon, until her father became desperate. About two years ago Hazel moved to Guelph, where he worked as a shoemaker, being latterly employed with Mr. D. A. Tripp.

The prisoner tells the following story of his escape on Thursday night. He remained in the vicinity of Hurley's house for a time after the affair, and on finding that the parties were being attended to, he came to town. Discovering that a guard had surrounded his house he did not venture in, but started on his journey. Wading across to the opposite side of the river to avoid detection, he proceeded on the Eramosa road to Rockwood, thence to Wellington Square, on to Toronto, and from there to Oshawa. When apprehended in a hotel in the latter town, he admitted the commission of the act with which the officer charged him, and offered no resistance. On the way to Guelph with C. C. Kelly he appeared quite resigned to his fate, but when nearing the gaol he began to exhibit symptoms of fear. In the Police Court he twitched nervously as the informations were being read, but said nothing.

The injured parties are recovering.

## Palmerston Correspondence.

Business is dull, but building operations are active. The Presbyterian Church is well advanced; it is surmounted by a handsome spire, which adds much to its appearance. The English Church, a frame building, has been commenced. Mr. Williams is building two stores on Main Street; Mr. F. Kee is also building a store, which we understand will be occupied by himself as a book and stationery store. Mr. J. Walsh is erecting a building for a tailor shop and dwelling house. Mr. J. Bugg has lately completed a handsome dwelling house on William Street. Mr. W. K. Tiffin, Superintendent of the W., G. and B. R., is erecting a handsome two story cottage with kitchen attached. Messrs. Gamble & McBain, of Carthage, have commenced the erection of a grist and flour mill, 40 by 45, four stories high, and calculated for four run of stones. This will supply a long felt want, and we hope these gentlemen will meet with the success which their enterprise deserves. Mr. W. Reid is adding a stock of ready-made boots and shoes to those of his own manufacture.

Owing to the exceedingly dry weather, fires are raging in the bush, and if rain does not soon come, great destruction of property must take place. The barn of William McKee, 8th con. of Wallace, was burned on Monday. It contained two hundred bushels of fall wheat, a quantity of oats, a sawing machine and a set of harness, which were all destroyed. The barn caught from a neighboring bush fire. We have not learned whether there was any insurance or not. At one time Mr. McKee's house was in great danger, but owing to the strenuous exertions of the neighbors it was saved. It is reported that other barns have been burned, but at the time of writing we cannot speak with certainty.

It is alleged in Ottawa that Mr. Dwight, the Western Superintendent of the Montreal Telegraph Company, is employed as an agent of the American Associated Press, and compiles news for it from private press despatches that pass over that Company's wires. The newspapers of that city intend to take steps to have this gross breach of confidence investigated in the proper quarter.