

The 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. AUGUSTUS KEATING
M.D., M.B., U.C., S. England
A. A. MACDONALD,
M.B., L.R.C.P., Edin., and L.R.C.S., Edin.
Guelph, July 1st, 1873. dim wem

REMOVAL OF SURGERY.
DR. HEARD
Has removed his surgery to the rooms above the Guelph Drug Store, where he may be found from 10 am. to 6 p.m. Entrance on York street. After 6 p.m. at his residence as usual. dw

DR. BROOK,
OFFICE AND RESIDENCE
Directly opposite Chalmers' Church
Quebec street, Guelph.
Dr. Brook having returned from the South will attend to all professional calls as usual.

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

FREDERICK BARCOE, Barrister and Attorney at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Conveyancer, &c. Guelph Office, corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets. dw

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

F. STURDY,
House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter
GRANITE AND PAPER-HANGER.
Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street Guelph. 57 dw

WILLIAM J. PATERSON,
Official Assignee for the County of Wellington.
Office—Opposite Town Hall, Guelph. dw

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

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

LEMON & PETERSON,
Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Conveyancers and Notaries Public.
Office—Brownlow's New Buildings, near the Registry Office.

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

ROBERT CRAWFORD,
PRACTICAL
Watch and Clock Maker, Jeweller
Wyndham Street, Guelph.
Gold and Silver Watches, Chains, Brooches, Rings, &c., Hair Pins, and Device Work, Clocks and Time Pieces, Jewellery repaired and made to order. Plated Goods in variety. Guelph, Feb. 19, 1873. dw

IRON CASTINGS
Of all kinds, made to order at

GROVES IRON WORKS,
Norfolk Street, Guelph.
J. H. GROVES, Proprietor

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 keeps by courtesy, attention, and good accommodation, to merit a fair share of public patronage, both from old and new friends. The best Beer, Wine, 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, 1873. dawly

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 Visitors will be served up at all hours, in the favorite style.
Pickled Salmon, Lobsters, and Sardines.
Guelph, Feb. 1873. dw

E. A. A. GRANGE,
Veterinary Surgeon
Graduate Ontario Veterinary College.
OFFICE—No. 6, DAY'S BLOCK, UPSTAIRS.
All calls at night will be attended to by calling at the office.
N.B.—Horses bought and sold on commission. May 17, 73.-c.w.17

J. M. ARBIBOTT,
Veterinary Surgeon,
M. R. O. V. S., L. R. P. V. M. A.
Having lately arrived in Guelph from England, and taken up his residence here, intends continuing the practice of his profession. Orders left at the Market Office, or at H. A. Kirkland's, Paisley Street, opposite Howard's new foundry, will be promptly attended to.
Having had great experience in all diseases of Horses and Cattle, all cases placed under his treatment will receive the greatest attention. Charges moderate. 019dw

J. H. BOMAIN & Co.,
Successors to Nelles, Bomain & 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. F. Cartier, London, Ont.; Messrs. Gault Bros., merchants, Montreal; Senator F. Smith (Frank Smith & Co.) Toronto; J. M. Miller Esq., Perth; J. G. Galt Esq., north-west half of Lot 864, Cardigan street, in the Town of Guelph. The lot contains 25 acres of land, and is well cultivated. Terms liberal and ample known on day of sale, or on application to the Executors. Sale at 12 o'clock noon.
W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer.
EDWIN NEWTON, Esq.,
GEO. MURTON, Jr.,
Executors.
Guelph, Aug. 29, 1873. 24d

New Advertisements.

AGENTS WANTED.—To sell Lieut. Col. Bissay's Asbestos Steam Engine. Apply at once to P. FRENCH, Woolwich street, Guelph. M-24

TO LET.—A large two-story Stone Building in the centre of the Town, suitable for manufacturing purposes. Apply to Robert Melvin, Guelph. Jly 24th

WANTED.—A situation as book keeper, by a young man who has had experience in the wholesale trade. Address, Bookkeeper, Mercury Office, Guelph. 5-2

MISS WHYTE'S CLASSES
Will be resumed (D.V.)
On Monday, the 15th of September.
Guelph, Sept. 6, 1873. 2t

WANTED
At the Fashionable West End
Four experienced dressmakers; also improving and apprentices to the dressmaking business. Two millinery apprentices and two active milliners. Apply to
A. O. BUCHAM.
Sept. 5-24d

TENDERS WANTED.
Separate sealed Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to the 9th of September for building a double brick house for George Murton, Esq., Jr., in the Town of Guelph.
Plans and specifications to be seen at my office, Quebec street.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
STEPHEN BULL, Architect.
Guelph, Sept. 5, 1873. dd

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.
Insolvent Act of 1869
AND AMENDMENTS THEREOF.
In the matter of Herbert Fellows Truck, of the Town of Guelph, lately carrying on business as a Chemist and Druggist, and who is alleged to be a member of the firm of Clarke & Truck, an Insolvent.
All parties indebted to the above Estate are requested to make immediate payment at the office of the undersigned, Day's Block, as all accounts outstanding after the 15th inst., will be put in court.
W. J. PATERSON, Official Assignee.
Guelph, Sept. 3rd, 1873. dsw1

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, GUELPH.
LECTURE
In aid of the St. Vincent de Paul Society,
On Monday Ev'g, 8th inst.,
BY THE
Rev. Father Langcake, S. J.
Subject—"The Catholic Church and her Charities."
Tickets 25 cents each. Lecture to commence at 7:30 o'clock, p.m.
JOHN HARRIS, President.
BOBT. LYNCH, Secretary.
Guelph, Sept. 5, 1873. ds

FARM TO SELL.—Situate within two miles of the Town of Guelph, being Lots 2 and 3, 2nd concession, Division D, Township of Guelph, containing 96 acres, of which from 70 to 80 are cleared and mostly arable, and more than 20 ploughed ready for seed. The buildings and fences are in good repair, and a large orchard in full bearing.
Further particulars can be learned by application—"F" by letter (prepaid), to John Mickle, Esq., proprietor, Guelph.
CHAS. DAVIDSON,
Town Hall Building,
Guelph, June 25, 18. dswm

COW LOST.—Strayed from the premises of the Catholic Church, on Wednesday (Fair Day) a red and white cow, heavy and low set, star in forehead. Any person returning her, or living information of the Parish Priest where she may be found, will be rewarded. 24d1f

EDUCATIONAL.
THE MISSES McDONALD
Will open a school for Young Ladies in Mr. Hatch's Block, on Monday, 1st of September. Terms and particulars given on application. B. S. Guelph, Aug. 12, 1873. dwtw

CENTRAL EXHIBITION, GUELPH.
During the week of the Fair,
Messrs. J. B. Armstrong & Co.
Will offer the balance of their very large stock of
CARRIAGES, BUGGIES, ETC.,
At Greatly Reduced Prices.
Samples to be seen on the Fair Grounds.
Factory on Maconnell street.
J. B. ARMSTRONG & Co.
Guelph, 6th Sept., 1873. w12d

SCHOOL OF ART
and General Education.
THE MISSES RHEMMIE beg to announce that they will remove their establishment to the corner of Woolwich and York streets, about the 22nd September, where they hope to receive a continuance of the patronage hitherto accorded them. Until then, pupils will be received as usual at their present residence, Market street. 25d 4w

SEE THE STOCK OF
Canadian Ribbed
SHIRTS and DRAWERS
—OF—
JOHN MACDONALD & Co.,
TORONTO.
BEFORE PURCHASING,
679 dozen Splendid Value.
AUCTION SALE OF REAL ESTATE.
W. S. G. KNOWLES is instructed by the executors of the late William Reeve, Esq., deceased, to sell by public auction, at the Market House, Guelph, on WEDNESDAY, 10th September, an excellent cottage, containing seven apartments, situated on the north-west half of Lot 864, Cardigan street, in the Town of Guelph. The lot contains 25 acres of land, and is well cultivated. Terms liberal and ample known on day of sale, or on application to the Executors. Sale at 12 o'clock noon.
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SATURDAY EVENING, SEPT. 6, 1873
Town and County News.
A temperance meeting comes off to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon, at four o'clock, in the Good Templars' Hall.
MESSES. JOHNSON BROS. shipped from Harrison on Thursday last 250 boxes of cheese, averaging 55 lbs. each.
BAPTIST CHURCH.—The Rev. T. L. Davidson, D. D., will preach his introductory sermon to-morrow morning, as pastor of the Baptist Church in this town.
CANADIAN MONTHLY.—Read Current Events in the Canadian Monthly. Another supply to hand at Anderson's, Cheap Bookstore.
CAMP MEETING.—A Union Camp Meeting will be held at Norval, commencing on Thursday, 11th Sept. Dr. and Mrs. Palmer, of New York, are expected to be present.
THE TRIP NEXT TUESDAY.—Read the advertisement giving particulars of the trip to Port Elgin and Southampton, which the Great Western Railway publish in another column.
A VALUABLE HOME. the property of Mr. John O'Donnell, 6th con. Peel, got into a grain field, on Saturday week, and gorged himself to such an extent as to cause death.
THE Union Exhibition of the Centre Wellington and Townships of Nichol and Pilkington Agricultural Societies will be held in Elora, on Thursday and Friday next, when liberal prizes will be given for stock, roots, grain, &c.
ACTION.—This lively little place has been incorporated as a village. It will assume its rank after the 1st of January next, and next year's County Council will be adorned by the presence of the Reeve of Action.
CARRIAGES AND BUGGIES.—Messrs J. B. Armstrong & Co. intend to do a big stroke of business during the coming exhibition week. They announce by an advertisement which appears in another column that they will offer the balance of their extensive stock of vehicles at greatly reduced prices during the fair days.
Y. M. C. A.—At a meeting of the Executive Committee held, on Wednesday evening last it was decided that although the Union Bazaar had been postponed the Association would still carry on the refreshment booth. A Committee was appointed to superintend the preparations, and all friends of the Association are cordially invited to co-operate with the committee and help them to carry out their undertakings successfully.
CONCERTS.—Visitors to the Central Exhibition as well as our townspeople will be glad to know that two grand concerts are to be given under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. on the evening of the 17th and 18th inst., in the Drill Shed. Being confident that these entertainments will be well patronized, the Committee are sparing no pains to make them worthy of that patronage. We are informed that some of the best artists in the country are to be present. Improvements will be made in the construction of the platform so as to give good effect to the music.
ODIC FORCE.—We are informed that two lectures are to be delivered, to-night and Monday night, in the Town Hall, upon a new and startling subject, under the title of Odic Force, which the lecturer says will be illustrated by the most wonderful phenomena ever witnessed in this country. Persons in the audience are requested to assist in acting as subjects. Particulars are given in handbills. It is stated that those who once witness the exercises will require no further proof of the remarkable powers manifested.
PRESENTATION.—Mr. Wm. Rodgers, foreman of the engineers on the W. G. Branch of the Great Western Railway, being about to remove from Forus to Hamilton to take charge of the mechanical department of Hamilton & Lake Erie Ry., was presented by his Brother Old Fellows at their meeting on Tuesday evening with a beautiful sterling silver G. G. Jewel. The jewel was accompanied by a complimentary address, to which brother Rodgers replied in suitable terms. Mr. Rodgers was one of the few parties who were instrumental in having Forus Lodge instituted. He was the first N.G., also D.D.G.M., and for two years Grand Lodge Representative.
Mr. Rodgers was entertained at a farewell complimentary dinner at Anderson's Hotel, Forus, on Thursday evening, and was presented by the local railway employees with a gold watch and chain.
ERIN AND DRAUGHT HORSES.—We had on Friday the pleasure of inspecting a magnificent two-year-old draught stallion, imported by Mr. John Duff, Lot No. 8, Con. 1, Erin, who arrived with him in Guelph yesterday morning. The animal is of great weight for so young a horse. When shipped he turned the scales at 1680 lbs., but he lost flesh considerably whilst crossing the Atlantic. The Pennsylvania, in which Mr. Duff came out, felt the force of last week's terrible gale, and at one time it was feared the horse would have to be thrown overboard. "The Duke of Argyle," as the horse is named, is a bay. He has the thick strong legs of the thorough-bred draught horse, and is noted for his deep chest and long body, whilst he is also very strongly built across the back and kidneys. His sire was the celebrated pure bred Clydesdale stallion "Lochferus" bred by Mr. Gordon, of Ettrick, Scotland, from a favorite mare. The progeny of "Lochferus" are highly appreciated, and some of them have found their way to Australia. "Duke of Argyle" took the first prize as a year old at Wigan in 1872, and was bought by Mr. Duff from Mr. Robt. Mowbray, of Cambus, Stirling, for a thousand dollars, a sum which will, of course, be greatly augmented by the cost of importation. The farmers of Erin are to be congratulated upon the result of Mr. Duff's enterprise.
BRANTFORD is talking about having a mass meeting upon the political situation and the scandal.

Local and Other Items

WELLINGTON SQUARE wants to be incorporated as a village.
Steps are being taken to form a Mechanics' Institute in Listowel.
There is considerable dissatisfaction among Hamilton and other Western marksmen at the Toronto Rifle Tournament with reference to the management.
Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Meiklejohn, of Hamilton, arrived home again on Friday night last after a six weeks' visit to the native land (Scotland), looking hale and hearty. Mr. Meiklejohn has made extensive purchases of dry goods, which are said to be the first direct importation to Hamilton.
On receipt of Mr. John Mundell's claim papers for loss on his house and contents furnished by the late fire, the Wellington Mutual Fire Insurance Co. forwarded a cheque for the full amount of claim. This is prompt payment, as, by terms of policy, it was not due for three months.—*Elora News.*
On Friday morning the order of Foresters, in Toronto, had a second street parade before going to the Crystal Palace grounds, where athletic games and sports came off. Among other things, contests took place between five and drum bands, cornet players and archers. For the first public demonstration by this organization it has been a splendid success.
A BRAVE BOY.—A robber attempted to break into the residence of Mr. Michael Kearns, on Welland Avenue, St. Catharines, on Friday morning at 1 o'clock. Mr. Kearns is away from home, but his son, hearing the man coming through the window, seized a gun and was about to shoot him when his mother called to him not to, when he clutched and battered the man over the head, forcing him to run away yelling murder. The boy did not recognize the robber.
A QUIETUS.—Hiram Powers, in his early days in Cincinnati, wishing to put a quietus upon a scurrilous, black-maling sheet in Cincinnati, thrust some burned-out matches and a few shavings under the door of the office, one evening, after his editor had gone away. The next morning the paper had an article about the base attempt of a rife incendiary to destroy the freedom of the press, etc. The owner of the premises becoming alarmed, expelled the libeller; nobody else would rent him any place to print the sheet for fear of fire, and so the paper, as Powers had anticipated, was forced to suspend.
SINGULAR DEATH.—On Friday morning a young lad named Johnny McConkey, who was employed in Notman & Fraser's photographic rooms in Toronto, while cleaning his teeth in his bedroom at his mother's home on Church Street, with what he supposed at the time to be tooth powder, poisoned himself, it being a preparation used in the photographic business. He died almost immediately. The evidence at the inquest, however, tends to show that the boy got out of bed in the dark and drank the poisonous chemicals, the teeth-cleaning being only a pretext made to another boy who slept with him.
SHOCKING ACCIDENT.—A man named John Sullivan was found on Thursday night on the track of the Northern Railway near Brockton, where his legs had been run over by a passing train. He was placed in a vehicle and taken to the surgery of Dr. Diamond, Queen street, Toronto, who amputated one of the man's legs, which had been nearly cut off by the wheels of the cars, and set the other, which was found to be broken both above and below the knee. The unfortunate man was then sent to the General Hospital.
TAX COLLECTION.—According to the plan lately adopted by the Toronto City Council, all taxes for the current year must be paid at par between the 14th of October and the 14th of November. After the latter date 2 1/2 per cent. is to be added in each case to the amount, and payments will be received at that rate till the 14th of December, when another 2 1/2 per cent. is added and another month's grace will be given to pay at that rate. When another month has elapsed, all then unpaid will have another 2 1/2 per cent. added to the previous charge, and the accounts will be put into the hands of collectors to secure the different sums as rapidly as possible.
THE CROPS IN NORTH HURON.—The Toronto Mail, in its crop report, states turnips, mangolds, &c. will be an inferior crop in this section. This is altogether wrong. We state on the authority of some of our principal farmers in Morris and Grey. The turnips and all roots will yield magnificently, the former being the big crop of the year. As the season advances it becomes more apparent that potatoes will be fully an average crop. The grain thrashed gives less bushels to the acre than was supposed; although wheat and barley are under the average, and that but very slightly. Wheat and oats are considerably over the general yield, and all straw, particularly oat, is splendid. Apples are good; almost every crab apple tree in the district was loaded, and such beautiful specimens of this fruit we have never seen. Plums will be very fair and are fast ripening.—*Brussels Post.*
IMPORTATION OF ENGLISH CATTLE AND HORSES.—The new Allans' steamship "Canadian" arrived in Montreal on Thursday, having on board several lots of valuable English live stock. Among these were two horses, one cattle, and seventeen sheep for Mr. Cochrane of Compton, P. Q.; two horses, four cattle and seventy sheep, belonging to Mr. Beattie, of Pickering, Ont.; and three horses the property of Mr. Crawford, Scarborough, Ont. Mr. Cochrane has among others a red short horn heifer which won the first prize at Gloucester Agricultural Show; three splendid Ayrshire cows, one a four year old cow, having won thirteen prizes. His sheep are splendid specimens of the South Down variety. Mr. Beattie succeeded in purchasing the massive red roan bull, "Lord Eglinton," while he had a splendid lot of cattle he has several choice classes of sheep. Not one of the animals died on the passage out, which certainly speaks well for the sea-going qualities of the "Canadian," as also for the care given to her live stock by her captain and officers, considering that the ship encountered several gales.
PROFESSIONAL GAMES.
The Athletics were defeated by the Mutuals at Philadelphia, Thursday, by a score of 5 to 7.
On the same day the Bostonians defeated the Washingtonians by a score of 17 to 6.

BY TELEGRAPH

Sensible Donations.
Castelar and the Presidency.
Stoige of Bilbao.
Indisposition of the Pope.
Yellow Fever.
A Lying Correspondent.
London, Sept. 5.—Mr. Andrew Carnegie, a wealthy resident of New York, has given \$25,000 for the erection of public baths in Dunfermline, Scotland, the place of his birth.
London, Sept. 5.—A despatch from Madrid this morning, announces that the Spanish Ministry has resigned.
Madrid, Sept. 5.—The successor of President Salmeron has not yet been appointed. Senor Castelar requires as a condition of accepting the office that the Cortes take no recess until all important and pressing measures are disposed of. He also demands absolute powers. The Cortes will meet in session tomorrow, to settle the crisis when the new Ministry is organized. The *Imparcial* says if the Left obtain power, delegates will be sent to Cuba to arrange terms of peace with the insurgents. Valencia has been declared in a state of siege.
A special despatch from Bayonne to the *London Hour* says:—The Spanish government forces in Bilbao have sufficient provisions on hand to last them through the winter. All commercial traffic between the city and the port has been prohibited, in order to allow full play for the guns of the Spanish war ships.
Paris, Sept. 5.—The Minister of the Interior has issued an order prohibiting the publication of the Radical-Republican journal *Le Peuple Souverain*, because of the appearance in its columns of articles inciting to disturbances and contempt for the Government.
Madrid, Sept. 4.—The authorities of Jerez, in Andalusia, fear a socialist outbreak in that town and have made a demand upon the Central Government for reinforcements for the garrison.
Bayonne, Sept. 4.—It is announced upon authority that there are now about 40,000 Carlists under arms in Spain. They are making arrangements to establish a cannon foundry near the tower of Totanos, in Arragona.
Madrid, Sept. 4.—The Cortes is engaged in consideration of the motion authorizing military executions without the approval of the sentences by the Cortes. An amendment, providing that all cases in which the penalty is death, shall be referred to the Cortes, was rejected by a vote of 82 yeas against 88 nays. The matter has been made a *Cafinet* question. If the original motion is adopted, President Salmeron and his Cabinet will resign, and Senor Castelar will be called upon to form a new Ministry.
Washington, Sept. 5.—A special says the Attorney General authorized the complete denial of the sensational report telegraphed to the Boston *Traveler* that he has decided, or that the Government counsel has advised him, to abandon the suit against the Union Pacific Railway Company Credit Mobilier. The whole story, he says, is a pure fabrication; and, for giving it publicly when knowing it to be false, the Attorney-General has today issued an order directing that in future the correspondent of the *Traveler* be excluded from his office, and instructing all persons employed in the Department of Justice not to furnish him with information hereafter.
Rome, September 5.—The Pope is again indisposed.
Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 5.—Parties from Shreveport report that there are a large number of cases of yellow fever at that place, and people are leaving.
New York, Sept. 6.—Arrived, steamship *Crown Prince* from Bremen.
The Annual Bazaar Meeting in connection with the B. A. E. Methodist church of the 4th con., of Peel was held in the bush adjoining the church, on Sunday the 24th inst. The day being propitious, crowds gathered from far and near; in fact they came in such numbers that the road, from early in the morning, was literally alive with people. The vehicles were so numerous that when all had arrived they covered upwards of an acre. The services began about ten o'clock a.m. and were conducted by the Revs. Huggins, Brown, Johnston, and others. Mr. Huggins of St. Catharines, chose for his text the 4th chap., 15th and 14th verses of the Gospel of St. John. After the use of the sermon a number of hymns were sung, and sold. A collection was then taken, which together with the amount realized from the sale of hymns, amounting to about \$20. The meeting in the bush was closed by singing the doxology, when it was announced that they would meet in the church at 5 p.m., for the dispensation of the sacrament.
Durham a violent storm of rain and wind at Waverley on Thursday evening, Charles Elliott and Miss Mary Guthrie were seriously injured by the falling of a tree while taking shelter in the bush from the fury of the storm. Miss Guthrie had her shoulder-blade fractured, besides receiving some other injuries about the head and face. Mr. Elliott's injuries are trivial. As the tree fell directly on them their escape from immediate death may be considered almost miraculous.
AN ENGINE of a new description, for use on street railways, has been on exhibition during the past two days on Railway. The great desiderata of no steam, smoke, or noise, which hitherto have been the drawbacks to using steam power to common roads, seem to have been attained completely.
At Ottawa on Friday afternoon Mr. Joseph Smith offered at auction 124 square miles of timber limits on the Dumontie River. The highest bid was \$65,000, which was not accepted. Other limits were offered for sale but not taken.

Railway Meeting

A railway meeting was held in Orchardville, last week, to consider the feasibility of building a railway from the town of Stratford on the south via Listowel, Palmerston, Harrison, Mount Forest and Durham to Owen Sound on the north. Many persons attended from different parts of the counties of Grey, Bruce, Wellington and Perth. Representatives were present from Wriarton, Amabel, Owen Sound, Sullivan, Holland, Benloch, Normansby, Egremont, Mount Forest, Harrison, Palmerston, Listowel and Wallace. G. Snider, M. P., for north Grey, was elected chairman, and H. H. Stovel, of the Mount Forest *Confederate*, secretary.
Mr. Miller, Reeve of Owen Sound, in the course of his speech remarked, with reference to Durham, no doubt they felt sore with regard to the course things had taken, but would wish the people of Durham to fall in with the scheme, and then there would be no difficulty in the line being built.
J. Corcoran, Esq., President of the Stratford and Lake Huron Railway, said the Company was not a new one, they had had a charter for 22 years, and it had been renewed from time to time. The company had never seen their way clear for active operations until now. The Grand Trunk were prepared to take the line in hand, but the Board had only lately intended to build to New Werry, where they would tap the W. G. & R. road, but they were led to believe that it might be extended to the lake. Stratford had already voted \$80,000 and the County of Perth were prepared to vote a reasonable bonus which would build it to the county line, and it depended upon the people of this section whether it should go further.
D. D. Hay, of Listowel, believed that \$240,000 and the government subsidy which he thought could be got, would enable the company to go on. The difficulty between Durham and Mount Forest cannot be got over then the matter must rest awhile. The people of Durham stated they were at present tied up to the W. G. & B. road, and thought they could not go back on them. He had shown the people of Durham that they were 16 miles nearer Toronto by the proposed line than by the W. G. & B. The first suggestion for the line came from Durham and not from Mt. Forest, and he was glad to hear the Mayor of Durham say they would not hang long to the W. G. & B. people. The people were exceedingly favourable to the road. At least \$250,000 could be obtained from Grey the line could not be built.
N. McIntyre, Reeve of Egremont, said he had always been favourable to a through route from Hamilton, but if that could not be got he was willing to take this up.
A. McEduards, Reeve of Normansby, said that the west part of Normansby could not support the scheme. He considered the people of Mt. Forest had not acted right in this matter.
Dr. Yeomans, of Mt. Forest replied to the remarks of Mr. Edwards. Mt. Forest was perfectly willing at any time to aid and assist in carrying on an extension of the T. G. & E. Railway through Normansby on its way to Walkerton.
Mr. Gorstin, of Holland, thought the township of Holland could not be expected to do much. The movement he thought was premature.
F. Scott, M. P. for North Grey, thought they were aware of the advantage of the lumbering trade of the north. A connection with the north would provide a market for all their surplus hay, tons and tons of which are being shipped at Owen Sound. He being satisfied that difficulty had better be got over at once either by the company or themselves. Three ways had been spoken of, viz: an appeal to the courts, a special act of Parliament, or another appeal to the people. He believed a large majority would favour this scheme and about the little Victoria would stand in the way?
D. Yeomans, Mt. Forest firmly believed that connection with the north was as important as connection with the south. All our products would eventually go north. With regard to the W. G. & B. it had completely broken faith, as its name and charter implied it should come into the county but did not. It was the height of insanity on the part of Durham to think the Cliff rd line would be built. There was no difficulty but this.
It was then moved by J. Cressor, seconded by T. Scott, M. P. P., and carried:—
That in the estimation of this meeting the Stratford and Lake Huron Railroad would from its superior connections confer larger advantages on the county of Grey than any other railway. Yet it thinks that, nevertheless, it would be inadvisable to submit any sectional County Bill-law in Grey whilst the town of Durham and townships of Benloch, Glemgham and Normansby are not in a position to give the scheme their support.
T. M. Daly, M. P. for Perth, one of the delegates appointed by the town, being a Director said that he was enabled to state that the Grand Trunk would furnish the rolling stock, guarantee the bonds, and run the road. This would make it a first-class road, making good time and close connections. There were no engineering difficulties in the way. There was every facility on the route in the way of gravel and timber for building the road, and if you only look on the map it runs north and south. The Grand Trunk runs in direct communication with Portland and Halifax at the seaboard, and when the International bridge was completed it would be the most direct and quickest to New York. From friends in Chicago from this section had brought their cattle to Stratford in order to ship by the best route to Boston. The very best market was needed for shipping stock and these being perishable articles the best route would be chosen. Mr. Bridges was making arrangements to have cattle sheds put up for the use of this freight all along the line. Mr. Muir, of the G. W. was perfectly agreeable to give them running powers over any portion of their road. The government he believed were prepared to give a larger bonus to this than any other line.
Mr. Daly then read a letter from Mr. Bridges, saying that the G. T. Company would be glad if the road were built upon the gauge of 4 feet 8 1/2, to provide the rolling stock and run it. And they would also be glad to make any arrangement in their power to assist in the construction of the road.
Mr. Edgington, of Stratford, said the Port Dover and Stratford railway and the Stratford and Lake Huron railway were entirely different roads. Mount Forest has a road, Owen Sound has a road, but