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The only one of the kind in Ontario. All work warranted the best. Please send or price list.

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The room has just been refitted in splendid style, the tables reduced in size, and everything done to make it a first-class Billiard Hall.

Guelph, Nov. 3rd, 1873.

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First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.

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NEW COAL YARD.

The undersigned having opened Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of

Hard and Soft Coal

At moderate rates. Orders left at the store of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham Street, will be promptly attended to.

W. G. MURTON, Guelph, Ont.

BERKSHIRE BOARD—The pure Berkshire Boar owned by the subscriber will serve sows this season. Terms \$1 cash; \$2 on delivery.

Guelph, Dec. 3, 1873. 2nd with Blacksmith

New Advertisements.

TO LET—Two rooms in a pleasant locality. For particulars, apply to Anderson's Bookstore. 3-64

NOTICE—Parties indebted to us or before TUESDAY, the 12th February, to SHAW & GIBSON, Guelph, Jan. 31, 1874. dd

PARCEL LOST—The person who by mistake took away a parcel of Dry Goods from my store on Wednesday, the 4th inst., will please return the same at their earliest convenience. GEO. JEFFREY, 2d

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

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. All parties indebted to the firm of Chance & Williamson are requested to make payment of the same, as the partnership will shortly be dissolved. CHANCE & WILLIAMSON, Golden Lion. Guelph, 5th Jan. 1874. dw

NOTICE OF REMOVAL. The undersigned has removed to the back of the Wellington Hotel, opposite Thompson & Jackson's Land and Loan Office, Douglas Street, where he will give exclusive attention to the repairing of Boots and Shoes, believing that the requirements of Guelph call for such an establishment. Parties entrusting him with their work may depend upon having it done with neatness and dispatch. The best materials used. JAMES FINDAL, Guelph, Feb. 3, 1874. d12-w3

NOTICE.

POULTRY SHOW. Subscribers and others interested in the proposed Poultry Show will please meet at the QUEEN'S HOTEL, on

Thursday Evening, at 7.30, 5th St., for the purpose of organizing and for other business. Guelph, Feb. 4, 1874. d2

ENGRAVING. Gold and Silver Plating Office—Dundas Bridge. Orders left at either Messrs. Savage or Fringle's Jewellery Stores, Wyndham Street, will be promptly attended to. T. O. OLDHAM, Guelph, Dec. 15, 1873. d&wf-w3

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 hostess always in attendance. Remember the spot—next door to the post office. THOMAS WARD, Proprietor. Guelph, Dec. 11th, 1873. dw

VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY FOR SALE OR TO EXCHANGE. The undersigned offers for sale, or to rent the undermentioned property, viz: First—A valuable improved Farm North of the Durham Road, in the Township of Bentinck, three miles from the Village of Durham, containing about 200 acres, of which about 130 acres are cleared and under fence, with a good patch of Fall Wheat on it. On the premises are a substantial Frame Dwelling; House with good cellar, garden and well, with pump of excellent water. Also, a Frame Barn, sixty with eight feet foot post in underground stabling, and a never failing spring in the barn yard for the supply of water to cattle. This is a very eligible property, and well worthy the attention of those who wish to obtain a good farm.

Also—Lot 42, in the 3rd Concession of Bentinck, West of the Durham Road, 100 acres, about 12 acres cleared. Home Farm, on a tract of Lot—The Rocky Saugeen River crosses one corner of this lot, and has a valuable water power on it, capable of driving any machinery.

Also—Lot 25, in the 1st Concession, South of the Durham Road, on the site of the former Station, in the Township of Arden. There are about 25 acres cleared and fenced on this lot, with a good new Log House.

The above lands are well situated and circled with the best kind of Scotch wood timber, with indisputable titles—the last two being direct grants from the Crown. Possession given 1st February.

For further particulars, &c., apply to the proprietor.

JOHN KAY, Brass Foundry and Fitter, Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph, Jan. 7, 1874. 12w-d&wf.

TOWN HALL, TWO NIGHTS ONLY, Friday & Saturday, Feb. 6 & 7. BEGONE, BULL CARE. THE YOUNGS The Original Scotch Couple, from Glasgow, late of

COOL BURGESS TROUPE, Charles and Marian Young

The Great Impersonators of Scotch, English, Irish and American Characters, in their new entertainment, entitled

Begone, Dull Care!

Two hours' genuine Fun, Mirth and Music. The songs will be fitted up and illuminated in a far superior manner to any show that has ever visited this town. Fun without vulgarity. No long and tedious waits, but a continual flow of Wit, Wisdom, Mimicry, and Character portrayed by the great artists, Charles and Marian Young. The best and most interesting performance on the road. H. C. Wells, pianist; James Roberts, violinist.

Admission, 25 cents; Reserved seats, 50c. Doors open at 7.30; performance to commence at 8.

M. G. ELINT, Agent. CHARLES YOUNG, Proprietor and Manager

FARM FOR SALE. A valuable farm of 100 acres, with 75 acres cleared, balance well timbered, being the west half of Lot 19, 16th Con. Paoli, upon which there is a comfortable log house, with frame kitchen, stone milk house, boiling house, log barn 36 feet long, log stables, driving shaft. The proprietor will sell with the farm about 15,000 feet of good lumber and 40 square of shingles, which he has provided for building a barn. There is a good orchard of 100 bearing trees, and about 14 acres in with Fall wheat. This is a rare chance for any person in want of a good farm. The farm is well watered by a never failing spring creek. Will be sold cheap. For particulars apply to

HENRY HATCH, Land Agent, Guelph, 629-w1m

FARM FOR SALE. One hundred acres, being Lot No. 23, 16th concession, 22 acres cleared, balance principally hardwood, good log buildings. Apply to A. Stewart, on the premises, or to A. Taylor, Ironmonger, P. O., Guelph, Feb. 4, 1874. w3-n

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THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 5, 1874

Peace Once More.

The following cable telegram reaches us just as we go to press:—

London, Feb. 5.—The Ashantee war is ended. The King has accepted Gen. Erskine's terms of peace.

Town and County News

REMEMBER the Y. M. C. A. anniversary in the Town Hall to-night at 8 o'clock.

AMERICAN AGRICULTURIST.—We have received a copy of this lively and instructive journal from John Anderson.

PROPOSED POULTRY SHOW.—A meeting takes place in the Queen's Hotel at half-past seven to-night to consider the question of the proposed poultry show, for the purposes of organization, and for other business.

MR. FRASER'S SON.—We regret to hear that the doctors have been unable so far to extract the bullet from the head of little Fred Fraser. The bullet travels along the bone, cutting a groove as it went, and getting gradually deeper until it wedged itself firmly in the bone, at the same time flattening and spreading out. A fresh orifice had to be cut in the scalp to reach the ball, but it was so tightly wedged in that extraction could not be accomplished. It is hoped, however, that by keeping the wound open for a time a sloughing and suppurating action will be set up that will loosen the bullet. Chloroform was used in the unsuccessful operation, we believe.

North Riding of Wellington.

The following are the complete and correct returns of the polling in the North Riding, received from the Returning Officer:—

DIVISION	WOMEN	WOMEN	WOMEN
1st Division, Arthur Township, 32	86	54	53
2nd " " " " " " " "	81	51	43
3rd " " " " " " " "	58	47	47
4th " " " " " " " "	271	239	239
1st Division, Amaranth Township, 24	67	67	67
2nd " " " " " " " "	42	84	117
3rd " " " " " " " "	41	31	31
4th " " " " " " " "	107	268	268
1st Division, Luther Township, 65	61	61	61
2nd " " " " " " " "	61	97	97
3rd " " " " " " " "	105	184	184
4th " " " " " " " "	115	61	61
1st Division, Minto Township, 115	61	61	61
2nd " " " " " " " "	77	83	83
3rd " " " " " " " "	70	29	29
4th " " " " " " " "	95	64	64
5th " " " " " " " "	401	295	295
1st Div. Maryborough Township, 45	48	48	48
2nd " " " " " " " "	56	57	57
3rd " " " " " " " "	51	62	62
4th " " " " " " " "	49	102	102
5th " " " " " " " "	273	286	286
6th " " " " " " " "	67	63	63
7th " " " " " " " "	68	29	29
8th " " " " " " " "	135	92	92
9th " " " " " " " "	32	37	37
Harrison Village, 56	43	43	43
Total Votes polled, 1470	1404	1404	1404
Majority for Higinbotham, 6.			

North Wellington Local Election.

The Globe, referring to the meeting of the Reform Convention on Saturday, says:—

There is no doubt that if Mr. McKim be the nominee of the Convention, he will be returned by an overwhelming vote. Wellington was one of the counties gerrymandered in so unscrupulous a fashion by Sir John A. Macdonald, and the result is seen in the small majority commanded in the North Riding by Col. Higinbotham, the member for the County of Wellington, and the loss of the Centre by the Liberal party in the late contest. But in the contest for the representation of the North Riding in the Local House Mr. McKim can defy all enemies, and will make short work of the man who, a Reformer to-day and a Tory to-morrow, has taken the field as the candidate of the Opposition.

Mr. McKim has been a most painstaking and faithful representative of the North Riding, and in personal devotion to the interests of his constituents, both individually and collectively, has been beyond all praise. We hope to see him in a very few weeks once more in his place in the assembly, doing as in the past good service to his party and his constituency.

A GOOD TRICK.—A good story comes from an U. S. Eastern college. The students in divinity were compelled, at stated seasons, to write a prayer for the critical eye of the professor. This professor was of the crankiest nature possible, and the unlearned Bechers could never manage to blend, in any harmonious whole, adoration, application, thanksgiving and confession, so as to suit his taste. One morning one of the students, being proficient in stenography, was moved to take down the professor's own opening prayer verbatim, and having written it out, he handed it in for criticism. The professor came down on his own work like a wolf on the fold, buffeted it, entreated it shamefully, ridiculed its false rhetoric, inveighed against its poor syntax, severely censured its general incongruity, and wound up by declaring the student's prayer worth a cent. The student could not pray worth a cent, and since that day a less Saturday-Rev. style of criticism has obtained in that particular college.

The business lately carried on by Wm. McGivern & Co., as wholesale hardware merchants, Hamilton, has resumed operations under the co-partnership name of C. Cameron & Co. The new firm is composed of Messrs. C. Cameron, Wm. McGivern and John Proctor.

A legal tender.—A lawyer minding his baby.

A boarding establishment.—A carpenter's shop.

Robb & Steel is the suggestive name of a firm in Chicago.

The North Huron official returns give Mr. Farrow a majority of 145.

Wellington County Council.

February 4th.

The Council met at ten o'clock, the Warden in the chair; present all the members, except Messrs. Broadfoot, Dalby, and Meiklejohn.

Mr. Mair brought up the report of the special committee appointed to strike the standing committees for 1874, as follows:—

FINANCE.—Messrs. Leslie, Mitchell, Ogden, Darby, Teeter, Raymond, Kilgour, Leeson.

ASSESSMENT.—Messrs. Mair, Howard, Henderson, Dawson, Robb, Frain, Stevenson, Gibson, Roberts, Rea, McKim, Nichol, McMillan, Hollinger, Dalby, Golden, Anderson.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.—Messrs. Dalby, Jelly, Swan, Duffield, McManus, Hamilton, Miller, Mitchell, Hanson, Broadfoot, O'Donnell, Teeter, Leeson.

COUNTY ROADS.—Messrs. Leslie, McGowan, Dalby, Hood, Meiklejohn, Gibson, Stevenson, Rea, McMillan, Roberts, Frain, Mair.

COUNTY PROPERTY.—Messrs. Howard, Hollinger, Nichol, McManus, Duffield.

EDUCATION.—Messrs. Raymond, McKim, Anderson, Broadfoot, Allan.

PAINTING.—Messrs. Dawson, McGowan, Hood, the Warden, and the Clerk.

The report was adopted, on motion of Messrs. Mair and Frain.

Mr. Darby brought up the report of the Commissioners of the Guelph and Fergus Road. Read, and referred to the Committee on county roads.

The Warden read a petition from Messrs. Cyrus Sargent and John Hill, trustees of school section No. 7, Garrafrax. It stated that at a meeting of the Township Council of West Garrafrax on 21st June last, a resolution was passed to dissolve the union existing with school section No. 7 and East Garrafrax. Against this decision the trustees appealed, and were referred to arbitration to take place on the matter, in accordance with the School Act. A petition from 44 inhabitants of the section, to the same effect, was also read.

Some conversation took place on the matter, and Mr. Black, of Douglas, was allowed to address the Council on the question. He said that the movement for division originated with some persons who were dissatisfied with an addition proposed to be made to the school house, which was, and who said that if the trustees went on they would endeavor to leave the section of the Council on the matter. There were 110 scholars, however, and the Inspector compelled the trustees to provide the additional accommodation. As these dissatisfied persons could not get out without dissolving the union, they got the Township Council to pass this resolution. The trustees only fourteen residents in the section who wished to leave the union, and only seven of these sent children to the school, to the number of fourteen. They petitioned the Township Council because they wanted to reduce the section to one teacher only. He asked that the matter should be fully investigated.

Mr. Gibson moved, seconded by Mr. Teeter, that Mr. Darby, the County Judge, and Mr. Fordyce be a special committee to decide the appeal of the trustees of Union School Section, No. 7, East and West Garrafrax.—Carried.

A petition from J. Morrison Dunn, Elora, to be appointed a member of the Board of Examiners of Public School Trustees.

The foregoing were referred to the proper committees, together with several accounts.

The Warden read a statement from the Treasurer, in reference to the County Finances, dated Jan. 27. He stated that the public accounts were ready for audit. \$9,000 borrowed from the Ontario Bank had been paid back with interest. He had received \$8,236 of the county rate during December, and \$25,473 in January, \$20,473 still due. Part of this had since been paid. For the year 1873, the gross receipts were \$96,474, and the expenditure \$88,873, leaving a balance of \$7,601 carried forward to the general fund. To meet county liabilities between now and July 1, there was \$39,906 of assets—uncollected rates, &c.—the whole of which was required to meet the grants made by the Council. Eighteen January debentures, or \$7,791, had been redeemed; and \$5,922 was provided to retire debentures maturing on July 1. The county debt would then be \$95,408. A statement of the non-resident land fund for 1873 was also read.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Leslie, seconded by Mr. Nicoll, that the Reeve of each municipality in this county do at their first meeting in each year give the name and P. O. address of their respective Treasurers and Clerks to the Clerk of the Council in order that they may be published in the minutes.—Carried.

A by-law was brought in by Mr. Leslie and Mr. McMillan to postpone the sale of lands for taxes until further directed by the Council.

Mr. Dawson said that there were 40,000 acres of non-resident lands in his township, and it was an injustice not to have a sale every year.

Mr. Leslie said the only object of the by-law was to comply with the statute. A sale had been held last October in the county, and there could not therefore be another sale until next October.

The by-law was then read a first and second time, and the Council adjourned.

Mr. Baird of Kincardine has been re-elected Warden of Bruce.

Prof. Anderson, the well-known conjurer, is dead.

Social and Presentation.

On Wednesday evening a social was held in the basement of the Wesleyan Church, and was very numerously attended. There must have been nearly 400 persons present, and \$43 was taken at the doors. This sum will be a "substantial brick in the new church," to which object it is to be devoted. The operation of tea-taking was a long one, and only concluded at half-past nine. This necessitated the omission of the greater part of the programme. The choir gave the "Hallelujah" choruses from the Messiah; a little girl named Nellie Foster sang a solo very prettily; and the Misses Stevenson played and sang a good duet.

The most interesting part of the evening's proceedings, and one of the reasons for holding the social, was a presentation to Mr. Hough, who has been for so long the teacher of the Bible Class in connection with the Wesleyan Sunday-school. It was a large framed picture, comprising fifty-seven separate photographs. Mr. Hough's own portrait is in the centre, and around him are ranged portraits of the members of his class. The likenesses are good and well taken, and the whole work is very creditably done.

Mr. Gilbert Maddock read the following address:—

To JAMES HOUGH, Esq.

Honored and Dear Sir,—We, the members of your Bible Class, have for some time felt a desire to express to you the sincere regard which we feel for your personal character, and also our high appreciation of the valuable instruction which you impart to us from Sabbath to Sabbath.

Your able expositions of the Scriptures have, we trust, led us to a better understanding and a higher appreciation of the Sacred Volume; whilst your uniform kindness, and your manifest anxiety for our spiritual welfare, have greatly endeared you to us; and we sincerely hope and pray that the valuable course which we have so often received from you may have a lasting and salutary effect upon our minds, and hearts, and lives.

Your consistent and useful life we see exemplified the truth of the inspired aphorism, "The hoary head is a crown of glory if it be found in the way of righteousness"—and we do sincerely pray that you may still be spared for many years to benefit and bless the church of which you have been so long an honored, active, and useful member.

Please accept this picture as a small but sincere expression of our gratitude and esteem; and when you look upon these likenesses which surround your own, we ask you to pray for us, that our future lives may be lives of honor, and piety, and usefulness.

Signed on behalf of the members of the Bible Class.

GILBERT MADDOCK, Committee. GEO. L. WILSON, Guelph, Feb. 4, 1874.

Mr. Hough, having received the picture, rose to reply, and made a capital speech. He could not profess astonishment, he said, for he had had an inkling of what was coming. He humorously described how he suspected some time ago that something unusual was going on amongst the young men of his class; how one ray of light after another fell upon the matter, until finally he overheard a remark which gave him a clue to the whole affair. Accordingly, he went home and wrote the following, in the expectation that the kind that had just been read:—

My Dear Classmates,

I cannot fully express the pleasurable emotion with which I receive your respectful and affectionate address, accompanied with such a costly and elegant pictorial token of your esteem. The miniatures are life like, and a fine art specimen of Mr. Marshall's photographic skill. In the group I can please to recognize many of your well-known and good-looking faces, and I hope you will never be seen in worse company. I see one amongst you with whom I am pretty intimate. I have been endeavoring to cultivate an acquaintance with him these many years, have been his companion at home and abroad, and watched his conduct, scrutinized his actions, and prayed into his motives, and although I do not always feel on the best of terms with him, yet I disclose more to him than to any other person my private concerns. I may be mistaken in him, but he means to be as good as I do. One thing I know, he has a special regard for young men; but having frequently detected his liability to err, I dare not place implicit confidence in him. However, as he is a personal friend of mine, I will pardon him. I leave him for you to form your own estimate of his character.

I sincerely thank you for your handsome present. You may rest assured I will treasure it as a memorial of your kind regards so long as I live, and leave it for future generations to see and to say, "Behold how they loved him."

YOUR TEACHER.

Mr. Hough's remarks were frequently interrupted with laughter and applause. In conclusion he said he thought that this occasion was a suitable one to say a few words specially to the young men of the class. He proceeded to read an address which he had prepared in this connection, containing advice for the guidance of young men; and resumed his seat amid much applause.

The meeting closed with the benediction.

A strong desire was expressed by gentlemen in the meeting that Mr. Hough's second address should be published in full. We shall therefore endeavor to find room for it to-morrow.

A MAN SHOT.—A man named Alexander Carr, living on the Seventh Concession of East Flamborough, about five miles from Waterdown, was found dead on Sunday last in his house, having been shot through the head. An inquest was held by Coroner Skinner on Monday, and adjourned for further evidence.

Travel by rail and road in Nova Scotia has been rendered impossible by the late heavy snow storm. County electors are unable to reach the polls to record their votes.

BY TELEGRAPH

Success in Ashantee.

The Elections in England.

Conservatives Gaining.

Why they Dissolved.

Another Great Tunnel.

Meeting for Meeting.

London, Feb. 4.—Late advices from the Gold Coast report that the Ashantees have released the German missionary whom they held in captivity, and sent him to Sir Garnet Wolsley with proposals for a treaty of peace. Twelve hundred British troops have advanced to within a day's march of Coomassie, the Ashantee capital. As yet there has been no opposition to their advance. The troops were healthy. The Fantee carriers have deserted the British army. Up to Wednesday 108 Liberals and 141 Conservatives had been returned to the new Parliament. The balance of parties in 208 other places remains unchanged. The Conservatives have gained 30 seats previously held by Liberals; and the Liberals have ousted nine Conservatives. The Conservative journals are jubilant over the results of the elections.

London, Feb. 4.—Additional returns give the Liberals a gain of six, and the Conservatives twelve.

Additional returns show that the Conservatives have gained one seat each at Buckingham, Canterbury, Christ Church, Marylebone, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Salisbury, and St. Ives; and the Liberals have gained one each at Abington, Harlepool, Mounthorn, and Stockport. Liberal members of the old Parliament re-elected from Darlington, Huddersfield, Hull, Leicester, and Perth by large majorities. Mundella and Roebuck are elected from Sheffield; Roebuck headed the poll by 1,300 votes. Forsyth (Conservative) at Marylebone had a majority of 1,500. Sir Joseph Colvin (Radical) was returned from Newcastle-on-Tyne by 2,000 majority. Home Rule candidates are elected in the Irish constituencies of Mallow and Youghal County.

New York, Feb. 5.—Weather clear and cool.

The Bluff City Oil Works at Memphis were burned last night. Loss \$150,000.

It now transpires that the recent dissolution of the heavy cotton firm of Thos. Perkins & Co. was owing to the fact that all of the five clerks had been speculating for two years, and making good their losses out of the firm's funds.

Work on the Colossal Railroad Tunnel through Bergen Hill, N.J., begins to-day. Five hundred men will be employed night and day for two and a half years, and seven shafts to be sunk.

It is apprehended that the general cigar-makers' strike in Havana will materially enhance prices here.

New York, Feb. 4.—Havana advices to the 28th report that a serious mutiny has broken out among the Spanish troops in Trinidad, owing to their receiving no pay for six months. Five officers have been killed.

Board of School Trustees.

The first meeting of the new Board was held on Wednesday evening for organization. Present, Mr. H. W. Peterson, chairman, Messrs. Kennedy, Newton, Harvey, Knowles, Inglis, Raymond, Stevenson and Dr. Keating.

On motion Dr. Keating was called to the chair, pro tem., when Mr. Newton moved, seconded by Mr. Knowles, that the thanks of this board be due and are hereby tendered to H. W. Peterson, Esq., for the kind and courteous manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Board during the past year.—Carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Inglis, that H. W. Peterson, Esq., be chairman of this Board for the ensuing year.—Carried.

Mr. Peterson returned his cordial thanks to the Board for again appointing him chairman. He had always endeavored to do his best, and was happy to say that the deliberations of the Board had always been of the most pleasant character. He referred to the bright prospects before the Board in the expected early completion of the Central School. Notwithstanding that the expenditure on it will be large, the ratepayers had liberally seconded their efforts. He hoped to retain his connection with the Board till that building was completed, and their school system put on a proper and satisfactory basis, and then he would gladly retire with the feeling that he had done all he could for the interests of education in the town.

Mr. Raymond moved, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, that the Rev. Robt. Torrance be Secretary of the Board for the year. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Newton, seconded by Knowles, that G. A. Sandilands, Esq., be Treasurer of the High School for the current year.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the following be a committee to draft standing committees for the year: Messrs. Kennedy, Knowles, Inglis, Stevenson, Peterson, and Dr. Keating and the mover.—Carried.

The Board adjourned for ten minutes to allow the Committee to meet and bring in their report.

Mr. Raymond submitted his report as