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Editorial Summary.

DEARTH OF FOOD.—A STARTLING VIEW.—A remarkable letter has recently been published from Liebig the great German chemist, addressed to Mechi, the famous English farmer, upon that momentous theme, the production of corn. The writer shows that the corn-producing power of the civilised cultivated countries of the globe, is rapidly becoming exhausted: and that it is owing to guano that the decline has not been more rapid and more marked: but that the existing supply of guano, if it continues to be consumed at its present rate, will not last more than twenty-five or thirty years at the utmost. He predicts accordingly, that unless war, or pestilence, or famine, or emigration, *en masse*, largely diminishes the population of the elder countries, they will find themselves at no very distant day, if the existing system of cultivation be pursued, in actual want of bread, and the Malthusian theory will receive an early and certainly unlooked-for exemplification. The New York *Times* says it is notorious that the same exhaustion is now showing itself in the lands which have been longest under cultivation in the United States, and corn is ceasing to be a profitable product through all the Eastern States. In New England and New York, and Virginia, the yield per acre is rapidly diminishing, and as the process of exhaustion goes on, we seek for bread further and further west. The remedy is very simple. To render and keep the soil productive, the elements which are withdrawn in the harvest must be restored. The ordinary barn-yard manures, where they are used, suffice for this purpose: but only partially. They leave every year a deficiency, and this deficiency, multiplied by fifty or one hundred fold, gives in its final result, total barrenness. Guano would supply the need, if the supply were inexhaustible. As it is not so, Liebig insists that we must fall back on the sewerage of large towns. Our cotemporary then touches on the political aspects of this question, and remarks that the growth and prosperity of a nation are now, and will always continue to be, largely dependent on its power of feeding itself. Rome was invincible as long as her bread was the product of Italian farms. When she began to draw her supplies from Sicily and Africa, she was already on the downward path; and she involved her granaries in the same ruin as she suffered herself.

THE LAST POPE.—*Apropos* of the Pope, there is, and has been for years, a curious tradition in Italy—that Pius the Ninth would be the last Pope; and in illustration of this the following anecdote is told. Several years ago, in the Pontificate of Gregory XVI., a gentleman was in the cathedral of Siena, looking at the busts of the Popes, which are placed after their deaths, in a niche devoted to this purpose. Two empty niches then alone remained. "Why," said the gentleman, there is only room for two more busts: you will have to make some niches for those of the future Popes." "Oh, no, signore," replied the cicerone, "they say after these two we shall never have any more Popes." Gregory's bust now stands in one of those niches: the other is still empty.

CRISIS IN THE UNITED STATES.—Affairs in the United States are just now in a most critical condition. Congress has been about forty balotings for Speaker without success, and the House still remains unorganized. There are two great political parties in the Union—Democrats and Republicans. The Republicans are thoroughly anti-slavery, while a majority of the Democratic party, or at least the Southern portion of that body, are pro-slavery. The Republicans have a majority in the House of Representatives, while the Democracy are in the ascendancy in the Senate. Neither of these two parties can, however, command a sufficient number of votes within its own ranks to elect a Speaker. There is also another party in the House, who, together with some five Anti-Lecompton Democratic Representatives, hold the balance of power between the other two great parties—we refer to the Southern opposition or Know Nothing members. They count some twenty-two votes. It is feared by many that the dead-lock will eventuate in something disastrous. Business in New York is already suffering serious injuries from it.

SLIPPING THE HALTER.—We learn from the Brighton *Flag* that the municipalities of Colborne, Hope, and Port Hope, feeling unwilling to comply with Mr. Galt's Act passed at the last session of the Provincial Parliament, which requires the levying of the five cents in the dollar for the liquidation of the Municipal Loan Fund, $400,000, have shirked the burden by levying this tax at all, the consequence is that several others have refused to pay what they have raised. The Warden has been directed to take proceedings against the defaulters.

DR. LIVINGSTONE'S ENTERPRISE.—Dr. Livingstone's Birkenhead steam launch having proved a failure, he has sent home orders for the construction of another, at an estimated cost of £3,000. This cost Dr. Livingstone proposes to defray out of his own pocket, from the means set aside for his children out of the profits of his travels. "The children must take it up for themselves," was in effect his expression in making the order for appropriation of the money.

THE ELECTION IN NORTH YORK.—At the final close of the poll, Mr. Adam Wilson was ahead of his opponent, 424 votes. No anxiety was felt about this election, as the return of Mr. Wilson was looked upon as an absolute certainty.

THE PORT OF TORONTO.—A detailed statement of the imports at Toronto for the year 1859, shows an increase over 1858 of $249,000 and the duties collected an increase of $127,000. The increase in the value of the exports is $268,299.

ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.—The total eclipse of the sun on the 18th of next July will be a very important one to the scientific world. Four of the principal planets—Venus, Mercury, Jupiter, and Saturn—will appear in the vicinity of the eclipsed sun as a kind of rhomboidal figure, a phenomenon of such extraordinary rarity that many centuries will elapse before its repetition.

STRIKES.—Lord St. Leonards has recently sent a letter to the London *Times* on the subject of "Strikes." His Lordship says: No one denies the right of a working man or of given number of working men, fairly to resolve not to work under a given amount of wages: but there must be individual action. A central committee of a trade with all its branches, issuing its mandates for a strike, which all members must obey under severe penalties, and which, in truth, compels them to coerce, as far as they can, workmen who are not members, and with whom they will not work except they pay fines and become members, is an odious, an insufferable tyranny, which degrades the freemen of England into mere slaves. If a law were to be passed placing the free workmen of England under such a rule, we might expect an insurrection. And yet vast masses place themselves under a yoke which they would resist in the shape of authority with all their might.

TROUBLE IN THE BLACK REPUBLIC.—News from San Domingo is to the effect that a European fleet, consisting of two French, one British, and one Spanish vessels of war, lay before the place, having been sent out in order more immediately to force the existing government to recognise the immense amount of worthless paper money with which President Baez flooded the country in 1857-8, but in reality to force the executive into subjection to these powers.

LAST MEETING OF THE OLD COUNCIL.

THE MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

A meeting of the members of the old Council took place at 10 a. m. on Monday last. His Worship the Mayor in the chair.

The Mayor reported from the Cemetery Committee, that a considerable decrease having taken place in the amount of rent received for land, and the sale of grass for the past year compared with the previous year, the current expenditure had exceeded the income by the sum of $15 51; but leaving still a balance on hand of $79.56. The report also stated that the planting of the ground with trees was being done by the Cemetery Keeper, to whom credit was due for the improvements he had made since his appointment.

Some unimportant business having been disposed off, His Worship addressed the Council as follows:

Gentlemen of the Council:—

Before vacating the Chair, I am desirous of making a few remarks on our acts of omission and commission during the Municipal year now fast drawing to a close. The former I regret to say are by far the more numerous; but, were it not so, it would be in good taste to allow others to talk of the deeds we have done. I will, therefore, confine myself to what I think, under more favorable circumstances, would have been accomplished by us. The great difficulty we encountered was the want of means. Without taking up your time with a long preface, and in hopes that our successors may be in a better condition to carry out the improvements I shall refer to, I proceed with my remarks. The main spring of all improvements, it is well known, are "the ways and means." The want of them and the cramped state of the Town Finances, you are aware, prevented us from carrying out improvements much wanted; and you are also aware that we have left the Finances of the Town in a better state than we found them, for our successors. They, have, however, the power of at once altering the financial position of the Town, which we had not; and I trust for the credit and the good of our Municipality they will do so. Our present Financial position may be depicted in a few words. Our debt including what we owe the Municipal Loan Fund, amounts to £32,000. Of this £20,000 is due to the Loan Fund, and the balance (£12,000) is a floating debt, consisting of various items, which you will find detailed in the Treasurer's Annual statement. This debt of £12,000, under present circumstances, will require to be paid off within the next four or five years—and should this be done by direct taxation, many of the inhabitants will be seriously inconvenienced, and the prosperity of the Town greatly checked. To avoid this I strongly recommend to our successors to consolidate the floating debt of £12,000; and I would add for necessary improvements a sufficient sum to enable them to start with a clean sheet, and not be under the necessity of constantly applying for Bank accommodation. The means for effecting a consolidation of the part of our debt referred to will not be difficult: while the benefit to accrue would be very great. When this consolidation has been effected, the management of the Town Finances will be an easy matter; the only care necessary, and the only danger to be guarded against being a too lavish expenditure on improvements, as a large amount must be yearly raised by taxes to meet the interest of our debt. Thus, while our Municipal Loan Fund debt remains, we will have to provide for it, at the rate of £1,000 a year; the interest on our consolidated floating debt will be £750; the County rate will probably be £850: our Schools, £750; our Fire Department will require assistance, while our destitute poor will increase as the Town enlarges—say from these two items £250, and we have in round numbers to provide an annual income of £4,200. To meet this, besides direct taxation, we have Market Fees and hire of Town Hall, at present yielding over £800, but which might be made to yield at least £900: Licenses, now £450, which will also increase: our share of the Clergy Reserve Fund, which this year is expected to amount to £300; Police Office fees and fines, about £100; and non-Resident Taxes £100, in all £1750—which leaves a deficiency of £2,450 to be provided for. This is allowing nothing for improvements or incidental expenses—two important items in a Municipal account. The foregoing statement will show that great care and economy must be used in the management of our Finances for a time to prevent the Town Taxes becoming distressingly oppresive. Ultimately, and I trust at no distant day, Guelph will be double its present size, our Municipal Loan Fund debt will be paid off or liquidated, there will be a large addition to taxable property, and then the Municipality may be able to dispense with Market Fees for being without debt, they will be entitled to do as they see fit with their Revenue. But until such a desirable project arrives they will be bound to raise an income from every legitimate source at their command, avoiding, as far as possible, direct taxation, which would tend to reduce instead of increasing, our population—to lessen in place of extending our presently rising Town. The improvements thought necessary are as follows: 1st. Accomodation in the Market House for the Chief Constable and his family. 2nd. Removing the Mechanics' Institute from the rooms it presently occupies at a nominal rent, and giving in lieu thereof the large room now occupied by the Fire Engines, at a fair rent. 3rd. Completing the improvements already commenced under the main building. 4th. Removing the Butcher's Stalls to a portion of the underground floor, giving their present stalls to vegetable and fruit merchants Poultry and Butter sellers, &c. 5th. Making provision for the Cattle Market being held on the South-east side of the Railray track. 6th. Inclosing and ornamenting that part of the Square not required for the use of the Market, and carrying plank walks to every man's door. To assist in all the foregoing improvements, I would recommend that a uniform rate be charged for the use of the Town Hall, which is now occupied on an average four days in the week, the highest charge to be $10 per night for paying Exhibitions; $5 where Lectures are made profitable; $3 for Scientific Lectures or other occasions where the audience are only charged sufficient to cover expenses and for Charitable Lectures or Exhibitions, where the Town is beneficially interested no charge to be made.

Our present mode of Assessment is not what it should be, but is very susceptible of improvement. The Assessors, I conceive are not to blame, as they act under instructions from the Council. I might refer to several cases where the rate imposed is not equitable: property of great value being assessed much too low, and unimproved property too high. The subdivision of the town for Assessment purposes is inconvenient for absentees, and I doubt much if it be according to Law. Assessments ought to be made in accordance with Registered Plans, and not otherwise. The Fire Companies are at present in a disorganised state, and the By-law under which they are constituted requires attention. In selecting Office-bearers to fill the various situations cheapness should not be the great consideration. Efficiency for the performance of the duties is of much more importance. In the one of Tavern Inspector, the holders of the office should be well paid for their services, as their duties are onerous and for the most part disagreeable, while their efficient fulfil ent would save much of the time and labor in the Police Court. This leads me to refer to the Police Court: and I am happy to say, on comparing the two last years 1858 and 1859, offences of all sorts have greatly decreased, the largest item is still "Drunk and Disorderly." I have now only, and in conclusion, to thank you, Gentlemen of the Council, for your uniform attention to your duties and courteous conduct to myself personally, as also for your feelingly expressed resolution in my favor at last meeting of Council. I trust if any angry feelings should have arisen during the transaction of business, they will have ere now been forgotten: and that we all part as friends, willing again to meet each other on public or private business, when occasion may require. To the Officers connected with the Council I have also to return thanks—one and all of them have done their duty to my satisfaction, and I trust to that of the public generally. I wish you all Gentlemen, health and happiness, and bid you good-bye. My duties as Mayor have terminated.

THE NEW COUNCIL.

ELECTION OF REEVE AND DEPUTY REEVE.

The new Council for the Town of Guelph was organized on Monday, the 16th, at 1 o'clock, and proceeded at once with the Election of Reeve and Deputy Reeve for the Municipality for the present year.

Members present,—Messrs. Parker, Kirkland, Holliday, Keeling, George, Armstrong, Higinbotham, Herod, Buckland, Davidson and Allan. John Harvey, Esq., Mayor, in the chair. All the members being present, with the exception of Mr. Elliott, who was absent, owing to ill-health.

The Mayor and all the members took the oath of office and qualification.

It was moved by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Higinbotham, That Mr. George Elliott be Reeve for the Municipality for the present year.—*Carried.*

Moved by Dr. Parker, and, seconded by Mr. Kirkland. That David Allan, Esq., be elected Deputy Reeve for this Council.

Mr. Allan, declined to stand; and moved in amendment, seconded by Dr. Herod, that Charles Davidson Esq., be elected Deputy Reeve for this Council. The amendment was carried.

It was moved by Mr. George, seconded by Dr. Herod, That the following gentlemen be a Special Committee to nominate the Standing Committees for the present year: Messrs Kirkland, Buckland, Davidson and Armstrong.

Moved in amendment by Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Kirkland, that Messrs. Keeling, Kirkland, Davidson and Armstrong, be a Special Committee to draft the Standing Committees for this Council for the present year.

A vote being taken the motion was carried.

On motion made and seconded the Council adjourned till 7 o'clock P. M.

COUNCIL ROOM, 7 o'clock, p. m.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present,—Messrs. Parker, Kirkland, Holliday, Keeling, George, Armstrong, Higinbotham, Herod, Buckland, Davidson and Allan. The Mayor in the Chair.

Mr. George presented a report of the Special Committee, drafting the Standing Committees for the present year; and in doing so, remarked, that the Committee had, in drafting the Standing Committees, adhered to the principle of taking a member from each ward, for the different committees, so that the labour might be equally divided.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee.—Messrs: Elliott, Davidson, Herod and Parker.

Road and Bridge Committee.—Messrs. Allan, Keeling, George and Kirkland.

Fire and Water Committee.—Messrs. Armstrong, Keeling, Holliday and Higinbotham.

Market House Committee.—Messrs. Parker, Allan, Armstrong and Buckland.

Railway Committee.—Messrs. George, Elliott Holliday and Higinbotham.

Barrelled Committee.—Messrs Allan, Keeling, Herod and Holliday.

Printing Committee.—Allan, Buckland, Kirkland and Armstrong.

Cemetery Committee.—The Mayor and Mr. Kirkland.

Committee on Revision of By-laws.—Messrs. George, Elliott, Davidson, and Parker.

Dr. Herod moved, seconded by Mr. Higinbotham, that the report of the Special Committee be adopted.—*Carried.*

The Clerk read the following applications for the office of Tavern Inspector:

Tavern Inspector.—There were four applications, viz: John Stevens, John Dunbar, John MacSorley and Hugh Henry.

It was moved by Mr. Keeling, seconded by Mr George, that Hugh Henry be tavern Inspector for this Municipality for the current year.

Moved in amendment by Mr Buckland, seconded by Dr Parker, that Mr. Richard Ainly be Tavern Inspector for the current year. Upon a vote being taken the original motion was carried.

Dr Herod moved, seconded by Mr Armstrong that John Mayberry be Inspector of Taverns for the current year.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Buckland seconded by Dr. Parker, that Wm. H. Mills be Tavern Inspector for the current year. The original motion was carried.

Mr Kirkland moved, seconded by Dr. Parker, that the Clerk be authorized to advertise in the local papers for two Assessors and one Collector, the Assessors to state the remuneration required, and the Collector to name his securities and his percentage for collecting.

There was considerable discussion as to the necessity of having two Assessors. Dr. Herod stated it as his opinion that one Assessor was quite sufficient. Mr. Keeling said he was surprised to hear the Dr. express himself in that manner; he thought one man could not discharge the duties of the office, and thought it would be unsatisfactory to a large number of the Ratepayers if the Council decided upon having but one Assessor.

It was then moved in by Mr Kirkland, and, seconded by Mr. Keeling, that the Council think it expedient to have two Assessors for the current year Amendment withdrawn.

Dr. Parker moved, seconded by Mr. Kirkland, that Mr Edwin Newton, be one of the Auditors of this Municipality for the current year. The Mayor nominated Mr. Reeve as the other Auditor for the current year.

There was a motion brought forward, recommending the Council to enter into some arrangements with the Board of School Trustees to have the piano forte now used in the superior girls' school, brought to the Town Hall; and there to be rented to parties who may require it, and that Dr. Herod and Mr. Buckland be a Special Committee to confer with said Board.

Moved by Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr Kirkland, that the Finance Committee report as to the financial state of the town; to state the liabilities, if any, and what balance, if any, remains in the hands of the Treasurer.

Dr. Herod moved, seconded by Mr George, that notice be given the Guelph Farmers' and Mechanics' Institute, that the rooms now occupied by them will be required by this Council three months after the 1st Feb. next.

Moved by Mr Keeling, seconded by Dr Parker, that the motion made by Dr. Herod, in reference to the Farmers' and Mechanics' Institute, do not pass.—Amendment carried.

GUELPH POLICE COURT.

On Friday, James McMahon, of the township of Puslinch, was charged with stealing a quantity of leather from Samuel F. Taylor, at Aberfoyle, on the nights of the 3rd and 4th inst.

SAMUEL F. TAYLOR sworn.—I am a Tanner and Currier, living at Aberfoyle. My Tannery was broken into on the nights preceding the 4th and 5th inst. The second time two heavy calf-skins were stolen. I have not seen them since. I believe the two sides of upper leather were taken on the first occasion. I suspected the prisoner because he had been eight or nine months in my employ. He was perfectly acquainted with the place, and friendly with a large dog I kept constantly on the premises, and with which, I believe, a stranger would have a poor chance. I made a search and found at the shoe-store of Couch and Whyte, Guelph, the remains of two sides of upper leather, which I believe were taken on the evening preceding the 5th. Mr. Couch informed me he had purchased the leather from a person residing in Puslinch, who said he had had the leather tanned at my tannery on shares. Couch said he gave eighteen pence a lb. for it. I had never tanned such leather on shares. I never gave the prisoner leave to sell leather for me, neither do I sell any leather myself, because I conduct the business on commission.

Two Witnesses afterwards (Messrs Couch and Adsett) swore distinctly that the prisoner was the man that sold the leather at Couch and Whyte's store, aforesaid.

The prisoner was committed to take his trial at the next Quarter Sessions.

Saturday, Jan. 14th.

Constable Lynch vs. Wm. Farrell.—Drunk and disorderly conduct.—Plaintiff says I could not say exactly whether you were drunk or not: you acted as you ought not to do.

Dismissed without reprimand.

A NEW FINANCIAL SCHEME.

The *Leader* of yesterday publishes Mr. Galt's financial scheme for the consolidation, conversion and redemption of the public debt of the Province. The *Leader* assures us that the scheme has been introduced on the London Stock Exchange with every prospect of success. If it is carried out, says our cotemporary, the whole debt of the Province will be paid off in fifty years. We have not time to give details in our present issue, but shall return to the subject in our next.

TOWNSHIP OF GUELPH INSURANCE COMPANY.

BLYTH'S HOTEL, Jan. 13th, 1860.

At a meeting convened by public notice for the purpose of receiving the report of the Committee, which was passed, and the amount subscribed being found sufficient, in accordance with an act of Parliament, the organization of a Mutual Fire Insurance Company for the Township of Guelph was proceeded with.

It was resolved that James Wright, Esq., should occupy the Chair.

A Ballot as to the choice of the Directors was taken, when the following gentlemen were found to have been elected:

William Weitshaw, Esq.; E. A. Harland, Esq.; John Card, Esq.; J. Laidlaw, Esq.; William Logan, Esq. Scrutineers, Messrs. Geo. Shortreed and J. T. Leslie.

A subsequent meeting was held by the above Directors, when W. Alexander, Esq., was elected President, and James Wright, Esq., Treasurer and Secretary.

J. T. LESLIE, Sec., *pro tem.*

A meeting of the Directors of the Guelph Township Mutual Fire Insurance Company, will take place in Guelph, on the 25th inst., to transact business.

BIRTHS

On the 14th inst, at Guelph, Mrs Ninian Crawford, of a son.

On the 11th inst., Mrs Robert Sunley, of a son.

DIED

On the 11th inst., at Guelph, Mr John O'Lynch, aged 67.

Deceased was one of the oldest settlers in Guelph, having come here in 1827, when there were but five families in the neighborhood. He was present when the first tree was cut down in the town plot, which was at that time just "blazed" from the wilderness. His remains were followed to their last resting-place by a large concourse of relatives and friends,—the funeral procession being the largest witnessed here for several years.

Commercial.

GUELPH MARKET REPORT.

Friday morning, Jan. 20th.

The Market still continues brisk, and is daily thronged with sellers and purchasers. We have to notice very little change in the prices since our last week's quotation; all kinds of farm produce still continue to fetch high prices.

Fall Wheat is bringing from $1 20 to $1 25c. and quality generally very good.

Spring Wheat 96c. to $1 2c. and the quantity brought forward this week, and last, has been exceedingly large.

Oats are fetching 34c.

Peas are sold on an average at 50c.

Barley is fetching 55c to 62c.

Pork $5 to $5 50c.

Potatoes, 35c.

Hay averages from $13 to $17.

Hides, $5 to $5 50.

Straw, $3 to $4 50c.

Beef is bringing $4 to $5.

THE MARKETS.

Hamilton.

Fall Wheat 1 a $1.20; Spring do 85 a 95c Flour pr 100lbs 3 a $3.25; Oats 30 a 37½c; Potatoes 25c: Butter 17 a 20c; Beef pr 100 lbs 4 a $5.50; Cordwood 3 a $3.50.

Galt.

Fall Wheat 1.20 a $1,23; Spring Wheat 97c a $1; Flour pr 100lbs $2 50 a $2.75; Oats 30 a 34c; Potatoes 25c; Beef pr 100lbs 4 a $5; Butter 14 a 16c; Hay 12 a $16; Cordwood $2.

Toronto.

Fall Wheat 1.18 a $1.25; Spring do 1 a $1.05; Oats 27½ a 40c; Flour pr 100lbs 4. 60 a 4.90; Pork pr 100lbs 5.50 a $6.

Liverpool.

Flour dull but steady, at 23 a 27s pr bll for American. Wheat steady and firm at 9s 3d a 10s 1d for red, and 9s 9d a 11s 6d for white per cental. Pork dull—new Eastern mess at 80s.

Prices Current.

GEORGE ELLIOTT'S

PRICE CURRENT.

Elliott's Buildings, Lower Wyndham Street.

1st Broken Loaf Sugar per lb	7½d
Extra Fine Young Hyson Tea	1 10
Very Choice ditto	2 6
Superb ditto	3 9
Prime Muscavado Sugar 12lbs for	5 0
Finest Broken Loaf ditto, per lb	7½
Do Pulverised ditto	7½
Golden Syrup per gallon	2 6
Very choice Cav. Tobacco per lb	1 0
Extra Fine ditto	1 3
Best Chewing ditto	1 6
Finest new Currants	6
Prime Rice, 22 lbs	5 0

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JOHN MACKENZIE'S

PRICE CURRENT

FALL 1859.

GROCERIES.

13lbs Port Rico Sugar for	$1.00
8lbs best Crushed for	1.00
10lbs best Broken Loaf for	1.00
10lbs new Currants for	1.00
30lbs Pot Barley for	1.00
Best Soap per bar	20
Best new Salt per barrel	1.37
Best Pudding Raisins per lb	12
Good Young Hyson Tea per lb	50
Best do do	75
Good Old Hyson Tea per lb	50
Best do do	75
Good Smoking Tobacco per lb	25
Best Chewing, from 31 to	37
Best Baking Soda, 10lbs for	1.00

HARDWARE, CROCKERY, &c.

Best Cut Nails 3.50 to	$4.00
Tea Setts worth $1.50 for	1.00

DRY GOODS

in great variety at exceeding low prices

A large lot of Lake Huron White Fish, Salmon Trout, and Herrings in half and whole barrels at low prices.

A large stock of Salt on hand at $1.37½ per Barrel.

A small quantity of Real Lockfyne Herrings.

P. S. One great advantage the Farmer has in purchasing from J. McK—if they have a bushel of Grain to sell, they are sure to get the *Highest Price* for it in *CASH*, as he pays the highest price for Spring or Fall Wheat, Peas, Barley, Oats and Rye. All other Produce, as usual, taken at Cash Prices.

JOHN MACKENZIE.

Elgin & Moriston, Oct. 20, 1859. 745

ALMA BLOCK GROCERY

PRICE CURRENT.

	s. d.
Extra Fine Young Hyson Tea	1 10 per lb
Very choice ditto or Gunpowder	2 6
Superb ditto as good	3 9
as need be drank	5 0
Prime Muscavado Sugar 12lbs for $1	7½ per lb.
Finest New York Granulated Sugar	9 7½ per lb.
Do do Broken Loaf	2 6 per gal
Golden Syrup	1 0 per lb
Choice Tobacco	1 3 per lb
Very Choice Cav. Tobacco	1 6
Best Chewing	2 6
Finest new Currants	5 0 p 22lbs
Best Quality Rice	2 3 p box
Fine Sweet Dight Herrings	10 0 p bush
Dried Apples	4s per bl.
Inspected No 1 Herrings just arrived.	6.10 per bl
New Salt just arrived	2 3 per bag
Liverpool coarse Salt for Picking	

Also, a great reduction in Groceries generally

W. J. BROWN & Co., Importers.

J. MACKENZIE'S GRAIN PRICE CURRENT

Fall Wheat	$1.16@ $0.00
Spring do	0.93@ 0.00
Peas	0.45@ 0.50
Oats	0.32@ 0.35

SPECIAL NOTICES.

MRS. WINSLOW, an experienced nurse and female physician, has a soothing Syrup for children teething, which greatly facilitates the process of teething, by softening the gums, reducing all inflammation—will allay all pain, and is sure to regulate the bowels. Depend upon it, mothers, it will give rest to yourselves, and relief and health to your infants. Perfectly safe, in all cases. See Advertisement in another column.

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New Advertisements.

PUBLIC MEETING,

A PUBLIC Meeting of the Electors of the Township of Puslinch, will be held in the Town Hall, Moriston, on Wednesday, the 1st of February next, at 7 o'clock p.m., to organize a Branch Constitutional Reform Society for the Township.

K. McKENZIE,
Vice President County Branch S.

Puslinch, Jan. 20, 1860. 2-758

New Advertisements.

Galt & Guelph Railway Co.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

THAT the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders in the Galt and Guelph Railway Company will be held in the Town Hall, in the Village of PRESTON, on

Monday, the Fifth of March, next,

at 12 o'clock, noon.

CHARLES DAVIDSON,
Secretary.

Guelph, Jan 20, 1860. 7,758

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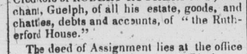

Agricultural Implements.

THE subscriber while returning thanks for the liberal patronage extended to him by the farmers of our noble county, respectfully informs his friends and the public generally, that he keeps constantly on hand an extensive assortment of first class

SCOTCH IRON PLOUGHS,

of the latest and most approved patterns, which he is prepared to dispose of at terms the most reasonable. Intending purchasers are at liberty to test these implements thoroughly before closing a bargain. He would refer among others to Geo. Sharpe, Esq., (who has one,) for the superiority of his Ploughs.

☞Turning and all kinds of Blacksmithing executed by the most skillful workmen.

MR. R. H. COLLINS, the well known and experienced Veterinary Surgeon, will attend daily at the subscriber's establishment, for the examination of all cases of disease in Horses &c.

☞Remember the Stand—*Opposite the Wellington Hotel and Mr James Mays' Fanning Mill Shop, Wyndham street.*

DENNIS COFFEE.

Guelph, Jan. 20, 1860. tf.758

Elora Burns' Anniversary.

THE Annual Supper in honor of Burns will take place in Bain's Commercial Hotel, on Wednesday, the 25th instant, at 8 p.m. Dr Parker in the Chair, J.M. Fraser, Esq., Croupier. ☞Several gentlemen from a distance are expected to be present, and assist in the proceedings. Tickets 62½ cents.

A. STEWART,
Elora, Jan. 20, 1860. Secretary.

Notice of Assignment FOR the BENEFIT of CREDITORS.

THE undersigned have this day become the Assignees for the general benefit of Creditors of ROBERT RUTHERFORD, Merchant, Guelph, of all his estate, goods, and chattles, debts and accounts, of "the Rutherford House."

The deed of Assignment lies at the office of Messrs Lemon & Petersen, Barristers, Guelph, for execution by creditors.

F. J. B. FORBES,
W. LOVRIE.

Guelph, 18th January, 1860. tf.758

☞*Herald* and *Mercury* to copy—tf.

FARM TO LET.

TO LET, for 6 years, a farm adjoining the town of Guelph, being Lots 1 & 2, con 4, Division C, Guelph Township, containing 200 acres, 150 of which are cleared. There are two dwelling Houses, good barn and out buildings, with a splendid Orchard and spring of water on the premises. Possession given on the 17th of March next.

Apply on the premises to

MRS. DWYER.

A Land Business Stand, suitable for

A TINSMITH, GROCER or BAKER TO LET,

THE BUSINESS STAND, in the Village of Moriston, suitable for a Tinsmith, Grocer, or Bakery. It is now occupied by Messrs Sunley & Oliver. Also, for sale, second hand set of Tinsmith's Machines and tools, cheap.

Possession given on the 1st Feb. 1860.

Apply to DONALD McPHERSON,
Moriston Hotel.

Moriston, Jan. 20, 1859. *3758

STRAYED OR STOLEN

FROM the premises of the subscriber, Rockwood, on the 28th Dec., last dark straw-berry roan COW, about 9 years old, a large in size, Durham breed. Who ever will give such information as shall lead to her recovery will be suitably rewarded by the proprietor. WM. HODGSKINSON.

Rockwood, Jan 20, 1860. *3758

Dissolution of Co-partnership.

THE Co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned in the Drug business having ceased, their books of account have, by mutual consent, been placed in the hands of A. Baker, Esq., to whom all parties indebted to them are requested to make speedy payment.

(signed) WILLIAM CLARKE.
GEORGE S. HEROD.

Witness (signed) J. J. KINGSMILL.
Guelph, Jan. 20, 1860. 3-758

School Teacher Wanted

FOR SECTION No 4, WEST END, with a second class Certificate, and good moral character. [illegible] WM. PORTER, [illegible] West End, near Guelph. [illegible] give 2ins.

3758

A [illegible] E.

[illegible] MERS

L[illegible] among you, with a small stock of Goods ever offered a Auction in Upper Canada. He will commence his sale on SATURDAY next, in the store lately occupied by Henry Fry, Esq., Wyndham st., and will continue for some weeks. Further particulars in hand bills.

Terms Cash.

L. DEVANY, Auctioneer.

Dissolution of Partnership.

THE Partnership heretofore existing between Galbraith, Heather, & Adsett, as Saddlers, Tanners etc., in the Town of Guelph is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The accounts will be kept at F.W. Galbraith's, Market Square, till the 1st March, next, when all unpaid accounts will be placed in Court for collection. Each of the late partners are authorized to sign receipts for the Company to that date, and all accounts due will be paid by F.W Galbraith.

F.W. GALBRAITH,
WM. HEATHER,
CHAS. ADSETT.

Witness—John Stronach.

Guelph, Jan. 16, 1860. tf.758

The Saddling Business will be carried on by F.W. Galbraith, in the Market Square, and by W. Heather, at his old stand, opposite the American Hotel corner of Eramosa Road.

NOTICE.

FIRE—FIRE—FIRE,

THE subscribers wish to inform their friends and the public generally that notwithstanding the great Fire, which took place on their premises on Thursday night, the 12th inst., they are prepared to supply their customers as usual with what they may require.

Until the old factory can be re-built in early spring, the business will be carried on by Mr Copp, near their old stand.

COPP & BEAVIS.

☞They also wish to notify those who are indebted to them, that, in consequence of the late Fire, it has become necessary all debts due them should be settled forthwith; and they trust that, under the circumstances this notice will be duly attended to.☜

Guelph, Jan. 20, 1860. 4-758

New Advertisements.

TOWN OF GUELPH.

PURSUANT to instruction, notice is hereby given, that applications will be received at the next meeting of Council for the following offices, viz:

Two Assessors and one Collector.

The Assessors to state the remuneration required and the Collector to make his securities and his per centage for collection.

JAMES HOUGH,
Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Office,
Jan 20, 1860. 3.758

STORE to be Let

THE STORE AT PRESENT OCCUPIED by Hutchison & Burke, West Market Sq.

JAMES MURPHY.

Guelph, Jan. 20, 1860. tf.758

THE GUELPH

Building & Savings S'cty.

NOTICE.

AT the last meeting of the Directors of the Guelph Building and Savings Society, it was resolved, that in consequence of the amount of profit already realised a bonus of $2 per share be charged on all shares taken after this date.

Guelph, Jan. 9, 1860. 3.758

To the Electors of the Brock Legislative Council Electoral Division.

GENTLEMEN:—

In the course of the year which has just commenced your Division, consisting of the North and South Ridings of the County of Wellington and the North Riding of the County of Waterloo, will be called upon to return an elective member to the Legislative Council.

On the occasion of my retirement from the Legislative Assembly at last general election I publicly announced my intention, in compliance with the wish of many influential friends to offer myself to you at the proper time as a candidate for the Legislative Council; and the very general encouragement which I have continued to meet with, appears fully to justify the step.

When the [illegible] I propose to do myself the honor of laying my views on public affairs fully before you, and should it be your pleasure to choose me as your representative, it will be my earnest endeavor to discharge my duty in a manner satisfactory to my constituents and creditable to myself as a public servant.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,
Your most obedient humble servant,
A. J. FERGUSSON.

GUELPH, January 2nd, 1860.

GUELPH

Medical Dispensatory.

THE UNDERSIGNED WISHES TO inform his friends and the public, that he has succeeded to the business recently carried on by Herod and Co., as Chemists and Druggists, Wyndham-st., Guelph, and respectfully solicits a continuance of the support so liberally given to his predecessors

JOHN HARVEY,
Chemist & Druggist.

Guelph, Jan. 6, 1860. 756

COOKING STOVES.

THE SUBSCRIBER IS NOW SELLING the Old King of Steves for $17, and the Improved King at $20—furnished complete.

E. E. SKAE.

N.B.—The above Stoves are not made of old Railway Iron, as reported.

STRAW CUTTERS.

A. Anderson's improved Gate Straw Cutter defies competition. Price $14. Call and See.

☞*Under the ADVERTISER OFFICE, West Market Square.*

E. E. SKAE.

Guelph, Jan. 6, 1860. tf.755

To Farmers and Others.

GRISTING EVERY DAY, and Copping every Friday, all the year round at the VICTORIA MILLS, Guelph.

tf-757 J. C PREASANT.

AUCTION SALE OF Unclaimed Express Freight

BY

W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer.

THE American Express Company will proceed to sell by Public Auction, to the highest bidder, on

TUESDAY, the 24th JANUARY, 1860,

at 11 o'clock, am., at W. S. G. Knowles' AUCTION ROOMS, Guelph, C. W., the following unclaimed Packages, Goods, and Articles, the same having remained in their possession unclaimed for, and refused by consignees for a long time.

Received.	Articles.	From.	To whom ad.	Destin
1856				
June 21	4 Castings	Galt	D Catwell	Guelph
"	1 Tin	St. Cath.	W Bartlett	"
"	1 Wheel	Galt	S W Davis	"
"	1 Package	"	Wm Toole	"
Aug. 28	1 Box	Buffalo	A McCrea	"
1857				
Jan. 15	1 Trunk	Israel Green	Durham	
Feb. 14	1 Package	Barrie	Ed Ryal	Guelph
Sept. 21	1 Box	S Bridge	P Patterson	Durham
1858				
Jan. 13	box Shrink	S Bridge	R Brown	Guelph
Feb. 12	1 Package