

The Registrar-General has sent the various Municipal and District Registrars notice that persons neglecting to furnish an accurate statement of vital statistics, so far as they are concerned, must be prosecuted rigidly, and in the spirit of the law.

At the Reform Convention for Lincoln, held at St. Catharines on Saturday, Capt. James Norris was unanimously nominated as the Reform candidate, and he accepted the nomination.

Some idea of the extent of the fishing business carried on around the Island of Newfoundland, may be formed from the fact that no less than three hundred schooners, besides three hundred and fifty square-rigged vessels, were to be seen in one day this season. A fleet of 550 vessels—all waiting for bait to pursue their business, cod-fishing; and this is only one portion of the Island.

PROVINCIAL ELECTION.—The Winnipeg Free Press gives the following as the reason why Dr. Down was not nominated for Provost in opposition to Riell:—"The nomination was not accompanied with fifty dollars of legal tender, the money offered being that of the Merchants' Bank. 2nd. The person remitting the nomination papers refusing to attest them in accordance with clause 21 of the Election Act. 3rd. The number of voters required by the Act (clause 18) not being represented on the nomination paper."

IN A BAD WAY.—The Brantford Expositor thus speaks of the financial position of that town:—"The treasury is empty, and the town account far overdrawn. The Bank has refused to honor any longer the cheques of the Treasurer. The rate has not yet been struck. Finance Minister Quinlan dawdles over his by-laws, and schemes to prevent a quorum of the members being found to do business. Accounts pour in in overwhelming numbers, with nothing on hand to pay them. Whither are we drifting? The ratepayers are anxious to know. The crisis has come, and we have the financial acumen of Messrs. Quinlan and Ormerod to extricate us."

ROYAL CANADIAN INSURANCE COMPANY.—The first annual meeting of this Company was held in Montreal on the 10th inst., at which Messrs. W. J. Paterson and James Goldie attended as delegates from the Guelph board. The report of the Directors was very satisfactory, and showed that the gross assets of the Company are \$562,162.87, and the Reserve Fund amounts to \$220,287.20. Since the formation of the Company last year, branches have been established in cities and towns in the United States, which are provided with abundance of water—an amendment having been made to the charter in July last to allow this extension. Local boards have been formed in Toronto, Quebec, London, Kingston, Windsor, Hamilton, Brantford, Cobourg, Guelph and Port Hope, besides St. John and Halifax, the latter having power to open agencies in Prince Edward's Island. The Company has managed its affairs carefully, and has declined during the year seventeen risks, on which losses to the extent of \$58,000 have occurred. They have also declined risks, the premium on which would have amounted to \$50,000. By the united action of the directors and agents, the business of the year has increased so as to warrant the declaration of a dividend of 10 per cent. payable on and after the 15th inst. At the meeting in February next, the question of carrying on Ocean Marine business will be discussed.

MOSS ROSES FOR MARKET.—MOSS ROSES are largely grown for the London markets; they thrive pretty well under trees, and are very hardy and floriferous. Light, rich and deep ground suits them best. Two rows of these roses are generally planted between currant and gooseberry bushes, about two feet apart; but as suckers speedily make their appearance, all traces of rows become lost, and the result is a broad band of roses, some 2 1/2 or 3 feet wide, occupying the central space between the bush fruit. Under fruit trees where no fruit bushes exist, they are grown in lines 2 1/2 or 3 feet apart, and interspersed with sprouting broccoli, Brussels sprouts, potatoes or shallots, and they are also grown in the open ground, about the same distance apart. After they have done blooming, and have made good wood, they are layered on both sides of the rows, and in October, or any time between that and the following March, the layers are lifted, and for their roots are grown in rows, and their tops shortened a little, they are planted out in permanent rows from two or three feet apart, or, if space is scarce at the time, thickly in rows a foot or eighteen inches apart, where they remain for twelve months before being finally planted out. They are pruned very closely in winter, and in spring they begin to form flower buds, almost as soon as the leaves make their appearance. It is the buds that are gathered for market, the blooms never being permitted to expand. In hot summers, and indeed whenever convenience permits, the space over their roots, two or three feet in width, is mulched with litter, which saves them from drought, and also acts as a stimulant.

The excavations on the line of the improvements of the Lachine Canal, at the eastern entrance, are progressing rapidly. The walls of the old and narrow locks, which formed the entrance to the old Lachine Canal, are now nearly all removed.

The Wesleyan Ladies' College in Hamilton opened with 125 boarders, while a school in Dundas registered over 60 on the opening day.

Mr. Thos. Kusella, editor of the Brooklyn Eagle, and who is known in connection with the Tilton scandal, is in Toronto.

On Friday night last a lad sixteen years of age was married at Ottawa to a spinster thirty years of age. Comment is unnecessary.

MANUFACTURE OF COCOA.—We will now give an account of the process adopted by Messrs. James Epps & Co., manufacturers of dietetic articles, at their works in the Euston Road, London.—See article in Cassell's Household Guide.

An American, teaching English to a German, met his request for a specimen of an English irregular verb thus:—"I go, thou wentest, he departed, we made tracks, you cut sticks, they rickaded."

THE CENTRAL EXHIBITION

The Preparations.

The Entries—Appearance of the Grounds, &c.

Monday, Sept. 14.

The Central Exhibition grounds, usually so quiet, are to-day the scene of busy preparations for the fourth annual Show. The Secretary and his assistants are located in the new offices, which are large and quite convenient for the transaction of business. Close to this office, Mr. H. E. Swinford, the outside Superintendent, has literally pitched his tent, for such is his office, and a very convenient one too, and he is busy attending to the wants of exhibitors. Mr. Charles Sharpe, the Superintendent inside the building, has his hands full, in allotting places for the different classes of articles to be exhibited. Everywhere—inside and outside—there are evident signs of preparation, and towards noon the bustle and activity were intensified.

Barring the dust, the grounds are in good condition. It is hoped that the extra accommodation provided will be sufficient. The Directors, with wise forethought, have this year provided a large number of neat benches, which are placed at points commanding the best view of the horse ring, and which will afford much comfort to many sight-seers. Quite a number of horses, stock, sheep, &c., were on the ground by noon, and it is expected that by night nearly all will be in their places. The places where each class is located is marked on the stables and sheds, so that strangers cannot be at a loss where to find them.

Exhibitors were all forenoon busy in the building getting articles in their places, but the real hurry won't commence till afternoon. Loads of goods are constantly arriving from a distance, and judging from the entries the show inside promises to be as good as any yet held.

It will be seen, by the list of entries given below, that the total number—up to the time we took them from the books—is 5,142. Quite a number more had to be entered on the books, and we believe when they are all made up that they will be little short of 5,500—or at least equal to the entries for the Provincial Exhibition, which are given this year as 6,485. This is a most gratifying exhibit, and shows that the Central is now a permanent institution, and in no way influenced by the Provincial, even when it is held in the Queen City. The following are the entries in each class:—

Table with 2 columns: Class and Number of Entries. Includes categories like Blood Horses, Durham Cattle, Devon, Herefords, Ayrshires, Galloways, Grades, Fat and Working, Cotswolds, Leicester, Other long-wooled, Southdown, Fat Sheep, Yorkshires and others large bred Pigs, Small bred Suffolks, Berkshire, Essex, Poultry, Grains, Seeds, &c., Roots, Fruit, Garden Vegetables, Plants and Flowers, Dairy Produce, Groceries, Provisions, Agricultural Implements, horse power or steam, Agricultural Implements for hand use, Cabinet Ware, Carriages, Sleighs, and parts, Chemical Manufactures, Building Materials, Fine Arts—originals, Fine Arts—copies, Ladies' Work, Domestic Manufactures, Machinery, Castings, Sewing & Knitting machines, Metal Work, including Stoves, Musical Instruments, Collection of Birds, Bookbinding, Printing, Saddle and Trunk-maker's work, Shoe and Boot-maker's work, Leather, Woollen, Flax and Cotton goods.

A Canadian Diocese Two Hundred Years Old.

Exactly two hundred years ago the first Catholic diocese in Canada was founded. In 1659, the Pope sent out the Right Rev. Francois de Montmorency Laval, to Quebec, as Vicar Apostolic. In 1674, Mgr. de Laval was named Bishop, being thus the first Catholic prelate in North America. His diocese was of immense extent, embracing not only the whole of what is the Dominion, but also the other French possessions, including the valley of the Mississippi, the great "Father of the waters." For 130 years following there was no other diocese north of Mexico, until the year 1790, when shortly after the gaining of her independence, the republic of the United States consecrated in the see of Baltimore, in the person of the Right Rev. John Carroll.

Canada had to wait more than a century and a half for its second bishop, and it was not until the year 1826 that the second diocese, Kingston, was established, the Right Rev. Dr. McDonnell being bishop. Montreal diocese was formed in 1836, with the Right Rev. Dr. Lartigue as bishop. Three Rivers and St. Hyacinthe dioceses were both formed in 1852. Toronto became a diocese in 1842, and about four years ago an arch-diocese. In 1748, Ottawa, then Bytown, was formed into a diocese. In 1855, London, and in 1856, Hamilton were each set apart.

Our Streets and Highways.

To the Editor of the Mercury. Sir,—Now that the subject of management (or rather mismanagement) of our streets, roads and bridges is up for discussion, I hope the whole matter will be thoroughly shown up, and the blame placed upon the proper shoulders, for no one can travel over the town and examine the streets and sidewalks in their present dilapidated and break-neck condition, and believe that \$6,000 to \$7,000 has been expended upon them since April last.

It was the general belief amongst the ratepayers (as it was promised by those seeking municipal honors at the last election) that the work would be done by contract instead of carrying on the old-fogy system of day labor, and that a more efficient system would be adopted. No one can doubt the general dissatisfaction that exists at the manner the work has been done this year.

A few years since a Provincial Law was passed declaring any member of a Municipal Council ineligible to act as an Overseer or Superintendent of streets and highways, or to pay out the moneys of the Municipality for such works. Under this law the Council were compelled to appoint an efficient person as a Superintendent independent of the personnel of the Council. To this person the people could look for the proper carrying out of the work, but under the present system neither the Chairman of the Committee, the Committee, nor the Council are responsible, as it seems at present. But the people's money is spent, and when the Collector comes round it is certain they will have to pay up whether the works done are worth 40 or 50 cents on the dollar.

It is astonishing how clever a person becomes when clothed with Municipal authority, and especially in directing the work on streets, roads, &c., each new aspirant trying his hand in turn. If they were made to pay for their blunders, they would soon find the undertaking not very profitable.

Of course the ratepayers are aware that the present system of paying for the work by the day (\$8,000 to \$9,000) gives the Council a little patronage which, no doubt, serves their purpose well when seeking re-election. I am aware that the law preventing any member of a Council from having a contract or doing work for profit in the Municipality for which he sits, yet I am credibly informed this safeguard to the people is being violated every day.

It remains for the ratepayers at the next election to look closely into this matter, and to see that \$7,000 or \$8,000 is not spent where \$3,000, under a proper system, would give better results. Letting the work by contract under public tenders is the only check or safety which the people can have.

Yours, etc., CITIZEN.

Guelph, Sept. 12, 1874.

DEATHS.

MADDOCK.—At Seaforth, on the 13th inst., Edwin H. Maddock, of Guelph, aged 49. The funeral will take place from the G. T. R. Depot, Guelph, on the arrival of the morning train from the west due at 11 a.m. to-morrow, 15th. Friends will please accept this intimation.

Stoves, Stoves.—Mr. John Horsman, the enterprising hardware merchant of this town, has added stoves and tinware to his establishment making it the most complete in Ontario. Stoves of all kinds can now be had of him. Farmers and all others requiring any would do well to call at Mr. Horsman's and see his immense stock of superior stoves with all the latest improvements. He assures us that he will keep none that cannot be fully recommended, as the best to be had in this country or elsewhere. He has also engaged careful and experienced workmen and is prepared to execute all orders for cawtroughs, conductor pipes and every other kind of tinsmith's work.

New Advertisements.

M. O. MACGREGOR, Attorney-at-Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Conveyancer, &c., Guelph, Ont. Office, Brown's Buildings, Douglas street. d5w

SERVANT WANTED.—To do general housework. Good wages will be paid to a good hand. Apply to Mrs. John Crowe, Norfolk street. d5w

WANTED.—By Mrs. Lemon, a cook and housemaid. d5w

FOR SALE.—A good horse and harness. Apply to Mrs. J. McGarr, Quebec street, Guelph. d5w

BREWER WANTED.—A first-class Assiniboine Brewery Co., near Winnipeg, Manitoba. Apply to James Massie, Guelph, Guelph, Sept. 10, 1874. d5w

HOT AIR FURNACE.—For sale, new, a coal furnace having been substituted. This may be had on reasonable terms. A. Lemon, Guelph, Sept. 8, 1874. d1

WANTED.—By the 1st of October, a Cook in a small family. Apply to Mrs. Biscoe, Woolwich street. Guelph, Sept. 4, 1874. d3w

COTTAGE TO LET.—To let, a new stone cottage containing six rooms in a good locality, within five minutes' walk of the market house. Apply to N. Burps, at Jackson & Hallett's. d5-dit

COOPER WANTED.—Highest wages paid to a suitable party. Apply immediately at the WILKINSON OIL REFINERY. Guelph, Sept. 12th, 1874. d4t

POCKET BOOK LOST.—\$5 REWARD. Lost between Guelph and Rockwood on Sunday night last, a black pocket book with red lining, containing \$22—in one \$10, one \$5, one \$1, and three \$1 bills, also two pieces of paper. Any one returning it to me, or leaving it at the Mercury Office will receive the above reward. THOS. FORRESTER, At Albion Hotel. d5w

TOWN OF GUELPH. Voters' List. A Court for the Revision of the Voters' List for the Town of Guelph for 1874 is appointed to be held at the Court House, on Monday, the 21st day of September, 1874, at 10 o'clock, a.m., when all complaints duly entered shall be heard. JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk. Guelph, 8 Sept. 14th, 1874. d5w

RE-OPENING OF SCHOOL. Mrs. Budd begs to announce that she will re-open her English classes, for young ladies and little boys, on MONDAY, Sept. 7th, Woodwich street. a5d-d5w-44

RETURN OF THE FAVORITES.

HERNDON'S

Opera House Company

Brass Band and Orchestra

Every night of the Fair Week AT THE DRILL SHED

Which has been expressly fitted up and seated for the occasion.

Monday Ev'g, Sept. 14, 1874,

Kathleen Mavourneen, and the Screaming Farce of The Spectre Bridegroom.

Admission 25 cents; reserved seats 50 cents. Doors open a 7 1/2, to begin at 8.

TENDERS WANTED.

Sealed tenders will be received for Masons', Carpenters', and Plasterers' work for an addition to the stone building on St. George's square, or John M. Bond, Esq., plans and specifications to be seen up to the 16th inst., at noon, at my office, Quebec street. The proprietor does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender. STEPHEN BOULT, Architect. Guelph, Sept. 12, 1874.

R. A. REEVE, B. A., M. D.,

OCULIST AND AURIST,

22 Shuter-Street, Corner of Victoria, TORONTO. w6m

LUMBER FOR SALE.

Oak, Cherry, Maple, Elm, Ash and Basswood, All dry and of the best quality. MILLS & GOODFELLOW. Guelph, Sept. 2, 1874. d6w1

Y. M. C. A.

The articles unsold at the Young Men's Christian Association Bazaar last year, will be sold by the lot in one of Mr. Healy's new stores adjoining Joseph A. Towell's Bakery, St. George's square, on Sept. 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th. All articles to be sold very cheap so would advise an early call. d5-dit

CAIKD.—Col. Kir-gemill not finding it possible to call upon all his friends and acquaintances in order to solicit them to become subscribers to his forthcoming work "Life at St. Helena during the exile of Napoleon," begs to inform them that he has lists for signatures at the bookstores of Messrs. Day and Apderson, respectively. Guelph, Sept. 6, 1874. d5t

FOR SALE.—A splendid chance for a Market Garden. Brick house and five acres land, 5 miles from town. Apply to R. W. Robertson, Flour and Feed Store, Guelph. Guelph, July 15, 1874. d5w1

WANTED.—A nurse, with good references. Apply to MRS. WATT, Near G. W. Station. Guelph, Aug. 28th, 1874. d5t

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, book-binder, St. George's square, Guelph.

10 acres of Land wanted, suitable for Strawberries, near the town. Apply to the above. Guelph, July 15, 1874. d5w1

CIGARS.

A Real Good Box containing 100

FOR \$2.25

Tavern keepers will do well to inspect our stock before purchasing elsewhere.

ENGLISH

Shag Smoking Tobacco.

GIVE IT ONE TRIAL.

R. EVANS

Wyndham Street, near Great Western Hotel, and opposite front entrance to Town Hall. Next to Miss Andrew's Fancy Store.

RED MILL

Flour and Feed Store,

Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Family and Pastry Flour, and all kinds of Feed delivered in any part of the Town.

R. W. ROBERTSON, Guelph, Sept. 1, 1874. d5t

HOT MEALS and COFFEE

AT ALL HOURS

During Exhibition Week

—AT—

SUTTON'S

Confectionery Store, St. George's Square, Guelph.

Guelph, Sept. 2, 1874. w2

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. d5t

THE GUELPH OIL WORKS.

To the Coal Oil Trade.

I take this opportunity of letting my old friends and customers know that early this fall, I intend having my new Petroleum Refinery in operation. I am erecting on my old premises between the Grand Trunk and Great Western Railway Freight Stations an Oil Refinery with all the latest improvements for the perfect manufacturing and decolorizing of Petroleum or Coal Oil; and from my long experience in the business, feel confident of giving all in the trade who wish a No. 1 article, fair dealing and entire satisfaction; and to meet the present wants of many customers, I have in stock at my warehouse a large lot of the best London Refined Oil, which I am selling at low rates. Address all orders to O. Clark, Guelph Oil Works, Guelph, Ont. O. CLARK, d5w Guelph, August 11th, 1874.

New Advertisements.



STOVES

AT WHOLESALE PRICES

Stoves usually sold at \$32, now at \$26

All others at the same reduction.

GREAT REDUCTION IN TINWARE

Give us a call before buying elsewhere, as we are determined not to be under-sold. Our stock is the largest west of Hamilton and Toronto.

MILLS & GOODFELLOW.

Guelph, Sept. 9, 1874.

CARD.

The Subscriber would beg leave to intimate to the inhabitants of Guelph, and surrounding country, that in the course of this month he intends opening a Hardware Store in Mr. John Hogg's New Block, Wyndham Street.

I will give my personal attention to the purchasing of the Stock, and have determined to buy nothing but the best Goods, and at the lowest possible prices, thereby enabling me to meet the requirements of the people, and make it an inducement for them to favor me with their patronage.

I have therefore respectfully to request the public to kindly make an inspection of my Stock.

ARTHUR McBEAN, Jr.

Guelph, Sept. 1st, 1874.

Co-Operative Store.

On reference to all our advertisements since commencing business in Guelph seven years ago, it will be seen that we never offered "To Slaughter Goods," "To Sell at Half Price," "To Sell at a Great Sacrifice Irrespective of Cost," "To Sell 50 per cent. under other Houses," "To Keep the Largest and Best Stock in the Dominion."

We have carefully abstained from exaggeration, giving facts and figures only, leaving it to the buyers to judge for themselves.

Our aim has been to buy low, sell cheap to increase our sales, to allow no house to undersell us, to give our customers a share of profits, and make only one price.

The result has been that we have done a steady, prosperous, and increasing business, retaining old and obtaining new customers. Some left us to obtain goods "at half price," but soon returned, as "actions speak louder than words." Hence we will continue to conduct our business on the same principle.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co.

GUELPH, Sept. 7, 1874. d5w

NOW THEN.

BURR & SKINNER,

Upper Wyndham Street,

Are ready to supply all comers with every description of

FINE FURNITURE!

Spring Beds, Mattresses, etc.,

At the shortest notice, and at the very lowest prices.

We are preparing and expect to do THE FURNITURE TRADE OF THE TOWN THIS FALL, by keeping just what people require, and selling at the lowest prices, giving satisfaction to all.

Wanted---GEESE FEATHERS;

Best prices paid for a good article.

BURR & SKINNER, Manufacturers and Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Furniture.

GUELPH CLOTH HALL.

SHAW & MURTON

JUST RECEIVED

A CHOICE LOT OF

SCARFS,

Silk Handkerchiefs,

TIES, &c.

Shaw & Murton,

GUELPH, Aug. 6, 1874

MERCHANT TAILORS