Guelph Evening Mercury.

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Business Cards.

MEDICAL CO-PARTNERSHIP.

We, the undersigned, have entered into partnership for the practice of the Medical profession under the style and firm of Keating & McDonald.

THOS. AUCHMULY KEATING, M. D., M. R. C. S., England
A. A. MACDONALD, M.B., L.R.C.P., Edin., and L.R.C.S., Edin.
Guelph, July 1st, 1873. d1m wóm

REMOVAL OF SURGERY.

DR. HEROD

Has removed his Surgery to the rooms above the Guelph Drug Store, where he may be found from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance on Cork street. After 6 p.m. at his residence as usual. dw

DUNBAR, MERRITT & BISCOE, Barristers and Attorneys at Law Solicitors in Chancery, etc. Office—Over Harvey's Drug Store.
A. DUNBAR. W. M. MERRITT. F. BISCOE.
Guelph, Oct. 7, 1873 dw

OLIVER & MACDONALD, Barristers and Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors, Notaries Public, &c. Office—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, up stairs, Guelph, Ont. (dw

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN, Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Guelph, Ontario.

D. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN
Guelph, March 1, 1871. dw.

LEMON & PETERSON, Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Conveyancers and Notaries Public.

Offices—Brownlow's New Buildings, near the Registry Offices.

A. LEMON, H. W. PETERSON,
CHAS. LEMON. | County Crown Attorney

WILLIAM J. PATERSON, Official Assignee for the County of Wellington.

Office—Opposite Town Hall, Guelph. dw

STEPHEN BOULT, Architect, Contractor and Builder. Planing Mill, and every kind of Joiner's Work prepared for the rade and the public. The Factory is on Quebec street, Guelph. dw

F. STURDY, House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter

GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.

Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. f27 dw

IRON CASTINGS

Of all kinds, made to order at

CROWE'S IRON WORKS, Norfolk Street, Guelph.

15dw JOHN CROWE, Proprietor

THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH, remodelled and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers Free omnibus to and from all trains First-class Livery in connection.
May 14 dwtf JAS. A. THORP, Proprietor

ROPERT CRAWFORD, PRACTICAL Watch and Clock Maker, Jeweller. Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Gold and Silver Watches, Chains, Brooches, Rings, &c., Hair Plait and Device Work, Clocks and Time pieces, Jewelry repaired and made to order. Plated Goods in variety.
Guelph, Feb. 12, 1873. dwy

PARKER'S HOTEL, —DIRECTLY— OPPOSITE the MARKET, GUELPH

First-class accommodation for travellers Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.
The best Liquors and Cigars at the bar.
He has just fitted up a room where Oysters will be served up at all hours, in the favorite styles.
Pickled Salmon, Lobsters, and Sardines.
Guelph, Feb , 1873 dw

HOTEL CARD.

The Right Man in the Right Place.

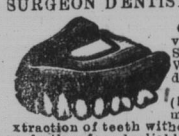
THOMAS WARD, late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has acquired possession of the Victoria Hotel, next door to the Post Office, where he hopes by courtesy, attention, and good accommodation, to merit a fair share of public patronage, both from old and new friends. The best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars &c., constantly on hand. A good hostler always in attendance. Remember the spot—next door to the Post Office.
THOMAS WARD, (Late of Crown Hotel), Proprietor.
Guelph Dec. 5th, 1872. dawly

J. H. ROMAIN & Co., Successors to Nelles, Romain & Co., CANADA HOUSE,

General Commission Merchants. AND SHIPPERS, 26, City National Bank Building, Chicago, Ill.

References: Sir John Rose, banker, London, England; F W Thomas, Esq., banker, Montreal; The Marine Company of Chicago, bankers; Hon J Carling, London, Ont. Messrs Gault Bros., merchants, Montreal; Senator F Smith (Frank Smith & Co.) Toronto; J M Millar, Esq., Perth, Ont. (late of J M Millar & Co, commission merchants, Chicago); W Watson, Esq., banker, New York; D Butters, Esq., Montreal; J Whitehead, Esq., M P., Clinton, Ont; C Magill, Esq., M P Hamilton, Ont: T C Chisholm, Esq., S B Foote, Esq. Toronto.

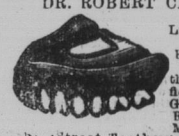
W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S., SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH.



Office over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, Corner o Wyndham and Macdonell-sts, Guelph Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) administered for the extraction of teeth without pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable.
References kindly permitted to Drs. Herod Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Keating, Cowan and McGregor, Guelph; W. K. Graham, Dentist Brantford dw

PRIZE DENTISTRY.

DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL



Licentiate of Dental Surgery. Established 1864. Office next door to the "Advertiser" Office, Wyndham-st. Guelph. Residence opposite Mr. Boult's Factory Duke Street. Teeth extracted without pain. References, Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire Herod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph. Drs Graham and Philips, Toronto Drs. Elliot & Revers, Dentists Toronto. dw

New Advertisements.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—At the Cash Store, a few first-class Tailoresses. Apply to R. Clayton. 18dtf

MALE HELP WANTED — Wanted a Book-keeper, several Clerks, and Salesmen. AMES, HALE & CO., Chicago, Ill. 3dwl

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—A good farm hand for general work. Must be single, industrious and sober. Apply to Hart & Spiers, Guelph. d3wl

LOST — Between the English Church and Allan's Bridge, on Saturday, 22nd inst., a hair brooch, with gold setting. A liberal reward will be given on leaving it at this office. 1

NOTICE.—Pork cuttings for sale at the Guelph Packing House, opposite the Grand Trunk Passenger Station.
Guelph, Nov. 7, 1873. d&wtf.

TOWN RESIDENCE FOR SALE.

The subscribers offer for sale a desirable residence, within ten minutes walk of the market. The house is a substantial stone cottage, with stable, out houses, pump, and soft water cistern attached. Terms made known on application to
MACMILLAN & O'CONNOR, Solicitors, &c., Day's Block.
Nov. 25, 1873. d1w.

Y. M. C. A.

The Ladies' Committee for the Building Fund of the Young Men's Christian Association have decided holding their Bazaar on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 23rd and 24th of December, the two days before Christmas. Contributions will be gladly received, and can be left with the undersigned.
M. J. HIGINBOTHAM,
Guelph, Nov. 1873. dd Secretary.

CUTTERS, CUTTERS.

Now is your time to get first-class Cutters cheap for cash or short credit.

Robert Parker

Has now on hand a large stock the same style as the one which took the first prize at the Central Exhibition, Guelph, last fall, and which for comfort, style, and excellence of material, cannot be surpassed in Canada.

All are invited to call and examine the work. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Repairing, Repainting, Retrimming

as usual, at low prices.
ROBERT PARKER,
Macdonnell Street, near the Grand Trunk Station, Guelph.
Nov. 24th, 1873. wy

ST. ANDREW'S DAY IN GUELPH.

The Sons of St. Andrew

Will celebrate the anniversary of their patron Saint by a

CONCERT and BALL

IN THE TOWN HALL,

On Monday Ev'g, 1st of Dec'r.

The Concert will be given under the management of Mr. H. K. Maitland, the well-known Vocalist, who will be assisted by popular lady and gentlemen amateurs.

Vale's Splendid Quadrille Band

Has been engaged for the Ball.
Tickets admitting lady and gentleman $1.50; gentleman's single ticket $1; extra lady's ticket, 50c. Refreshments extra. Tickets may be had at the Book and Drug Stores, and from the members of the Committee.
Doors open at 7 o'clock; concert to commence at 8 sharp.
JOHN ANDERSON, Secretary.
Guelph, Nov. 25th, 1873. dw

AUCTION SALE

Of Household Effects.

W. S. G. Knowles has been instructed by Mrs. Wm. Crowe to sell by public auction, at her residence, Woolwich Street, next to Mills & Goodfellow's Foundry,

On Thursday, the 27th of November,

Without reserve, the following Household Furniture: Feather Bed, 3 mattresses, 6 bedsteads, blankets and pillows, 4 washstands, large bookcase, 2 dish cupboards (1 with glass doors), 4 chamber sets, chairs, bureau, 2 large dining tables, kitchen table, cruet stand, parlor stove, box stove, cooking stove and pipes, large bass viol, lamps, and other articles too numerous to mention. Terms cash. Sale to commence at one o'clock sharp. d4

Y. M. C. A.

THE FAVORITE TRIO,

The Vescelius Sisters

Will give a Concert for the Young Men's Christian Association in the Town Hall,

On Tuesday, the 25th Inst.

Doors open at 7.30 o'clock. Concert to begin at 8 o'clock.
Tickets to all parts of the Hall, 35 cents, may be had at John Anderson's Bookstore, Day's Bookstore, and from members of the Association.
Guelph, Nov. 19, 1873. dd

TOWN OF GUELPH.

FIREWOOD.

Tenders will be received on or before the 1st day of December at the Town Clerk's office for the supply of 50 cords of

Dry Beech and Maple

of the first quality. Part of it to be delivered forthwith, the whole of it before the first day of February next Also

Fifty Cords of Green Wood

of the same description and quality. To be delivered before the 1st day of May next. The whole to be piled at the Market House. The measure and quality to be satisfactory to the Market and Relief Committees.
By order,
JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk.
Town Hall, Guelph, 19th Nov., 1873—w1d6.

Guelph Evening Mercury

TUESDAY EVENING, NOV. 25, 1873

Town and County News

BUSINESS on the market was brisk this morning.

SLEIGHING is now pretty good, and our streets are made lively by the arrival and departure of the tinkling teams.

THE Vescelius sisters give their concert to-night. We hope these popular and excellent vocalists will have a good house.

THE funeral of the late Mr. Coyne, M. P., last week was the largest ever known in the County of Peel, there being, it was estimated, nearly one thousand persons present.

THE Young Ladies' Journal has reached us from John Anderson. Its supplement teems with fashions, patterns and designs to employ busy feminine eyes and fingers, and contains also a large fashion plate.

LADIES should read Mr. Jeffrey's advertisement in another column. It contains news of interest to them. They will recognize it at once by its covering about half an acre of our space.

NEW NUNS.—At the Convent of St. Joseph, Park-st. North, Hamilton, a few days ago six young ladies received the religious habit and took the vows of admission to the Convent—some of them from the neighborhood of Guelph. The ceremony was a public one, and conducted by three Hamilton priests, and one from Brantford. Rev. Father Bardon. The following are the names of the sisters:—Miss Coady received the title of Sister Mary Pauline; Miss Hurly, Sister Mary Philomene; Miss Sullivan, Sister Mary Febrona; Miss Sarah Horan, Sister Mary Benedicta; Miss Mary Horan, Sister Mary Matilda, and Miss Kelly, Sister Mary Ambrosia.

THE LONDON QUARTERLY REVIEW has reached us from the Leonard Scott Publishing Company, 140 Fulton-st., New York. Amongst the subjects treated on in this number is the English Pulpit. The present system of preaching and style of pulpit oratory is referred to, and the measure of its influence discussed. There is an interesting article on "The Land of Moab," giving an account of important discoveries on the east side of the Dead Sea, and the River Jordan. "The Programme of the Radicals" gives useful information on the present position of political parties in England. An article on "Holland House" brings up reminiscences of the times of Walpole, Pitt, Fox, and their fellows. There are also articles on School Boards, Voltaire, English Dictionaries and Herbert Spencer—the last having chiefly reference to metaphysical matters.

ANOTHER VOLUME COMPLETE.—The *Aldine* for December is to hand. It contains a large number of illustrations, some of great beauty and finished in the highest style of art. A feature of the *Aldine* this month is the "character" in several of the pictures. Incidents of social life are depicted in a manner which goes home to the feelings and brings before the mind's eye in a vivid and life-like manner the scenes that the engravings represent. The letter press is of the usual high order; and the publishers remind their readers of the new volume which begins with the January number. The *Aldine* is doing a good work in popularising art, in making the people familar with the beautiful, and in educating and elevating the popular taste. Jas. Sutton & Co., 58 Maiden Lane, New York, are the publishers, and we congratulate them on the result of their enterprise.

The Union printers of Pittsburgh are on a strike.

The telegraph cable steamer Robert Lowe has been wrecked.

Navigation on the New York State canals is effectually closed by snow and ice.

It is understood that Capt. Curtis continues with the new Lieut.-Governor of Ontario as aide-de-camp.

Sleighs are now crossing the Ottawa River. This is the earliest season ever known, and looks like a long winter.

Alfred Blondin, aged 19, laborer, was almost instantly killed in Montreal on Saturday by a brick which fell from a chimney in course of erection.

A young man named S. J. Brady, aged 26 years, poisoned himself at his residence on Ontario street, Montreal, on Saturday evening. He was in low spirits, and was afflicted with constitutional disease.

A contemporary says that the faith of those antiquated Tories who believe the grass will not grow, nor the crops ripen, unless John A. Macdonald is permitted to save the country by a Pacific Scandal now and then, is touching in the extreme.

On Thursday about noon, a serious collision occurred on the railway a short distance from Southampton, between two engines belonging to the gravel train. Through some carelessness or want of forethought on the part of those on the engines the larger one was allowed to overtake and run into the other, and the result was a general smash-up. Several persons were severely injured. One man named McNeil, of Paisley, had a number of his ribs broken, and another received a fearful gash on the head. The engines are wrecked almost beyond recovery.

THE best assortment of pocket books, wallets, purses, blank books for pockets and bills, will be found at Day's bookstore.

Local and Other Items

PROHIBITION.—On Monday the by-law was voted on in the village of Georgetown to suppress licences for the sale of liquors in stores and shops. Fifty-two votes were recorded for and none against. The movement was mainly brought about by the instrumentality of Division No. 74, Sons of Temperance, there.

SMALL-POX has made its appearance in the township of Amaranth, having been introduced there by Mr. James Rentoul, of lot 21, concession 4, who caught the infection while on a visit to Toronto. Mr. Rentoul died of the malady on Sunday, and his widow and five of the family are now lying dangerously ill with it.

SMALL POX IN TORONTO.—Almost daily new cases of small-pox are reported, and notwithstanding the efforts of medical men to keep the matter quiet, not a few are suffering from its effects. There are numbers of cases in private houses and among respectable families. Its presence is known at present on Elm, Walton, Bay and Elizabeth streets, and in the north-western part of the city.

THE Halifax correspondent of the *Globe* says:—The Opposition are trying to induce Hon. Charles J. Campbell, member of the Legislative Council, to oppose Ross in Victoria. Campbell is friendly to the Government, but has always been opposed to Ross, and the Opposition calculate on his personal feelings inducing him to take the field. It is doubtful yet if he will, but if he should do so his chances of defeating Ross are small. Coffin will not be opposed.

CUTTING.—A talented young minister, in Hamilton, while addressing his congregation the other evening, made at least one remark that was received with profound attention. While exhorting all to become members of some Christian denomination, he said no mere *professing* Christians were wanted, for they were worse than useless, even when they make loud protestations, for these were like the cinnamon tree, the only virtues of which consisted in the *bark*.

CHILD DROWNED.—While some children were sleigh-riding down a bank opposite the mill dam at Meaford on Monday, a child aged seven, son of Mr. K. Hurd, merchant, of Meaford, was carried so far upon the ice that he broke through. His little brother, about five years, ran out on the ice to try and save him, when the ice broke beneath the brave little fellow. The cry for assistance was soon raised, and some gentlemen being near at the time, rushed in at considerable risk of their own lives, and brought the lads out, but the youngest was beyond human aid.

POLICE COURT.

(*Before the Police Magistrate.*)

Nov. 25.

THE IMPUDENT BURGLAR AND THE COURAGEOUS WIDOW.

The notorious Jerry Connors was charged by Mrs. Harriet Bunkum, a widow living near the Grand Trunk Station, with breaking into her house and stealing a small sum of money. Prosecutrix stated that she went to work on Thursday last, and on her return in the afternoon found the door fastened, and Jerry Connors inside. She demanded admittance, which Jerry refused, and swore at her a little. She at last obtained the assistance of two young men, and had the door broken open. Mister Jerry was then discovered comfortably ensconsed in a chair, and "the house turned upside down," to use the expressive phraselogy of the witness. Thinking no doubt that "possession was nine points of the law," Jerry declined to give up possession, and amused himself with a little more forcible language. The complainant appealed to two young men for help, but they declined to face the wrath of the redoubtable Jerry. Exasperated beyond endurance, the plucky widow seized Jerry by the collar, and put him out by main force; receiving a kick on the cheek from the intruder whilst doing so. When peace and a bright fire had been restored to her desecrated hearth, Mrs. B. discovered that an English shilling, a 5 cent piece and a penny were missing from the place in which she had left them, also a towel. Defendant was drunk. The coins produced were like those witness lost, and the towel was hers.

Policeman Docley deposed to finding the coins and towel in prisoner's possession.

The case was adjourned until this afternoon for further evidence.

CONVICTED.

The adjourned Tuesday charge against Mrs. Lavina Ann Chace for breach of the liquor by-law came up. Mr. Guthrie, for defendant, had no rebutting evidence to offer, and she was fined $20 and costs.

THE BILLIARDS CASE.

John Rice was charged by the chief constable with a breach of by-law, in keeping open his billiard saloon on the Market Place until ten o'clock last Saturday night. Mr. Oliver and Mr. Macdonald appeared for defendant, admitted that this had been done, but objected to the by-law under which the information was laid, and wanted it proved. Mr. Harvey, town clerk, gave evidence as to the by-law being duly passed by the Town Council. Four objections to the by-law were then taken by the defendants counsel, namely, that the defendant's license had not been proved; that the by-law is *ultra vires* in enacting that the keeper should close at seven o'clock on Saturday night; that the by-law is unreasonable and therefore void; and that there was no penalty attached for the breach of the by-law set out in the information. His worship overruled the three first objections, and took time to consider the fourth, which he was inclined to think would be fatal. Judgment will be given next Saturday.

At Durham, on Saturday, in the foundry of Messrs. A. & A. Cochrane, Mr. John Franks lost his left hand. While dressing a small piece of timber on the plaining machinery the knife caught the timber, jerking both it and his hand in, and completely severing his hand off by the wrist

School Board.

The usual meeting of the School Board was held on Monday night. Mr. Knowles occupied the chair, and there were also present Messrs. Kennedy, Harvey, Mackenzie, Raymond, Stevenson, Bell, and Dr. McGuire.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A letter was read from A. Simpson, caretaker, resigning his situation, the resignation to take place forthwith.

Also from Messrs. Hodgins & Black, solicitors, in reference to the claim of Mr. Fergus Black for payment of salary for the summer vacation, pointing out that this salary was due under Con. Stat. U. C. Sec. 119, and under the regulations of the Council of Public Instruction.

CARETAKER'S RESIGNATION.

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, the resignation of the caretaker was accepted, and the chairman of the School Property Committee was empowered to employ a person to take care of the schools. A caretaker is to be advertised for immediately.

MR. FERGUS BLACK'S CLAIM.

The letter of Messrs. Hodgins & Black was referred to the chairman.

The Board then adjourned.

Welcome to the New General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

On Monday evening, after the work of the regular business meeting had been gone through, the members present of the Y. M. C. A. adjourned to Mr. Walrond's, where an Oyster Supper was spread in good style. The spread was in honour of their new general Secretary, Mr. True, late of Detroit, the intention being to enjoy a social chat, and endeavour to make him feel at home in their midst.

After the good things had been partaken of, Mr. Osborn took the chair, and briefly stated the object of their meeting, —extending to Mr. True the hand of welcome and good-fellowship. He explained how the interests of the Association had suffered lately from the want of a General Secretary, and now that this barrier had been removed he earnestly hoped that the members of the Association would lend Mr True their hearty co-operation.

Short addresses were also made by Messrs. Cooley, Harvey, Earld, Maddock, Brown and Dalgleish, expressive of the great pleasure and satisfaction it gave them to bid Mr. True welcome, and referring to the work in which they were engaged, to the importance of co-operation in that work, and of at all times lending a helping hand to further the great object of the Association.

Mr. True replied in a few well chosen words to the cordial welcome extended to him. He spoke of the manner in which he was brought to accept the office of General Secretary of their Association. He urged the need of standing by each other, for without the assistance of the Association he would not be able to perform the work. He trusted in the earnest prayers and work of the Association in his behalf, reminding them that prayer without work was dead. He did not know how to thank them aright for this kindness shown him, but though he could not adequately reward them he trusted that the stranger's God would bless them for their kindness.

Singing, prayer, and the benediction brought the meeting formally to a close, after which the members lingered another half-hour before they finally withdrew, making themselves better acquainted with their new fellow-worker.

Mr. Cunningham, M. P., Assaulted.

Pembina, D. T., Nov. 23.

To-day, about 12, noon, Mr. Cunningham, M. P. for Marquette, on his way home to Manitoba, while walking along the street at Pembina was murderously assaulted by a ruffian named Lennon and a United States soldier. The cause of the attack was the fact that Mr. Cunningham, as magistrate at Fort Garry, had caused the arrest of Lennon's brother during the Fenian troubles there. Mr. Cunningham was taken to the residence of Mr. McKenney, and will start for Fort Garry as soon as he has sufficiently recovered.

CULTIVATING A PURE EXPRESSION.—Every word that falls from the lips, of mothers and sisters especially, should be pure and concise, and simple. Children should be taught the use of good, strong expressive words that mean exactly what they should express in their proper places. If a child, or young person, has a loose, fling-together way of stringing words when endeavoring to say something, he should be made to "try again" and see if he cannot do better It is painful to listen to many girls talk. They begin "My goodness!" and interlard with "oh's" and "so sweet!" and so many phrases, that one is tempted to believe they have no training at all, or else their mothers were very foolish women. There is nothing more disgusting than the twaddle of ill-bred girls; one is provoked often into taking a paper and reading, and letting them ripple and gurgle on, like brooks that flow they know not whither. —*Arthur's Home Magazine.*

THE Primitive Methodists of Brampton are flourishing. They have just completed an addition to their church, and have greatly improved it. The old church was thirty-four feet wide by fifty-two feet long, and cost about $5,500. Thirteen feet and a half have been added in length, and in addition an orchestra of ten feet, making twenty-three feet and a half, or a total length of seventy-five feet. $2,000 have been expended on the new alterations, making the total cost of the church as it now stands $7,500.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Plot Failed Completely.

The Virginius and the Trent.

Two More Vessels Seized.

Railway Work Stopped.

Accident at Birmingham.

London, Nov. 24, p. m.—Erie, 35⅞. The rate of discount in the open market for three months bills is 5¾ per cent., or 2¼ per cent. below the Bank of England rate. The general impression on the Stock Exchange is that the bank rate will be lowered on Thursday next, or perhaps before that day. Consols for money, 92⅞ to 93; for account, 93 to 93⅛. $18,000 bullion will be drawn from the Bank of England to-day.

A special despatch to the *Times* reports that the plot for the surrender of Carthagena proved a complete failure. Contreras has since been arrested by the insurgents on suspicion of connivance with the conspirators.

A railroad accident is reported at Birmingham, and many persons injured. No details have been received.

Berlin, Nov. 24.—Two additional ironclads are to be sent to the German fleet in Spanish waters.

London, Nov. 24.—The *Times* to-day says that a demand for the surrender of the Virginius could not with justice be maintained, but the other demands reported to have been made on Spain by the United States are such that England might well join in.

London, Nov. 25, 5 a.m.—The *Daily Telegraph* compares the Virginius with the Trent affair, although it fears that the rumored ultimatum of the American Government would be fatal to peace; still it thinks that President Castelar, in view of any international trouble with Spain, could honorably follow the examples of Presidents Lincoln and Grant in the demands of the United States.

San Francisco, Nov. 24.—The steamer Great Republic brings the following intelligence from China:—Steamer Zeipka brought to Hong Kong news of the seizure of the German vessels Maria Louise and Gazelle by a Spanish man-of-war off Soo Loo. The vessels were brought to Manilla, when the crew of the Gazelle were liberated. The captain and the super-cargo of the Maria Louisa managed to escape, and the Spaniards declare that they will be treated as spies if caught outside of their respective consulates. The super-cargo claims the protection of the British Consul and the captain that of Germany. The latter states that the vessels were 18 miles off Soo Loo when captured, and that according to law the blockade extends only 9 miles, and further that the Spanish authorities had not declared any blockade.

New York, Nov. 25.—All work on the New York, Boston & Montreal Railroad has ceased, in consequence of contractors being unable to get money to pay the men. Several hundred are thrown out of employment.

Melancholy Accident on the Eramosa Road.

A Man Killed in a Gravel Pit.

A melancholy accident, which was attended with fatal results, occurred on Monday afternoon at the gravel pit on the Eramosa Road, near the Race Course Farm. It appears that a poor labouring man named John Irvine was employed in the gravel pit filling the waggons, which were employed in gravelling a part of the road. They had undermined the bank for some little distance, and thinking the mass of earth and stone overhead was sufficiently frozen and solid, did not fear any untoward result. They were mistaken however, for shortly after dinner the bank above caved in, burrying the poor man Irvine in the mass of stuff that fell. Mr. Powell, who was getting out the gravel, immediately after the accident, ran to Mr. Walter West's place close by and Mr. West and he returned to the pit and succeeded in getting the earth off the body. The unfortunate man must have been killed almost instantly, for he never spoke, but groaned once or twice. When exiricated from the debris he was found to be terribly bruised and crushed, his entrails protruding through the lower portion of the body. The body was conveyed to deceased's house, near Mathew's Tavern, Eramosa Road, and Dr. Herod was sent for, but on viewing the body and hearing the facts relating to the accident, he did not consider it necessary to hold an inquest, the cause of death being so palpable and apparent. Irvine is a married man, and leaves a widow and five children to mourn his untimely end, and the loss of the head of the house, who was the only one they have to look to for support. Their case is a very sad one, and appeals to the sympathies of the benevolent.

Unsuccessful Thieves.

On Monday Charles Campbell and Charles Philips were up before the Hamilton Police Magistrate charged with assaulting and robbing George White, on Saturday night about eleven o'clock. He was knocked down by the prisoners, who tore open his pants and rifled his pocket of 85 cents. In the other pocket he had $74, but this they did not succeed in getting, as he struggled desperately. They made violent attempts to get a diamond ring from his finger, hacking and gashing his hand in a fearful manner. The prisoners were committed for trial; bail refused.

The first reception by the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Crawford took place in Toronto on Monday afternoon at three o'clock. The attendance was large.