

PAYMENT OF CRIMINAL WITNESSES.

At the Assizes for this county just concluded, there was exhibited a great deal of dissatisfaction by some of the witnesses subpoenaed by the Crown, at the expense to which they had been put in coming to Guelph to give evidence, and receiving nothing therefor. The complaint is not a new one, but chronic in its character, and must remain so till something is done to remedy the grievance; and as it looms up at every court held throughout the Province, public attention is being directed more and more to the matter, and people are beginning to enquire whether it is altogether right to force a man from his daily avocations and make him attend the Assizes at his own expense simply because he has been an involuntary spectator of a crime. There, for instance, was the manslaughter case at Mount Forest—a village some forty miles from Guelph—which was tried last week. A host of witnesses were summoned to put in an appearance; and when it is remembered that nearly all these witnesses came from the townships of Egremont and Arthur, and were obliged to remain in town till the case came up for adjudication, and their evidence was given, the cause for complaint will not appear to be a slight one. The same, too, with the other criminal trials, though in these the number of witnesses was much smaller and the distances from which most of them came far less. In all these witnesses received no compensation for time or travel. It is on this account that there is so much reluctance manifested by parties to attend court when required by the Crown, and in some instances the ends of justice are very liable to be frustrated by the principle under which the existing law is put forth. The judge, crown counsel and constables are paid for their services in criminal cases, but the witness, whom the law presumes to be actuated by a "sense of public duty," receives nothing in compensation, though without him neither judge, jury nor counsel could do very much in matters of this kind. To the poor man in particular, the hardship of losing his day's labor, which is in every sense of pecuniary value to him, and attending the County Court for sometimes a week, is peculiarly a sore one, and calls for redress of some kind.

The Grand Jurors at the Assizes for Perth and Middlesex have made a move in this matter, and amongst other suggestions, recommended the payment of witnesses in Criminal cases, and their example will probably be followed by other juries, and steps taken to have a change of some kind made in the law. In England and the Province of Quebec, witnesses of the class alluded to are allowed traveling expenses and a sum for subsistence while in attendance at court, in addition to the compensation for loss of time; and if there is any special reason why the same practice should not be carried out here, it would be as well to learn what it is. The subject at all events is ripe for legislation.

Latest from Europe.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

The London "Post" on the War in Cuba.

LONDON, April 23rd, evening. — The London Post, a Conservative Whig organ, has an elaborate editorial on the Cuban question, in which it mentions that it is asserted that Pres. Grant has a long eye upon Cuba, and would not be unwilling to distract the attention of the people of the United States from watching the course of internal affairs by a war with some foreign power. A conflict with Spain can't leave any doubt respecting the issue unless England and France should interfere. A blow dealt at Cuba would be tantamount to a blow dealt towards the whole West Indies, and the acquisition of Cuba might be followed by that of Jamaica and Martinique. The same paper quotes the recent acquisition of territory by the United States as a proof that it wants to acquire by piecemeal all the possessions held by European powers in that latitude, and would naturally commence by Cuba because it belongs to the weakest of the powers. Having settlements in the West Indies, France and England will doubtless determine whether these designs against Cuba will be tolerated or aid Spain in retaining her colony.

The French press has agitated this question much in the same tenor, and special meetings were held in the French Cabinet on Tuesday and Wednesday, which resulted in a special envoy being sent last night to London with despatches referring to the present complications of events.

The Spanish loan of £8,000,000 was launched here to-day, and is meeting with success.

TRAINED HORSE EXHIBITION.—Prof. Graves, the celebrated horse-tamer, will give another exhibition of his trained horse in the Drill Shed this (Friday) evening, to which ladies are particularly invited to attend. Every arrangement will be made to conduce to their comfort. We trust the Professor will have a large audience, as we are sure that all who attend will leave highly delighted with the performance. The trained horse does many tricks which most people would not think possible unless they saw it themselves. A prize will be given to the best rider. Single tickets for gentlemen 15 cents; for ladies and children under ten, 10 cents; for lady and gentleman 25 cents.

PRESENTATION TO MR. HUGH WALKER.—After the usual practice of the St. Andrew's Church Choir on Friday evening last, Miss McCrae, on behalf of the members of the congregation, presented Mr. Hugh Walker, precursor, with a very complimentary address, acknowledging the efforts made by that gentleman to improve the church music, and congratulating him upon the efficiency of the juvenile choir, who have been under Mr. Walker's tuition for some time, and bear testimony to his worth and ability as an instructor of singing.

GUELPH DISTRICT.—The annual meeting of this district will be held in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Guelph, on the 18th May. The anniversary of the Guelph District Branch of the Sunday School Union of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, will take place on the evening of the 18th.

Toronto, April 23rd.

Special to Guelph Evening Mercury.
The stock of the Narrow Gauge Railway is being taken up with a confidence and liberality indicating the utmost faith in the commercial success of the undertaking. \$325,000 of stock is being issued for the first section of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway. Nearly half a million dollars have been already voted as a bonus, and for the balance of the \$30,000 required for the first section bonds are to be issued.

A large amount of stock has been already subscribed for the Toronto and Nipissing Railway.

Another dramatic entertainment is to be given by the Guelph amateurs on Friday evening next, 30th inst. Advertisement and further particulars to morrow.

HORSE SHOW AT MORRISTON.—The annual show of Entire Horses will be held at Morriston on Friday, 30th inst., when liberal first and second prizes will be awarded to the best horses for heavy draught, general purposes and roadsters. Mr. John T. Scott is the Secretary.

DROWNED.—We regret to learn that a little boy, three years old, son of Mr. William Farish, miller, Rockwood, was drowned on the 15th inst. About six o'clock in the evening the child, in company with his brother, who is a little older, had gone out to play. Both thoughtlessly went on to the ice on the river, which was rotten and consequently much weakened. Both children fell into the water, but the elder managed to scramble out, and gave the alarm. Before the child was rescued, however, life was extinct. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the community for the loss they have sustained.

DIED.
FARRISH—Drowned at Rockwood, on the 15th inst., William, son of Mr. William Farish, aged 3 years and one month.

New Advertisements.

HOTEL TO LET AT ELORA.

The good-will and three years lease of the FARMERS' HOTEL, ELORA, (late James Hamilton's stand). Apply on the premises to the subscriber. HENRY HARRISON. do w2

CARE TAKER WANTED.

Applications will be received by the undersigned up till the 25th April for the situation of caretaker of the steam fire engine, to clean and light the lamps in the South and West Wards, and to take charge of the Drill Shed, Market Clerk's Office and Police Court. Salary—\$250 per annum with free house, wood and light. JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk. Clerk's Office, April 21. dt

PLANTING SEASON FOR 1869.

FRUIT TREES of the different kinds, recommended by the Fruit Grower's Association of Canada.
ORNAMENTAL TREES.
GRAPE VINES, very hardy.
STRAWBERRY PLANTS, 12 varieties of best.
ROSES on their own roots.
EVERGREENS in varieties.
CURRANT AND GOOSEBERRY BUSHES of all the leading kinds.
Inspection invited. Call at the Guelph Nursery, Guelph, 21st April. NOAH SUNLEY. do w2

BAZAAR.

A BAZAAR TO AID IN PAYING OFF THE DEBT OF

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Will be held by the LADIES OF THE CONGREGATION, in the

TOWN HALL,

ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,

MAY 5th & 6th, 1869,

When a variety of USEFUL AND FANCY ARTICLES, CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, &c., will be offered for sale at very moderate prices.

Dinner and Tea will also be served on both days.

Dinner from 12 till 3, and tea from 5 till 8. Refreshment Tickets for dinner or tea 25 cents, to be had at the bookstores or at the door.

Guelph, April 22. w2 do

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,

Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law,

Solicitors in Chancery, &c.,

GUELPH, Ontario.

D. GUTHRIE. J. WATT. W. H. CUTTEN.

Guelph, April 1, 1869. daw tf

BOOK BINDING.

BOOKS BOUND

MUSIC BOUND

MAGAZINES BOUND.

BLANK BOOKS MADE TO ORDER,

RULING, &c., at

THORNTON'S

BOOKSTORE AND BINDERY,

Near the Post Office.

Guelph, April 17. aw tf

GUELPH STEAM POWER

SODA WATER MANUFACTORY

THE undersigned beg to inform the people of Guelph and vicinity that they are now manufacturing

SODA WATER,

LEMONADE,

SARSAPARILLA,

GINGER BEER,

and the celebrated

BELFAST GINGER ALE

We are using H. F. SMITH'S (Toronto) Improved

English Machinery, and are prepared to fill orders to any extent. We have nearly two thousand (2,000) dozen bottles now in stock.

Having had several years' experience in the business (Mr. H. was for two years Manager of the TORONTO STEAM POWER SODA WATER MANUFACTORY), we intend supplying our customers with a First-Class article. Parties at a distance can have SODA WATER shipped by rail or stage. All bottles must be returned paid for. Orders will receive prompt attention.

Factory—Corner of Norfolk Street and Nelson Street.

HAMPTON & CO.

Guelph, April 22. do w1

Sleeman's Ale and Beer

FOR SALE IN ANY QUANTITY.

Quarter Barrels, Half Barrels, or by the Dozen,

At the Store of E. CARROLL & CO., No. 2, Day's Block.

E. CARROLL & CO.,

No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph, 23rd April. dtw

AGENTS.

PEACH BLOW

POTATOES.

JUST ARRIVED

AT J. & D. MARTIN'S

A CAR LOAD OF

Peach Blow Potatoes!

Wyndham Street, Guelph, 22nd April. do

J. & D. MARTIN,

do

REMOVAL AND DISSOLUTION

OF PARTNERSHIP.

GUELPH

MELODEON AND ORGAN COMPANY

THIR subscribers, in returning their sincere

thanks to the public for the liberal patronage

bestowed on the late firm of BELL, WOOD & CO.,

would beg to state that having dissolved partnership

with the other members of the firm, they intend

carrying on and manufacturing Melodeons and Cabinet Organs, one door East

of the old stand.

THE partners are all practical mechanics, and

as they intend using the best of stock, and their

men being all tried Melodeon makers, the public

may depend on getting as good an instrument as

can be obtained in the United States or the Dominion

of Canada.

EAST MARKET SQUARE

In that large three-story stone building known as

the old ADVERTISER Printing Office, and hope by

strict attention to business and liberal terms to

merit the confidence of the musical public.

The partners are all practical mechanics, and

as they intend using the best of stock, and their

men being all tried Melodeon makers, the public

may depend on getting as good an instrument as

can be obtained in the United States or the Dominion

of Canada.

TWO FIRST PRIZES

We were awarded two first prizes on both Melodeons and Cabinet Organs at the Provincial Exhibition

of 1868, and one of our partners is the same

Mr. Wood whose tuning has taken nearly all of

the first prizes at Provincial Fairs for the last

eight years.

We wish specially to inform the public that, being

practical mechanics, and having taken with us

all the workmen, whose work has gained such a

reputation in Canada, we defy our late partners,

or any other establishment, to turn out work

equal far less superior to the instruments

made by us. We do not intend to rest our claim

for support on puffing, but invite comparison as

the best test of the superiority of our work.

We would remind the agents of the late firm and

intending purchasers that although the factory is

one door East of the old stand, all the work is

done by the same workmen, and under the super-

vision of two of the partners who have always

managed the mechanical part of the business of

the late firm, and the tuning is exclusively done

by Mr. Wood, so that we have now facilities for

turning out more perfect instruments than could

be done in the old factory.

Repairing done as usual, and in future

PIANO TUNING will be done by Mr. Wood ex-

clusively. Price of tuning in town \$1.50.

All instruments warranted for five years.

Orders by letter will receive careful attention.

Remember the Stand—Old ADVERTISER

Office, East Market Square.

R. McLEOD. R. B. WOOD. J. JACKSON.

Guelph, 17th April. dw

MAGAZINES

FOR APRIL

At DAY'S BOOKSTORE

Opposite the Market. Guelph.

Family Herald

Young Englishman's Journal

Young Men of Great Britain

Boys of England

Reginald's Miscellany

All the Year Round

Sabbath School

Boys' Own

Temple Bar

Belgravia

The Quiver

World of Fashion

The Young Gentleman's Magazine

Sunday Teacher's Treasury

English Woman's Magazine

Young English Woman

Cassell's Magazine

The Argosy

Christian Treasury

English Mechanic

Kind Words

The Builder.

Guelph, April 22, 1869. dw

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

Change of TIME TABLE

ON AND AFTER MONDAY, 20th APRIL, 1869,

trains will leave Guelph as follows:

LEAVE 6:25 a. m., 4:15 p. m.

Arrive 11:45 " 9:40 "

Connecting with Trains on Main Line.

For particulars see Time Tables, to be had at

any of the Company's Offices on application.

T. S. SWINARD, General Manager.

Chief Office, Hamilton, 21st April, 1869. do dt

THE LARGEST ARRIVAL OF

NEW DRY GOODS

Ever brought into Guelph is at the Bradford House.

Takes this opportunity of informing his old friends and the public generally that his Stock is now

Complete in every Department, embracing everything

New and Fashionable?

Only kept at such establishments as the BRADFORD HOUSE. As my Stock is too extensive to

enter into details, I may merely state that I have now to hand one of the BEST ASSORTED

ever shown in Guelph, which as usual will be

SOLD AT LOWER PRICES

Than at houses with BLOWING pretensions.

DRESS DEPARTMENT.

This department is unsurpassed in the Dominion, having the largest stock to choose from, and

no old Goods to palm off on the public by mean representation. I would particularly call your

attention to our magnificent stock of JAPANESE SILKS, being the latest production of the

Foreign Markets, at very low prices.

FURNISHING DEPARTMENT.

The Furnishing Department being a leading feature in this establishment, I recommend all in-

tending purchasers to give me a call and see the immense stock of Tickings, Sheetings,

Table Linens, Towellings, Cottons, Damasks, &c. 200 dozen Towels

at half the price usually sold in other stores.

FANCY DEPARTMENT.

This Department is still unrivalled in the West. Nothing you can ask for but you can get. We

be glad to show the stock at any time. As I keep nothing but obliging assistants, you may

depend on getting treated with every civility, whether you buy or not.

MILLINERY AND MANTLE SHOW ROOMS

The Millinery and Mantle Show Rooms will be opened in a FEW DAYS. Something extra may be

expected. Wait for the Novelties.

Wyndham Street, Guelph, April 19 dw

BRADFORD HOUSE

PHILIP BISH,

ALMA BLOCK

RETAIL GROCERY!

John A. Wood.

The Largest Stock, the Best Goods

THE LOWEST PRICES.