

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 TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 8, 1874

Business before the Council. At the meeting of the Council on Monday night, three important subjects were brought up for consideration, all of them of special interest to the people of the Town.

The first had reference to a better system of drainage, especially in the principal streets, and the adoption of a more thorough and efficient plan for carrying out repairs and improvements in our streets and sidewalks. Hitherto the proper drainage of the Town has been almost entirely neglected, and even those drains which we have are defective, and especially in spring fail to carry off the water, thereby entailing great loss and annoyance to storekeepers and private individuals.

The second subject was the erection of a new town hall. Such a building has got to be a necessity, for the present hall is not only far too small, but in appearance it is a disgrace to a town of the size and pretensions of Guelph. The Committee at first proposed to build the Hall on the site of the present vegetable sheds, but the feeling of the Council favored the extension of the present Hall by building a wing to the Market House, and this proposal was adopted. We think this is the wisest course, though perhaps it may be the most expensive, but before the Council proceeds in the matter, the ratepayers will have to be consulted, when the By-law for the issue of debentures to defray the cost will be submitted for their approval.

The third and last question under consideration was the creation of a new Ward in town, to be called the Centre Ward, the larger portion of it to be taken off the West Ward, with the addition of a small part from the South Ward. The present West Ward is much larger than any of the other Wards, and the object is to equalize them, which the plan submitted to the Council would accomplish.

GRANGES IN CANADA.—The Grange movement is spreading in Canada. Mr. Thompson, the authorized agent of the Grangers in the U. S. has organized a Farmers' Grange in the Township of Westminster, near London. There is at present but one other Grange in Ontario, in Quebec there are already nine Granges, and it is estimated throughout the States the number reaches 12,400.

Mr. Thompson intends to make thorough tour and canvass of this Province in the interests of the Order, establishing Granges wherever practicable.

Mr. O'Callaghan had the largest vote in the North Riding, where he was best known, and Mr. McGowan had the largest vote where he was least known, or not known at all.

On the morning of Monday, the 25th, John McCoy McKenzie, living in East Oxford, was chopping in the woods with his son. A dead tree in falling struck another and broke at the top, and coming back struck him on the top of his head; he died in three hours. He was aged about 63, and leaves a family of ten children. He was a native of Scotland and an old resident.

The Dominion Board of Trade and Protection. The Board of Trade for the Dominion, at its session just concluded in Ottawa, considered and discussed the question of Protection. There was a feeling in favor of increased protection to home manufactures, but it was not put in a definite form.

Mr. Macpherson moved that a duty of fifteen per cent. is fair and reasonable, and that no disturbance of the tariff is advisable.

Mr. Gillespie, of Toronto, moved, in amendment, that it is expedient to increase the duty to twenty per cent. Neither of these resolutions went to the vote; but Major Walker, of London, moved:

"That this Board approves of an incidental protection to home manufactures of 15 per cent ad valorem, and are of opinion that in the event of any increase of duties, it should be placed on articles that are luxuries, and not necessities of life, and that the Board is further of opinion that permanency in the fiscal policy of the country is most important alike to its commerce and manufactures."

This was defeated by a vote of 20 for, to 34 against it. Mr. Thos. White, of Montreal, then moved:

"That in view of the large obligations already assumed by the Dominion, and the fact that during the first part of the present fiscal year the expenditure has exceeded the revenue by a considerable sum, it is probable that some revision of the fiscal policy of the Government of the Dominion will become necessary during the approaching session of the Canadian Parliament; be it resolved, that in the opinion of this Board, the practical protection of the manufacturing interests of the country should be embodied in such a revision of the tariff so far as the same can be carried out consistently with the commerce and revenue requirements of the country."

This resolution was carried by a vote of 42 to 12.

THE KOMOKA TRAGEDY.

FURTHER PARTICULARS

Strathroy, March 2.—The injured by the late accident near Komoka, who were brought to Strathroy, are progressing favorably and all will recover. Mr. A. Murray is more seriously hurt than at first supposed, and has had a relapse to-day. His injuries are internal. Arthur Horton is also confined to bed, his injuries being in the extremities. Mr. Daerness and Mr. Miller are no better. At a meeting of the high school board, held here to-day, it was resolved to place a tablet in the school to the memory of the late Mr. J. A. McKellar.

London, March 2.—Mr. Breathwick, of London, injured on Saturday, is reported to be sinking fast. The doctors have no hopes of his recovery. Mr. Hay, of Toronto, is reported worse. The others at Komoka are doing well. Among the injured brought to London, Mr. Robinson, of Watford, the most serious case, is doing well. The rest will recover.

Among the burnt remains there is a face that is perfectly recognizable as that of one of the unfortunate young ladies. A locket she wore was found on the neck in good preservation. Last night eight coffins left this city for Komoka Station to receive the relics. Yesterday afternoon in searching among the wreck a number of gold nuggets were found, supposed to be melted jewelry; also two gold watches, which have been identified. After seven corpses had been recovered still left, and it was supposed that one or two others had gone. Two gentlemen of Petrolia are reported still missing.

Upon the conductor, Mitchell, becoming first aware of the danger, he tried his utmost to smother the flames and calm the passengers; but finding his efforts unavailing, he mounted the roof of the passenger car and ran along the train at great risk of his life, to the locomotive, and thus the train was stopped. Indeed, both in the car and out of it, he seemed to have done all that it was possible for him to do to avert or mitigate the disaster we have to deplore.

London, March 2.—At the inquest to-day, the conductor gave evidence substantially as follows:—The fire commenced about 2 1/2 or 3 miles from Sifton's Cut. We stopped the train opposite Pallan's farm, 2 1/2 miles east of Komoka. We had been going at the rate of 20 or 22 miles an hour. After the fire commenced we did not run more than three-quarters of a mile. I would be very much surprised to hear that we had run a mile and a half. The lamp in the water-closet either fell down or exploded. I saw it lying on the floor afterwards. It had been secured by a strong spring. It is not my duty to attend to the lamps but to look at them and see if they are kept in order. We had no bell when there are no oil tanks. We do not always carry these tanks, but perhaps once or twice a week. The reason we don't use it is that it is very apt to catch and become unmanageable. We thought other exertions to signal would be better. The rule of the Company is to always carry a bell rope, no matter what the train is composed of, unless wood, iron and tie, or gravel trains. No permission was ever given from headquarters to go without one.

Mr. Knight, station-master at London, was sworn to—I did not use a bell rope when I had oil tanks on board. It would take a few hundred yards to check a train at the rate of speed we were going if the bell cord were in working order. We had no other means of signalling except by waving a lamp. At the time I saw the fire it was too far gone to stop it. It was about three minutes from the time I saw the fire to the time I spoke to the engineer.

A brakeman testified that as soon as he saw the fire he tried to uncouple the car which had the Miller coupling but could not do so as the brake was on at the rest of the train. The inquest was adjourned till Monday morning next.

Mr. Alexander James, Q.C., and James Wm. Johnston, Q.C., of Halifax, have been appointed Judges ad hoc for the purpose of the Controverted Elections Act of 1873 within the Province of Nova Scotia. Mr. Benjamin Russell, Halifax, Barrister-at-law, has been appointed Clerk of the said Election Court.

A PRIVATE BILL is now before Parliament to incorporate the village of Meaford as a town. The population, 1,500, and the inhabitants want better facility making improvements. They reckon on great increase of population in consequence of Meaford being the terminus of North Grey Railway. There are to be three wards.

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TO THE OWNERS AND BREEDERS OF HORSES AND OTHER DOMESTIC ANIMALS. GENTLEMEN,—Having been appointed Assistant Demonstrator of Anatomy in the Ontario Veterinary, Toronto, I find it necessary to be absent from my practice for several days in each week during the winter months, but I will return to Guelph every Friday evening, and remain at Coghlan's Union Hotel, Macdonell street, until the following Monday, where I can be consulted in the diseases of horses and cattle. Thanking you for your past favors, and soliciting your future patronage. I am, gentlemen, Yours obediently, E. A. GRANGE, V.S. Guelph, Jan. 6th, 1874.

New Advertisements.

Elephant Clothing Store. ALL READY

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Guelph, Mar. 2, 1874.

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GUELPH, March 2, 1874 dw

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Guelph, 1873 dw6m

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475 Ladies Beaver and Cloth Jackets cheap.

In the Cloth Department

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Coatings, Trousings, and Vestings

and made up to order in the most fashionable styles.

WM. STEWART,

Guelph, Oct. 15, 1873.

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Guelph, Feb. 19, 1874. dw

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Or parts thereof, of every description or style, at very low rates, and studying the interests of

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