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T. J. DAY, BOOKSELLER. Large Double Store, directly opposite the Market Crossing, Guelph, Jan. 29.

1869. Wholesale. 1869. Wellington Boot & Shoe Manufactory, WYNDHAM-ST., GUELPH.

JOHN A. McMILLAN. Has much pleasure in indicating to the Trade that he is now prepared to supply at the lowest Wholesale Prices Boots and Shoes of every Description, Style, and Variety.

LEATHER WANTED. Tanners can find a cash market for every description of Leather, any quantity, at any time, at the Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory.

SPECIAL NOTICE. The whole of the present stock of Boots and Shoes, rubbers and Meccasins, will be sold cheaper than any man can sell imported work. This is to be had. Call and see, and remember the spots. Guelph, E. K. McMillan.

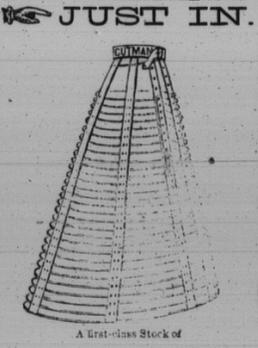
JOHN A. McMILLAN, Bootmaker for the Million, Guelph, 4th January, 1869.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing between F. W. Galbraith and George Beattie, as Saddle & Co., under the style and firm of Galbraith & Beattie, of the Town of Guelph, is dissolved by mutual consent on the 1st of January, 1869.

NOTICE. The subscriber in returning thanks to the public for the patronage bestowed on the late firm of Galbraith & Beattie, would beg to say that he intends carrying on the business in all its branches at the old stand, West Market Square, Guelph, and hopes by strict attention to business, and moderate charges, to merit a share of public support.

Harness, Saddles, Bridles, Martingales, And a large assortment of Trunks, Valises, WHIPS, HORSE BLANKETS, CURRY COMBS, MANE COMBS, CARDS, SPURS, WHIP LASHES - all kinds.

OIL AND VARNISH. For Cleaning Harness, and all other articles connected with his business. A liberal discount made for cash. All kinds of repairing done with neatness and dispatch.



GUTHMAN'S CELEBRATED Hoop Skirts. In all the Latest and most Approved Styles.

New PANNIER Skirt. Which is a general favorite.

THE CHEAPEST LOT OF SKIRTS EVER SHOWN IN GUELPH.

A. O. BUCHANAN. Guelph, Jan. 17.

Undertakers! MITCHELL & TOVELL. Having bought out Mr. Nathan Tovell's Hearse, horses, &c., we hope by strict attention to business to gain a share of public patronage.

MORCAN'S DOMINION HAIR-DRESSING PARLOR. HAVING had large experience in Cutting and Dressing Hair in the Old Country, and in the art of dyeing, and in the use of the hair, I had to be displayed to meet the requirements of the fashionable world, and having carried on the business for half a year, and prospered well in it, I will only add that being now assisted by Mr. JOHN THORN, long and favorably known in Guelph, I am better able to give satisfaction than any in the profession.

MONEY TO LEND. The undersigned are requested to obtain Farm Securities for several thousand dollars, to be lent at moderate interest.

OYSTERS BY MEASURE. Bring Your Bowls and Pails. And get them filled with OYSTERS at WALKER'S, and save the price of cans and canning.

HUGH WALKER. Guelph, Jan. do ft

Evening Mercury. THURSDAY EV'NG, FEB. 4, 1869.

Local and Miscellaneous. It is generally believed that Whalen will be executed on the day fixed, the 11th inst.

Mrs. Stanton offers a portrait of Anna Dickinson for an "able article" on the "sphere of man."

Camp, the absconding Town Clerk and Treasurer of St. Catharines, is found to be deficient in his accounts to the amount of \$17,000.

Nearly the whole time of the session of the Maryland Legislature has been monopolized by the consideration of numberless divorce cases.

It is said that the trial of contested election cases by the Law Judges in England, instead of referring them to Parliamentary Committees, works admirably.

An enterprising photographer in Colorado wanted to take a picture of a thief hanging from a tree, and he succeeded after a fight with the vigilance committee.

A Boston clergyman has been replenishing his library by robbing the bookstores. Some people call it "kleptomaniac," but at this distance it looks awfully like stealing.

Charles Dickens says he can always judge of the character of a hotel or a restaurant by an inspection of the castor. The mustard pot and the oil cruet are infallible tests. Charles is correct in that remark.

Two gendarmes of the city of Vienna quarrelled, and in a moment of passion one shot the other. On recovering himself and knowing his inevitable doom for such crime he deliberately shot himself through the heart.

A married man in New Hampshire has adopted an original method of economy. One morning recently, when he knew his wife would see him, he kissed the servant girl. The household expenses were instantly reduced \$300 per year.

Miss Amy Stone, a plucky school ma'am in Glover, recently feruled a 200 pound lubber, for disobedience of orders. His father sued her, but the Court, after hearing the evidence, dismissed the case. The Boston Standard says that the people in the district should club together and get the boy a bib.

Some of the Ministerial papers gave currency to a rumor that Mr. Ames Wright had given in his adhesion and support to the Macdonald-Carter government. Mr. Wright authorizes the emphatic denial of this "canard" manufactured out of whole cloth. It has not even the shadow of truth for foundation.

The announcement that Mr. Howe has accepted office, and the despatch of the Colonial Secretary published yesterday, are universally considered as decisive of the Nova Scotia question. Nearly all the journals regard it in this light, and anticipate the best results to the Maritime Provinces from Mr. Howe's course.

Some outrageous individual perpetrated the following theatrical contumacious: "If the Ticket of Leave Man should meet the Lancashire Lass, wearing the Emerald Ring, in the Streets of New York, under the Gaslight, where there was no Thoroughfare, what would the consequences be?" Answer: Foul Play.

High old life in Chicago. The following are the headings of a single paper on one day: More Bloody Affairs—Dandy Weapons—The Axe, The Revolver and Beer Mugs—The Head of a Detective laid open by Blows from a Hatchet—Shooting of a White Boy by a Nigger in Clark Street—A Bar Tender Badly Pounded with Beer Glasses. Particulars are unnecessary.

The forthcoming United States Army Bill will ask about \$41,000,000 for army expenses for the next fiscal year. The estimate is about \$9,000,000 larger than that of last year, which was \$33,000,000. The increase has been caused by the Indian wars and the cost of transportation to the Indian country. The sum now asked is about \$8,000,000 less than the amount required by the War Department.

FAILED TO APPEAR.—Many of our readers will remember that a row between two men, named McCraden and Kennedy, took place in December last, in one of the hotels here—for which game of fisticuffs both the belligerents were summoned to appear before the Police Magistrate. McCraden put in an appearance, and was fined heavily for the offence, but his antagonist failed to "toe the mark." However, the bellicose Pat, Kennedy ventured to come back to Guelph the other day, and was soon served with a warrant to show his physical in the Police Court, this (Thursday) morning, but the valiant disciple of Tom Sayers "herein failed," thinking probably that discretion in this instance at all events, was the "better part of valor."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING MERCURY. Guelph Township Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

MORE CORRUPTION AND FRAUD! Sir,—Mr. Hood has another letter in your last weekly issue in which he makes out other three cases of over-insurance tantamount in his opinion to corruption and fraud on my part in the management of the affairs of the company, viz., Mr. A. Hogge, Mr. John Shortreed and Mr. James Wright. If Mr. Hood was as anxious to know the real state of these insurances as he is of finding fault, a moment's reflection might have convinced him that in each of these cases he might be mistaken. In two of these cases, though the property insured is in one policy yet it is two distinct risks and situated on different lots of land. In the other case, though on the same lot, there are two different risks, the buildings being entirely apart and separate.

Mr. Hood states that if I had been a little better versed in legal lore, and practised fewer quibbles, it would have been to the advantage of the company though I would like to know, even Mr. Hood, what has the company done or any member thereof, on my account. In the first place I believe it was the person who first initiated the project of starting a Fire Insurance Company in the Township, and for economy in its management and the small amount it has cost the members for losses since its first formation, are facts which speak for themselves, and need no notice from me. But, Mr. Editor, I am rather surprised that Mr. Hood has not, when in print, brought a great many more charges against me than he has done, as he had about a dozen altogether in black and white, which he read over at one of the Directors' meetings, and also at the annual meeting of members. One of these charges was, that I allowed a school trustee to vote at an annual meeting on school property insured; another, of allowing a member to vote who was only insured for \$200; but for my part, I cannot see that I, as secretary, had any right to interfere, or yet find anything wrong in either case, or that the interests of the Company were sacrificed by either vote. But of course I am willing to bow to the superior legal knowledge of Mr. Hood in the matter. Another charge was that I did not return, in some cases, the old notes when the Policy expired, and another case of gross corruption on my part, as he told one or two of the directors, was that I had charged the company the extravagant sum of \$150 for postage stamps, stationery, &c., for one year, but how many cents Mr. Hood considers I pocketed by the transaction, I don't know. I am afraid, Mr. Editor, that personal spleen has guided Mr. Hood more in the course he has taken, than any motive for the true interest of the company. If the affairs of the company have been so badly mismanaged, why did he not, as a Director, use his endeavours to put them right, as he has over and over again been requested by the directors to state or put in writing what he wanted. But I am afraid Mr. Hood's talents for public business are more of a negative than a progressive character. For however he may pride himself in his high legal attainments, and fortify himself with sharp quibbles in law, yet in real business capabilities he is deficient; for in all the many years for which he was a Director, not one solitary document of his own production has he ever produced to reform the many abuses which he says have existed.

But in conclusion, Mr. Editor, I would simply ask which of our public institutions has been managed, no matter by whom, to meet the approval of Mr. Hood? Whether municipal, agricultural or Mutual, all have failed in being conducted in a manner suitable to the legal standard of the honorable gentleman, and at certain periodical periods there is always some unfortunate servant of the public who receives a lecture at his hands for some illegal act of his. But I would advise Mr. Hood, when he ferrets out any more cases of fraud and corruption, to make himself a little better acquainted with facts before he attempts to enlighten the public on matters on which he is entirely ignorant. As to who will play the monkey, I think that office and organ grinder might be combined in one, and given to the person in the township who on certain public occasions makes the greatest blunder of himself.

Hoping I have not transgressed already too far on your space and the patience of your readers with so small a matter, I remain yours, W. WHITELAW.

Terrible Disaster at Danbury. THE BREAKING OF A DAM—FIFTEEN LIVES LOST. The most terrible disaster that has ever occurred in Danbury, happened on Monday night, destroying a number of lives and much property. About seven o'clock in the evening, the upper Kolohna dam, which supplies the borough with water, gave way, letting down the water with such force as to carry away the lower dam also, the water of the two dams thus carried every thing before it. Flint's dam, which was carried away by a flood last summer, was again destroyed. The Upper Maine street bridge was carried away; also the Balfour street and White street bridges, while the Patch-st. bridge and the one at Lacey, Hoyt & Co.'s shops are rendered almost impassable. Houses and small buildings are carried down stream and destroyed. Immense cakes of ice, with rocks, trees, &c., were carried a great distance. A house in the north end of the town, occupied by the family of Mr. A. Clark, was carried away, with the inmates—a man, his wife and a boy and all were drowned. The wife and child were found in the stream near Myrtle avenue, and the husband was picked up near Peck's ditch. At the latter place the body of a Miss Humphrey was found, and near at hand the bodies of Mrs. Husted and Mrs. Charles Andrew Mather were recovered. Thus far five bodies have been found, but as a number of persons are missing it is feared they have been drowned. It is supposed that twelve or fifteen lives were lost.

QUEBEC LEGISLATURE.—Hon. Mr. Dunkin submitted the Public Accounts for the six months ending 31st June, and special statements for the past six months and eighteen months altogether. The total receipts for the eighteen months were \$2,612,514.15; total expenditure, \$1,794,297.23; balance, \$818,216.92; Crown Lands receipts amounted to \$768,513.22; expenditure, including debt, \$141,429.85.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury. PARIS, Feb. 3.—A revolt has broken out among the natives at Algeria, confined to the wild tribes in a district remote from the French settlement. The Duke of Magenta has been ordered to Algeria.

News received to-night from Algeria, states that the insurgents have been defeated and the revolt suppressed.

MADRID, Feb. 3.—Five of the prisoners implicated in the assassination of the Governor of Burgos have confessed their guilt.

LONDON, Feb. 3, a.m.—A despatch from Athens says, the Greek ministers have refused to agree to the signing of the protocol of the Paris Conference, and have tendered their resignations to the King.

The petition of the Irish Bishops for rights of convocation has been rejected. Mr. J. Ashbury, owner of the British ship Cambria, in receipt of the note of Mr. Wm. Douglas, of New York, owner of the Sappho, written on the 19th inst., proposing an ocean yacht race between their respective vessels. Mr. Ashbury has accepted the challenge, and a date has been suggested.

American Despatches. Buffalo, 4th.—The skating match at the Central rink yesterday evening, for 250 a side, between Miss Godboot, of New Brunswick, and Miss Dean, of Chicago, was won by the latter. Another match between them for the same amount takes place here on Saturday evening.

Courting in a Railway Car. A correspondent of the Cincinnati Times, who has been riding by railroad through Iowa, is responsible for the following: There was a funny little episode on the car that helped to arouse us. At Monticello a young man and a young woman came on board of the sleeping car, and the former said, "See here, Mr. Conductor, I want one of your best bunks for this young woman, and one for myself individually." One will do for us when we get to the bluff, hey, Maria? (a playful and affectionate poke at Maria, with his elbow, to which she replied, "Now, John, quit!") "for you see we're going to get married at Maria's uncle's when we get there. We might have been married at Monticello, but we took a habit to wait till we got to the bluff, being as Maria's uncle is a minister, and they charged a gold first prize for hitchin' folks at Monticello." Maria was assigned to one of the 'best bunks,' and John was given one not far away. After a time the inmates of the car were all stowed away in their berths, to go through the inevitable alternatives of snoring and freezing.

During the stoppage of the train at one station, the voice of John was heard, raised in pleading accents, all unconscious that the train had stopped, and in tones which the rattling of the wheels had drowned while the cars were moving, could be distinctly heard by all when they had stopped.

"Now, Maria, you might give a fellow just one kiss."

"John, you quit, or I'll get right out here, and hoof it back to Monticello in the snow storm."

"Only one little kiss, Maria, and I'll go 'hops to die if I don't!"

"John—"

Just at that interesting moment a grey head protruded from a berth at the other end of the car, and an old man cried out so that all could hear, "Maria, for God's sake give John one kiss, so that we can go to sleep sometime to-night!"

It is needless to remark that a peal of laughter rang from one end of the car to the other, under cover of which John slunk back to the solitary seclusion of his 'bunk,' leaving 'Maria' in the undisturbed possession of her marriage licence, which she interpreted to permit no license to John until accompanied by a proper certificate. And 'Maria' was right.

Townsend's Dramatic Company. This talented Company have again made Guelph a visit, and last night played "The Merchant of Venice" to a large and fashionable audience in the Town Hall. This great production of Shakespeare was well put on the stage and well acted. Mr. John Townsend personated the crafty, vindictive Jew, and by his lifelike representation of the character elicited the enthusiastic applause of the audience. Portia was admirably rendered by Miss Florence Townsend, so also were the other characters by the members of the company. At the close of the piece, Mrs. Harry Townsend sang "Kathleen Mavourneen," and on being loudly encouraged gave "In the merry old time." She has a splendid voice, and sings with great taste and feeling. Then followed the roaring farce of "My Neighbour's Wife," in which Miss Florence, Miss Constance, and Mr. Harry Townsend, played exceedingly well, and kept the audience in roars of laughter. Lawrence's fine Band furnished excellent music during the evening. To-night the great play of "The Foundling of Paris" will be produced. It is a highly exciting play, and has been received with great favour wherever played. All lovers of the drama should present this evening, especially as this is the last night the company play in Guelph for the present. We feel sure there will be a full house. Mrs. H. Townsend will also sing to-night, after which will be given the excellent farce called "The Romp."

A NOBLY CUTTER.—We saw something new in the cutter line yesterday, being one built on an entirely new style by Mr. Robert Parker, carriage builder, of this town. Mr. Parker had it out yesterday, and it certainly presented a handsome appearance, although very light and compact. By the arrangement of the seats it gives more seat room than any we have yet seen. Whether we regard the style, the finish, or strength of the vehicle, it is a splendid piece of workmanship, and reflect great credit on the skill and taste displayed by Mr. Parker and his workmen. His establishment is getting its name up, for we understand that he is at present building a carriage for Lord Ashburton, of Norfolk, England, which is something new in its line.

REV. J. DUFF.—The Rev. J. Duff, for many years pastor of Knox's Church in this village, tendered the resignation of his charge a short time ago, and a congregational meeting was held on Monday last for the purpose of receiving and acting upon it. There was a large attendance, and after the usual preliminaries the congregation decided to accept it. From his earnest yet agreeable manner, his warm-heartedness and true christian sympathy with his flock, whether in sickness or health, and his unwearied efforts to advance the spiritual growth and prosperity of his charge, Mr. Duff has endeared himself to all who really know him, and we regret, with the vast majority of his congregation, that he has felt impelled to take his present step. Under him the church has grown and become the most flourishing of our village congregations, and it is a pity that anything should occur to sever a connexion which has been profitable, at least, to his hearers. May he long be spared to enjoy the ease which he has so well earned.—Lightning Express.