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THE RED MILL.

GRISTING & CHOPPING. THE Subscriber begs to inform the farmers and the public that his Mill on the Waterloo Road is now in running order, and that he is prepared to Grist and Chop on short notice.

FLOUR AND FEED

FOR SALE AT THE MILL. GEORGE HALKWILL.

\$20. STAR \$100. SHUTTLE SEWING MACHINE.

Patented May, 1867. THE Star Shuttle Sewing Machine makes a stitch alike on both sides of material sewed, which will not rip or ravel. Does all kinds of work equally as well as Singer's high-priced machine.

H. HOGG'S

FLOUR AND FEED STORE

Opposite the Market Shed. CONSTANTLY ON HAND, all kinds of Mill Feed, Chopped Peas, Middlings, Shorts, Bran,

Corneal, Oatmeal, Flour!

Bacon, Sugar-cured Hams, and Potatoes. Guelph, 28th August, 1867.

NATIONAL Steamship Company.

STEAMERS Weekly from Liverpool and New York, calling at Queenstown. A Steamship of this line, consisting of the Queen, England, Louisiana, and Virginia, and Helvetia, Pennsylvania, and France.

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NEW LAW OFFICE.

FREEMAN & FREEMAN BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY, CONVEYANCERS, &c. S. B. FREEMAN, Q. C. G. O. FREEMAN.

Office over Berry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph, 4th December, 1867.

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET. SATURDAY EV'NG, DECEMBER 7.

Local News.

No TELEGRAPH.—The wires being down, on account of the storm last night, we have no telegraph to-day.

Mr. Logie, proctor of the Presbyterian Church, in Nasagawaya, was presented with \$30.45, the proceeds of a social held by the members at Campbellville on the 27th ult.

WATCHES, WATCHES.—Who would be without a magnificent watch, better (in their place) than either the "Russell" or "Waltham," when they are to be had at Mr. Petrie's Drug Store for 25 cents. See advertisement.

IN MEMORIAM.—The parishioners of Kirkmichael, Scotland, have just had erected a very handsome monument in memory of their late pastor, the Rev. Alexander Mackellar, who, for seventeen years, faithfully discharged the duties of the ministry in that parish.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL TEACHER.—The Champion says.—The Trustees of the Milton Grammar School having advertised for a Head Master, ten gentlemen of very high qualifications made application, amongst whom were graduates and medalists of King's College, London, Marshal College, Aberdeen, Trinity College, Dublin, Magill's, Victoria and the University of Toronto, in Canada.

REMOVAL.

Military Tailor

J. JONES, Late Master Tailor in the 17th Regiment, has removed from Nottingham-st. to Upper Wyndham-st, next door to Hazelton's Furniture Store, where he will be happy to receive orders for making all kinds of

Military and Civilian's Clothing,

in the latest and most fashionable styles. Having had long experience, he guarantees to give satisfaction to all who may favor him with their patronage. Guelph, 24th Nov. 1867.

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Wellington County Council.

COURT HOUSE, Friday, 6th. The Council met at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment, the Warden in the chair.

Mr. Beattie read the report of the Committee on County Roads, as follows:—They have examined the accounts of the Superintendent, Mr. Grain and Mr. Cooper. The account of the former, \$115.50, for services connected with the Fergus and Douglas Road, and Glenallan Road, they recommend to be paid, but have struck out the items for letting gates; this is part of their ordinary duties, covered by the fixed salaries of the Superintendents.

Resignation of the Guelph Victoria Fire Company.

We have been requested to publish the following correspondence and proceedings in reference to the resignation of the Fire Engine Company: To the Mayor and Council of the Town of Guelph: GENTLEMEN,—At a special meeting of the Victoria Engine Company, held at their hall on Tuesday, 15th inst., for the purpose of taking into consideration the present state of the engine and hose, the following resolution was carried unanimously: Moved by F. B. Skinner, seconded by James Peniston, "That in consideration of the almost useless state of the Engine and Hose belonging to this company, rendering our best efforts as a Fire Company, in time of need, futile and unavailing, we deem it necessary to send a plain statement of our condition to the Town Council; and that the following members be a committee to draw up such a statement embodying this motion, and present it to the Council, viz: B. Fairly, captain; G. H. Skinner, treasurer; and Wm. Beck."

Said committee, having met according to appointment, beg leave to submit the following statement:—In the first place the Engine was never anything but a third-class engine; it has been in use now about seven or eight years; it has been overhauled a number of times, without making any improvement in the working of it; and at the present time, with all the men that can be put on the brakes, it is not capable of throwing a stream more than ten or twelve yards. It requires double the power to work it than it would require if it were a good engine, owing to the position of the cylinders, as any one can see by examining it, or by working on the brakes for five minutes. As for the hose there is about one hundred feet, such as it is. It has been in use some six or seven years, and it is rotten. It has been repaired a number of times, but it is so rotten that it always bursts out again the next time it is used, so that it really is unfit for use any longer.

In fact the condition of both engine and hose is such that the Company have come to the conclusion that it is useless trying to do any more with it. If there is a Fire Company needed in this town, they must have an engine to work with, or the Company cannot be of any use. If the tank system of water supply is adopted, by getting another engine with, say, seven hundred feet of leading hose, and using the present engine as a feeder for the other, a supply of water would be almost sure to be found within reach of any fire that might occur in town.

The Committee would just state that unless something be done at once, it will be impossible to keep the company together any longer, as the members have all got tired of being laughed at when trying to do the best they can with an old, used-up engine and a few feet of rotten hose. If the owners of property in this town want an efficient Fire Company, all they have to do is to get a good engine with sufficient length of hose and there will be found plenty of good men who are both able and willing to work it.

B. FAIRLY, Captain. G. H. SKINNER, Treas. W. BECK, Committee. Firemen's Hall, Guelph, Oct. 16, 1867.

New Books.

LONDON SOCIETY.—The Christmas number of this excellent magazine has been received from Messrs. Chubb & Co., Toronto. It is to all intents and purposes a holiday number, and filled with articles most appropriate for Christmas reading. The illustrations are more than usually clever and piquant, and the number as a whole is the best and most beautiful of the season. For sale at Day's bookstore.

MEXICO UNDER MAXIMILIAN.—This is the title of a new book issued by the National Publishing Company, a copy of which has been sent us by Messrs. Tunis & Co., Clifton. It is neatly got up, with morocco binding. The object of the work is to prove that a country so long torn by intestine strife was happier under Maximilian and a monarchical form of government than it had ever been as a republic. It is dedicated by the admiring author, Flint, to the unhappy but amiable Carlotta. The style is clear and vigorous, and the book interesting. For sale at Day's bookstore.

EVIDENCES OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.—This is the title of a new work published by the Harpers, a copy of which we have received from Messrs. Tunis & Co. Its author is the Rev. Albert Barnes, the same we presume who is already known in the world of religious literature by his "Notes to the New Testament." It is a work that requires to be read before it can be properly reviewed. We shall notice it more fully hereafter, in the meantime the book may be found at Day's bookstore.

THE WATERDALE NEIGHBOURS.—This is one of Harner's Series of Select Novels. The scene opens in Lucerne, and the attention of the reader is at once seized, and held enthralled until the last page has been read. The book is by the same author as the popular novel "Paul Massie," and is to be had at Day's bookstore.

FIRE IN SEAFORTH.—A disastrous fire occurred in Seaforth on Friday morning, which destroyed five stores in the best part of the town. It broke out in Mr. Hannah's grocery, and from there it extended south, destroying Mr. Douglass's and Mr. Rogers' stores, and north consuming Mr. Hill's dry goods store, Mr. Cull's telegraph and express office, and Mr. Hickson's drug store. Most of the property is partially insured.

GROCERIES.—Mr. Massie advertises groceries, crockery, glassware and various other articles. Those requiring such articles will find that he keeps them of the first class, and if they will only go to his establishment they will be constrained to say it was good for them to have been there.

CONFECTIONERY.—Mr. Harris's advertisement of holiday confectionery appears in to-day's issue. Dealers in the town and country will scarcely require to be told that Mr. Harris's establishment is of long standing in Guelph and of good reputation, and that all goods can be had very cheap.

Rock taken from a new shaft in the township of Barre, Ont., has yielded, upon assay, at the rate of about \$25 per ton.

Guelph Rifle Match.

The Second match, open to Volunteers only, with Solder-Enfield Rifles, distance, 300 and 600 yards; five rounds at each range, twenty five cents entrance fee, was concluded on Friday. The day was unpropitious for the competition, being dark, cold and windy. The scores are not high, but we are assured, that when all the unfavorable circumstances are taken into consideration, the shooting was good. There were eleven prizes. First, the Mayor and Col. Higginbotham's purse \$20, second, a coat from Messrs. Hogg & Chance, \$10, third, Capt. Swinford, a fat sheep, fourth, shirt, drawers and socks from Messrs. Fraser & Henderson, value \$5, fifth, dry goods from Mr. Wm. Stewart to an equal amount, sixth, boots from Mr. J. McNeil, also \$5, seventh a tea set, the gift of Mr. R. Rutherford, value \$4.50, eighth, Messrs. A. Thomson & Co., a pair of pants, \$3.50, ninth, a toilet glass of the same value from Mr. Hazelton, tenth, Messrs. Hefferman Bros., a fancy shirt, and eleventh, Mr. Horsman, an artillery powder flask. There were 72 entries, and the following is the score made by the successful competitors.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Score, Prize, and Remarks. Includes entries for Whellan, Elora, Copp, Guelph Rifles, G. Marsh, Jordan, Elora Rifles, Copeland, Erasmus R., Hooper, Guelph Rifles, Parkison, Erasmus R., Day, Erasmus Rifles, Tribe, Elora Rifles, Kirby, G. Artillery.

It will be observed by the foregoing that there were several ties, but they are ranked above as they stood after they had shot off.

All the corners match was begun, but night cast her mantle over the scene after a few shots had been fired, and operations were suspended until 9 a. m. on Saturday morning.

The Commercial Bank and the Church of Scotland.

Mr. Paton, Chairman of the Temporalities Board of the Church of Scotland in Canada has issued a letter, in which he states that the suspension of the Commercial Bank has occasioned serious embarrassment to the Synod's Temporalities Board. To what extent the invested capital may ultimately suffer it is impossible at present to determine; but the stock will be greatly depreciated in value in certain. The Church's pecuniary interest in the institution is represented by 1,264 shares, amounting to \$136,400; and the present loss to the revenue available for supplementing the stipends of ministers is the large sum of \$1,584 per annum. After stating the position in which the ministers who have a claim on the fund are placed, he says that the Board came to the conclusion that the only practicable alternative is to make an effort to provide, at least for the first year, a deficit of revenue, by throwing themselves on the sympathies of the Church at large—and appealing to the adherents everywhere to stand by them and thus to aid these thirty-seven ministers and their families, who, in an unlooked for hour, and in a manner that could not have been foreseen or provided for, will otherwise be deprived of a considerable portion of their already scanty incomes.

Commission of Synod and the Board alike recommended a personal canvass in each congregation, for the purpose of raising such a sum of money as will be required in order to keep faith with every minister on the Synod's roll, it is for the Kirk sessions to determine what method will be most efficient in their several congregations. It is desirable that all contributions for this purpose should be sent before the 20 December next, to Mr. James Croll, Morrisburg, Ontario, the Secretary of the Board.

VERY STORMY.—If it was not a hurricane that visited Guelph and vicinity on Friday night, it was that degree of windiness which is next below it in destructive violence. The full extent of damage done in this locality we have not yet ascertained, but we have learned enough to convince us that the storm has done a great amount of injury to property, if not to human or animal life. We have heard that many houses that date their antiquity from a period nearly coeval with the settlement of the township, have been overturned and their materials scattered wide by the devastating blast. Mr. Jas. Laidlaw's barn was riddled, and some sixty feet of the roof were torn off a barn belonging to Mr. John Wright, of Woolwich. But the most singular case that has come within our knowledge happened at Blyth's Hotel, on the Elora road. Twenty feet of roofing were carried off the splendid new stable that is in connection with the hotel, and a board or slab of some kind which had been lifted and carried along by the furious gale was driven through the wall into the house—happily without injury to any of the inmates. Dr. Orton's (of Fergus) horse was tied outside, while his owner had gone into the hotel for a few minutes, and the crash of the falling roof so frightened the poor animal that he broke his tie—strap and ran away. We did not learn where the animal was caught or whether he or the vehicle sustained any injury. Much more damage has no doubt been done of which we have as yet received no tidings. We also hear that part of the roof of Mr. Thomas Hood's barn was taken off.

By the returns of the Commissioners for the reduction of the national debt, it appears, that at the beginning of November there were lodged in the Exchequer of nine millions and a half pounds sterling from the Post-office Savings Bank. Already about one fifth of all the deposits in Savings Banks in the United Kingdom are in the Banks connected with the Post-office. When we think how simply and safely they are wrought, we can scarcely wonder at it.

RAPID FIREING.—The revolver cannon lately constructed at Liege has been tried. It has eight chambers, two of which are discharged at each stoppage in the rotation. It will fire 100 shots a minute, and with carriage and other accessories about 600.

Police Court.

Before T. W. Saunders Esq., Police Magistrate. SATURDAY 7th.—Wm. C. Baine was charged by Mr. George Anderson with assault and battery. It appears that Baine unprovoked, struck plaintiff on Thursday, when the latter turned to, and gave him a sound thrashing, and then had a summons served on him. Defendant did not appear, pleading his absence. The magistrate proceeded ex parte and Baine was fined \$5, which together with \$3.00 costs, made the total sum \$8.00. This is rather a heavy license to pay for indulging pugnacious propensities, but peace is a most desirable blessing, and it is worth something to maintain it.

The New York World, noticing the introduction of our new postage bill, thinks that an international postage of three cents should be provided for, now that there is a prospect of the Canadian domestic rate being assimilated to the American three-cent tariff.

Mrs. Disraeli, wife of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has been seriously ill. The distinguished lady has been the subject of anxious inquiries on the part of the Queen and very many of the nobility and gentry now in London.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Quebec Canadian praises the decorum and business habits of the House of Commons, and adds, "the temperance regulations established at the opening of the session doubtless contributed much to the excellent results."