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LUMBER, LUMBER.

GOWDY & STEWART,

In returning their sincere thanks to their numerous customers for past favors, beg to inform them that to enable them to carry on their steadily increasing business, they have found it necessary to REMOVE to the large and long established Lumber Yard of THOMAS McCRAE, Esq., in rear of the Alma Block,

WOOLWICH STREET

GUELPH,

Where they keep constantly on hand all kinds of LUMBER, from 1×3 Batten to Joisting 30 feet long, and cut to order all kinds of Bill Stuff on short notice.

DRESSED LUMBER!

Of all kinds on hand, or dressed to order.

Their Saw Mills being near Georgetown Station, they can ship lumber to any point on the Grand Trunk, East or West.

They invite from intending purchasers an inspection of their large stock.

GOWDY & STEWART.

Guelph, 3rd April, 1869. 4wd—wtf

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Furniture Cream!

Producing, with half the usual labor, a most

BRILLIANT POLISH

On all kinds of Cabinet & French Polished Furniture, Varnished and Japanned articles of every description.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE:

Shake the bottle well, and apply a small quantity with a woollen cloth on the article to be polished; continue rubbing for a few minutes, then finish off with a clean soft rag, when a most beautiful polish will be produced.

PREPARED ONLY BY

A. B. PETRIE,

Chemist, Corbet's Block, Guelph.

Guelph 3rd April. dw

REMOVAL OF GARLAND'S

Hat and Cap Store.

THE er as removed to the splendid remises

Day's Block, late Petrie's Drug Store

And has now in stock an immense assortment o

Hats, Caps, Furs, &c.,

In all the latest and most fashionable styles and colours, which will be sold very cheap.

Being a practical hatter, he thoroughly understands the wants of customers, and invites the public to call and see his goods, as he can sell them a better article at a cheaper price than they can get elsewhere.

☞ The highest price paid for raw Furs.

F. GARLAND.

Guelph, March 15, 1869. 3md&w

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(Successor to John W. Murton),

Banking and Exchange OFFICE,

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BILLS OF EXCHANGE, uncurrent Money and Specie bought and sold at best rates.

5-20 Bonds bought and sold at a slight advance on New York rates.

Agent for the National Steamship Company, weekly Line of Steamers between New York and Liverpool. Also for the London and New York Steamship Company, fortnightly Line between New York and London.

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Agent for the Keishaw & Edwards' celebrated Fire and Burglar Proof Safes.

Guelph, Dec. 1. daw 1y

SPECIAL NOTICE

The subscriber in returning thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed on him in former years, begs to announce that he has erected a NEW OPERATING ROOM at considerable expense, introducing all the improvements of the day, as well as

New RUSTIC Accessories.

He is prepared to execute Photographs and Portraits of all kinds

From the Locket to Life Size

Equal, as regards finish and life-like appearance, to any that can be obtained in the Dominion.—Copying of PORTRAITS in all its branches as usual, done in a satisfactory manner.

In Large Photographs with Frames he intends offering Special Inducements during the coming Holidays.

Parties requiring a large sized Photograph with handsome frame, or any other Portrait of themselves or friends, will find it to their advantage to call and examine specimens and prices.

Rooms: Directly over John A. Wood's Grocery Store, Wyndham-St.

WILLIAM BURGESS.

Guelph December 12. dw

DOMINION SALOON

FRESH OYSTERS!

OF the best quality always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice; also for sale by the keg or can. The Bar is supplied with Liquors, Wines, Ales and Cigars, of the choicest brands, likewise with the favorite drink, "Tom and Jerry." ☞ LUNCH between the hours of 12 noon and 3 p. m.

DENIS BUNYAN

Guelph, 17th October

FACTORY FOR SALE OR LEASE

A good Factory for sale or to let. Apply to S. BOULT, Quebec-st., Guelph

Guelph, November 19, 1868. daw tf

MAGAZINES

FOR APRIL

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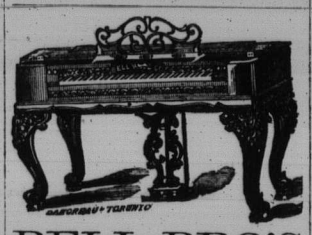
Opposite the Market, Guelph.

Family Herald
Young Englishman's Journal
Young Men of Great Britain
Boys of England
Reynold's Miscellany
All the Year Round
Saint Paul's
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



BELL BRO'S

The senior partners of the late firm of Bell, Wood & Co., have much pleasure in informing the public that having dissolved partnership with the other members of the said firm, they still continue the manufacture and sale of

MELODEONS & CABINET ORGANS

IN THE OLD STAND.

Though we were successful at the late Provincial Exhibition, we were determined to make a much better instrument than before, and with that end in view secured the services of some of Prince & Co's very best workmen, including a Tuner, who is undoubtedly the best in Canada. Besides their superior tone, our instruments have all the latest patent improvements of the best American makers, together with a number of valuable improvements of our own. We therefore confidently affirm that they are much superior to any made elsewhere in Canada, and at least equal to any made in the United States.

All instruments are warranted for five years, and perfect satisfaction guaranteed. Factory and Warerooms—In the old Gore Bank building, East Market Square, Guelph.

April 21. d3m-wly W. BELL & CO.

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 or paid for. Orders will receive prompt attention.

Factory—Corner of Norfolk Street and Nelson Crescent.

HAMPTON & CO.

Guelph, April 22. d3 w1

COAL OIL.

PRICES DOWN AT

HORSMAN'S

Coal Oil 35c. per gallon

By five gallons

Single Gallon, - - 40 cents

Guelph, 7th April. dw

PUBLIC NOTICE.

NEW

PROVISION STORE!

West Market Square,

(Adjoining John Harris')

FLOUR, FEED

and POTATOES—any quantity. Also Smoked Hams to be had.

HIRSCH & KENNEDY.

Guelph, March 24. dtf

CO-PARTNERSHIP.

The undersigned beg to inform the public that they have entered into partnership for carrying on the business of contractors and builders, and are prepared to execute all orders for building in stone or brick.

Any Quantity of Stone on Hand and Cut to Order,

To suit purchasers. All orders left at the store of Hirsch & Kennedy, Produce Merchants, West Market Square, Guelph, will receive prompt attention.

PIKE & DAVIDSON.

Guelph, April 1. d3m w6m

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,

Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law,

Solicitors in Chancery, &c.,

GUELPH, Ontario.

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

Guelph, April 1, 1869. aw tf

Evening Mercury.

THURSDAY EV'G, APRIL 29, 1869.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

PRESS MEETING. — We are requested to state that the meeting of the newspaper publishers in this county, to be held at Elora on Saturday, takes place at one o'clock.

THE MARKET.—Only four or five loads of wheat came into market this morning, and very little of anything else. The wheat buyers and produce dealers at present may exclaim with Othello, that their "occupation's gone."

ACCIDENT.—We understand that Mr. Winstanley, barrister, of Fergus, while out driving yesterday near that village, in company with Mr. J. Black, was by some means thrown out of the conveyance, sustaining rather severe injuries—one of his legs having been fractured. He is at present confined to his house, under medical superveillance.

ANOTHER SUICIDE.—On Wednesday morning, Mr. Wm. Valleau, a respectable farmer near the village of Selby, in the County of Lennox, committed suicide by hanging himself. He has been for some time in a desponding state of mind. He left his house for the sugar bush for the purpose of looking (as he said,) for his sheep. Not having returned, his neighbours went in search and found his lifeless body hanging to a small tree by a pole-strap which he had taken with him.

THE LAND TAX SALE.—The sale of farm lands for arrears of taxes continued all day yesterday (Wednesday) with very fair success, good prices being obtained for all the lots, and the bidding being brisk. The sale of the town lots was being proceeded with as we go to press, and the like success seems to attend their disposal—every parcel of ground offered meeting with a ready purchaser, affording a very gratifying indication of the high value in which real estate is held in Guelph. The sale will close this evening.

HAIL STORM.—A sharp hail storm, lasting about ten minutes, passed over some of the townships in this vicinity last Tuesday afternoon, about 4 o'clock. Several persons passing along the Eramosa road at the time were cut about the face by the hailstones, which were very large. We have not heard of any other damage being done beyond the breakage of sundry window panes and the blowing down of signs—that of the MERCURY Office being amongst them. In town the storm did not last more than a minute or two.

THE NEW YORK ALBION.—Since this journal changed hands it has exhibited signs of decided improvement, under the able management of Mr. Kinahan Cornwallis, an author of considerable repute, who was on the staff of newspaper correspondents who visited this country along with his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in the summer of 1860. The *Albion* has always been a favorite in Canada, on account of its advocacy of British principles, and the cream of British literature given in its ample pages. As a commercial authority it is now among the best in the United States. The subscription price is $6, which includes the beautiful engravings; without these the subscription is $5.

"NO THOROUGHFARE."—D. Allan's bridge in this town being impassable for teams, a long pole is thrown across the roadway as a notification that there is no thoroughfare that way for farmers and others; but unfortunately on a dark night such as we had yesterday (Wednesday) strangers are unable to distinguish the condition of the bridge, and are apt to drive against the pole before they are aware of its presence. Accidents may arise in this manner, and pending the structure being substantially repaired, it is the duty of the Corporation to have lights put up to warn all travellers of the dangers of the locality. There is a lamp-post which was removed from the bridge during the prevalence of the flood, now lying in a very dejected-looking position at the entrance to the bridge, and this might be put to the service for which it was originally intended.

Hillsburg School Reunion.

The reunion of the Hillsburg school came off in the school house on Friday evening the 23rd inst. The evening was all that could be desired, and before the appointed hour every available spot in the large school room was occupied, and still crowds tried to make their way in.

The Rev. Mr. Strachan being appointed chairman the exercises commenced, which consisted of dialogues, recitations, and singing by the pupils. The rendering of some of the pieces was excellent, considering it to be the first attempt of the juveniles, and reflects credit upon their teacher, Mr. D. McLean, for the short time he has been among them. The music, which consisted of songs and choruses, was appreciated by all, and added greatly to the enjoyment of the entertainment. At the close of the programme short and interesting speeches were made by some of the visitors present. After a vote of thanks to the teacher, pupils, and chairman, the meeting dispersed, apparently well pleased with the evening's entertainment; and by the significant glances interchanged, it might be easily inferred that the programme for the evening was not considered exhausted, but that there were yet many interesting dialogues reserved for rehearsal during the homeward journey, under the bright silver light of the moon.

VISITOR.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate.

THURSDAY, April 29.—The case of *Charles Thain*, which was postponed till to day for further evidence, was decided against him for breach of by-law, and he was fined $1 and costs.

CANADIAN INDEPENDENCE.—The *Nouveau Monde* declares in a leading article that it is high time for public men in Canada to think of independence, and that annexation is now the general topic of political conversations. This, coming from the recognized organ of high church dignitaries, is very significant. Hon. Jno. Young, in a letter to the Montreal *News* Wednesday morning declares in favor of Canadian independence.

Horrible Death from Hydrophœbia.

The Dundas *News* gives the following particulars of the death from that terrible malady, which occurred in that town on Sunday last:—"One of the persons bitten by the mad dog was an elderly man named Wyatt, formerly a soldier in the 1st Regiment. Previous to coming to Dundas he obtained his discharge from the service at London, Ont. He was employed around town at odd jobs, and at the time the symptoms of the dread disease appeared had been engaged in gardening operations. The dog, which was the instrument of the mischief, had at one time belonged to Wyatt, and had returned to his premises. Wyatt endeavored to put a rope around the brute's neck for the purpose of tying it up, when it snapped at and bit him on the first finger of the right hand, making but a small scratch, but which proved to have been sufficient to innoculate him with the virus. Remedial agents were applied, and very little more was thought of the affair until Saturday last, when Wyatt complained of soreness in the finger and shooting pains up the arm, which he compared to rheumatics. In the evening, about nine o'clock, he requested his son to give him a drink of water, which being brought, he could not look at. Then the whole truth flashed on his mind in an instant. He was mad! He, accompanied by his son, proceeded to Dr. McMahon's office, and the Dr. prescribed a draught, an attempt to take which almost threw him into convulsions. He afterwards retired to his residence, where he remained until he died. The progress of the disease was very rapid; it being but about twenty-four hours after his calling upon medical aid until he was a corpse. Poor Wyatt was well aware of his state, and begged, entreated and prayed to be destroyed—bled to death—allow him to get out of the house to drown himself—anything for a relief from this horrible death. His appearance was frightful. His eyes appeared to fairly protrude from their sockets, and glowed with a fearful intensity. Possessed of the strength of a giant, it required the united strength of half a dozen men to hold him in the paroxysm. Horrid screams attested his suffering. Bound at one time with a stout bed-cord he snapped it like a piece of rotten yarn. The disease continued to increase in intensity until about 8 o'clock on Sunday evening, when nature seemed to have become gradually exhausted, and from that time until 10 o'clock he continued to slowly sink, his condition being interspersed by frequent spasms until death finally relieved him from his terrible sufferings. Everything that medical aid could do was attempted, but without effect. Vapor baths along with the other remedies were applied, but they only appeared to mitigate the suffering.—Wyatt leaves a wife and family. No danger is apprehended to the other person who was bitten at the same time, as he had a glove on the hand wounded, and as no symptoms have presented themselves up to this time, it is presumed the texture of the fabric absorbed the saliva. The Mayor on Monday issued a proclamation ordering all dogs to be muzzled. It is stated that some dogs which were bitten, have not been destroyed by their owners.

"Realities of Irish Life."

From Messrs. Roberts Bros., 143 Washington street, Boston, we have received a copy of the above work, by W. Stewart Trench. The title, "Realities of Irish Life," faithfully describes its contents.—There is scarcely a word about politics or the Church in it from one end to the other. The author is an Irishman, and a cousin of the Archbishop of Dublin—and having resided all his life in his native country, and thoroughly knowing and cordially liking his countrymen, he early embraced the profession of a land agent, besides being a considerable landed proprietor on his own account. His work is at once the most deeply interesting, and the most instructive and illustrative we have read for many years.—There is a very readable description of the author's school life at Armagh, and subsequently at Trinity College, Dublin. Afterwards, in the prosecution of his various duties as agent, we must refer our readers to the work itself for the strange adventures and hair-breadth escapes which befel the writer. The whole volume is occupied with the great question and the great difficulty of Ireland, which throw every other question and difficulty into the background, namely, the peculiar character of the people, and their ideas and feelings in reference to the land. To Irishmen, particularly, the book will be perused with deep interest on account of the faithful delineation of Irish character and scenery set forth in its pages. The work is published in a cheap edition, which may be ordered through any of our booksellers, and we advise all who can do so conveniently to procure a copy.

Halton Horse Show and Ploughing Match.

From our Correspondent.

The County of Halton Show of Entire Horses and Ploughing Match came off on Tuesday at Milton, and was well attended. The horse show was the best ever held here, and one of the judges said he had attended a great many shows in different parts of the Province, but this was the best he had ever seen. There were nineteen horses exhibited, and not a bad horse in the whole lot. The following is the prize list:

DRAUGHT HORSES.—1st prize 'Agricola,' owned by Duff & McCallum; 2nd 'Nonpariel,' Ransom Adams; 3rd 'Old Jack's alive,' Geo. Gowland, Toronto Township.

ROADSTER OR CARRIAGE HORSE.—1st, 'Royal George,' D. Lucas, Trafalgar; 2nd, 'Young Whalebone,' E. N. Orr, Georgetown; 3rd, 'Sir Henry Clay,' Mr. Knight, Esquesing.

GENERAL PURPOSE HORSES.—1st, 'Prince of the West,' Jas Stark, Esquesing; 2nd, 'British Splendor,' A. Bowman, Nelson; 3rd, 'French Rock,' M. Lyons, Nassagaweya. 'Dominion Pride,' Robt. Brown, Nelson, highly recommended.

The ploughing was hardly equal to some former years. First class men seven entries.—1st prize Wm Parkin, 2nd Jonathan Featherstone, 3rd Thomas Wright, 4th A. Stark. Second class men—only one entry, John Waldie 1st prize. Boys—two entries, 1st A. Jarvis, 2nd Edward Bank. Joseph Featherstone was thrown out in the first class on account of false cut in the share.

EMIGRANTS.—Two hundred German emigrants passed west this forenoon on the Grand Trunk Railway, all bound for the Western States.

THE WORLD OVER.

The Queen has bestowed a pension of £100 a year, on the widow of Carleton, the Irish novelist.

By agreement among the doctors in a town in Michigan, any person allowing his account to run over sixty days, will be refused the services of the physician.

The preparatory school of Harrow, in England, is to adopt a complete modern course for the instruction of lads not going to the universities. Greek is to be dropped, and other subjects will fill its place.

KIRK SYNOD.—The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, meets in Hamilton on Tuesday, June 1st—exactly one week before the meeting of the Canada Presbyterian Church Synod, also to be held in Hamilton this year.

THE CABINET.—It is now stated that Senator Aikens is to go into the Cabinet, and that no one else is to be taken in for Ontario—that the number of Ministers for Ontario is to be reduced, and that Mr. Chapais is to retire from the Cabinet, reducing the representation for Quebec to three.

There has been such pressure of office seekers at Washington during the past six weeks, that the President and all the members of his Cabinet have been compelled to leave, in order to obtain a little relaxation. President Grant rushed off to Maryland, and his Cabinet to their respective homes on Saturday last.

The *Owl* says Sir Samuel Baker will shortly proceed to Egypt to command an expedition which the Viceroy intends to despatch for the suppression of the slave trade of the White Nile, and to establish the Egyptian authority throughout the Nile basin, embracing the entire equatorial lake system. Steamers will be launched upon the Nyanza.

The phrase "going snacks" originated at the time of the plague in London. A noted body-snatcher then resided in that city, named Snacks. His business increased so fast that he offered to any person who should join him in his hardened practice half the profits; those who joined him were said to go with Snacks. Hence going snacks, or dividing spoils.

EXONERATED.—At a meeting of those interested in Mr. Weir's recent silver movement, held at Montreal on Monday, a resolution was passed declaring that he had acted in a straightforward and satisfactory manner. Mr. Weir said that in order to secure the success of such a movement, a guarantee fund of $50,000 should be raised. The meeting did not think this could be done at present.

It has been shown before the Committee of the House on Export Duties that the export duty on saw logs rendered an immense quantity of pine valueless; because being an inferior quality, owners could not afford to pay duty, and it would not pay to make boards at home for exportation. The duties are felt to be a great injustice to Norfolk and Elgin counties, where four-fifths of the revenue on saw logs is collected.

THE TROOPS.—The *Globe* says that although the time for the anticipated removal of the troops is near at hand, no definite intelligence has yet been received as to the date of their actual departure. It is probable, however, that they will leave Toronto shortly after the 11th of May—the date of the sale of the military horses. The fact that no word has yet reached Toronto of the sailing of transports to bring them home is looked upon by some as an indication that they will not leave so early.

BURSTING OF A BOILER.—An auxiliary boiler, 40 or 50 horse power, in the rolling mills at Hamilton, burst on Wednesday evening about 6 o'clock, carrying away the roof and side of the shed where it was. One man, who was attending the boiler, named Burns, is killed, and five others injured, but not seriously. They are:—Chief fireman, Mr. Matthias; John Murray, a machinist; Christopher Fitzpatrick, a workman; a boy named Fox, a helper at the mill; and a stranger, Duncan McNab, from Trenton, Ill., who had stopped over a train, and had just gone in to see the mill. The main building is very little injured, and work will only be stopped for a few days. Cause of accident not yet known, but it is supposed the water was too low.

DICKENS AT LIVERPOOL.—One of the most pleasing features of the speech delivered at St. George's Hall, Liverpool, by Mr. Dickens, was the straightforward way in which he stood up for the independent rank of his profession. There are many anecdotes of the great novelist which show how sincere he is in these opinions, and how manfully he has resented the slights which have sometimes been offered to letters in his person. There was a desire, for instance, among some high personages to hear Mr. Dickens read in private. The Queen expressed her wish that he should visit the Castle, but intimated that he was to be received only as any other hired performer would be. He declined to go either to that or any other house where he could not be on a footing of perfect equality with the guests.

EMIGRATION OF ENGLISH SPEAKING PEOPLE FROM THE TOWNSHIPS TO THE STATES.—A correspondent writes to the Montreal *Witness* stating that the emigration from his section of the Eastern Townships to the Western and Pacific States, is unprecedented. Those leaving are mostly young men, well educated, industrious, and enterprising; in fact, they are generally among the best and most promising men in the country.—Whole families also, are taking their departure, and others whom one meets from time to time, say they are only waiting for a tolerable chance to sell their farms or other property. The busiest people seem to be the auctioneers. It is not an uncommon thing in a country store to see some half a dozen hand-bills of auction sales of farm stock and utensils, household furniture, &c., to which are often appended the ominous words, "Must be sold,—bound for the West."—Men are evidently losing confidence in the country, under its present management, and have little confidence in the future.

BY TELEGRAPH

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

LONDON, April 28.—The great event of the Newmarket races, the $2,000 guineas stakes, came off to-day. The race was won by Pretender.

CORK, April 28.—At a dinner here last evening, in honor of Warren and Costello, released Fenian prisoners, prior to their departure for America, the Mayor presided. He made an inflammatory speech, warmly eulogizing the guests. Other gentlemen spoke in the same strain. A large procession of friends paraded the streets with bands and torches. Much enthusiam prevailed.

BERLIN, April 28.—In the Diet to-day, Count Bismarck announced that the convention made with the United States for protection of emigrants on shipboards, had so far failed of any practical results, owing to abstracts in the way of establishing an international tribunal for the adjudication of the cases of complaint arising under the treaty.

LISBON, April 28.—Advices from Rio Janerio state that the allies are expected to advance into the interior of Paraguay before the end of April.

MADRID, April 28.—A Republican member of the Cortes was yesterday called to order for advocating atheistical principles, and alluding to the Christian religion with disrespect. The Republicans, indignant at the decision of the President, withdrew from the Chamber. They subsequently returned to their seats, and proposed a vote of censure against the President. A stormy debate followed, and terminated in the withdrawal of the resolution. Montiralo's amendment to the Constitution in favor of maintaining the present unity of the Catholic religion and worship in Spain was rejected.

American Despatches

NEW YORK, April 29th.

NO RAIN FOR THREE YEARS.

By way of St. Thomas, April 15th, we have late advices from Maracaibo. The populace of that city was in a fearful condition for want of water. Not a drop of rain had fallen for three years. The town is to be destroyed and abendoned.

EMIGRANTS.

From the 1st of January to the 31st of April 30,456 emigrants have arrived in this city. During the week ending yesterday 5,865 have arrived.

REVOLUTION STILL UNSUPPRESSED.

The revolution in the eastern portion of the Venezuelan Republic was still unsuppressed.

THE BRITISH MINISTER.

Sir Edward Thornton, the British Minister, is at the Clarendon Hotel.

SALNAVE LOSING GROUND.

Letters from Hayti state that Salnave was losing ground everywhere.

STEAMER ARRIVED.

The steamer *Georgian*, from Hamburg, has arrived.

West Garafraxa Council.

The Municipal Council of West Garafraxa held a special meeting at Mr. Thompson's tavern, Douglas, on 20th April, 1869—the members being all present. On motion of William Gibson, seconded by John Mitchel, Mr Andrew Lightbody was granted $8 for his services as auditor for 1868. On motion of R McLelland, seconded by John Mitchel, W. Crowe was granted $96 for keeping Mr and Mrs Currie from 30th Dec., 1868, to 1st May, 1869, with the understanding that the Council will no longer be responsible for their keeping. On motion of William Gibson, seconded by John Mitchel, the Treasurer was authorised to pay the orders of sheep killed by dogs in West Garafraxa during the year 1868 to the amount of $66. Moved by John Mitchel, seconded by R McLelland, that the account of George Brown, merchant, of $1.-12½ be allowed. On motion of Stephen Piper, seconded by Wm Gibson, the sum of $10.50 was granted to John Mitchel to pay hired hands for surveying. The Reeve gave orders on the Treasurer for the above amounts. The Council then adjourned to meet in Court of Revision, at Mr Fleming's, on 20th May next. WM. CAMPBELL, Clerk.

ICE BOUND.—About one hundred upward-bound vessels are now at Port Colborne, unable to get out into Lake Erie, owing to the impenetrable belt of ice, ten miles wide, which lines the northern shore of the Lake. A number of propellers are outside the ice, waiting to get in, including three boats belonging to the Northern Transportation Company.—Several attempts have been made to steam through the icy barrier, without the least success, and it may be a week before the harbor is clear. The ice jam at Buffalo is still worse. Meanwhile, the fleet at Port Colborne is hourly increased by vessels moving up from Port Dalhousie. It is thought that if the north wind now blowing continues for a day or two, the fleet will soon be liberated.

SUICIDE AT BERLIN.—A fortnight ago a man named Jacob Koch, resident in Berlin, went into a tavern and taking a glass of whiskey, said to those present, "this is the last drink you shall ever see me take." He disappeared; but as he had been in the habit of wandering round soliciting charity, no attention was paid to the threat. On Wednesday afternoon his body was found in Shantz's dam, a little below the town, by some man who was fishing. Some years ago Koch lost his arm in Simpson's factory, and has been unable to help a wife and six children since. This appears to have preyed on his mind and led him to suicide, for he was a quiet, inoffensive and steady man, about 35 years old.

FELONY.—We see, by a Bill now before Parliament at Ottawa, entitled, "An Act respecting offences against the person," that the administering of drugs, or the taking of other means by a woman to procure abortion upon herself, is made a felony. It will be remembered that, in an abortion trial not long ago in Montreal, the absence of such a clause respecting the female, saved one of them from a criminal prosecution. The public sentiment will approve of this amendment to the present law in such cases.

If your head, nose and throat are filled with a burdensome mass of mucus, either dry or moist, thin or thick, white or yellow, and your eyes swollen and heavy, your head feeling unusually large, with a constant, dull, heavy pain all through it, resulting from catarrh, use Briggs' Allevantor. The mucus will be immediately discharged from the head, nose and throat, the eyes brighten and sparkle with delight; the head feels natural again, all pain has fled, and life is once more desirable. Price $1 per bottle. Sold by E. Harvey & Co., and all druggists.