Guelph Evening Mercury

SATURDAY EV'NG, MARCH 15, 1873.

The St. George's Church Property.

We publish to-day a letter from a ratepayer in reference to the proposal, now before the Council, for the purchase or lease of the property on which the fragments of the old St. George's Church still stand. As the By-law will most likely come up for consideration at the meeting of the Council on Monday night, we embrace the opportunity of making a few remarks on the subject.

We have repeatedly, during the last eight or ten years, urged on the Council and the people of Guelph the desirability of purchasing this property on the first favorable opportunity that offered, in order that the church might be removed and the street opened its entire length without a break or bend. Although everybody admitted the desirability of doing so, yet the fatal excuse that there was no necessity involved, caused it to be put off, as one opportunity after another offered, until now, what with the rise in the value of property, and from other causes, the price at which it can be secured has been almost, if not altogether, doubled, since the project of buying it was first mooted. It is useless, however, to reflect or moralize on what might have been. The question for us to consider is, will the opening up of Wyndham street be of such advantage to the town as will compensate for the outlay.

We believe every resident of the town admits that the street would be materially improved, both in appearance and in every other respect, by the removal of the unsightly ruins which now disfigure the property, and which impress the stranger with the idea that the town bears a resemblance to the ruins, and is fast going to decay. Moreover, every one admits that by carrying Wyndham and Quebec streets straight through the property in question, a vast improvement would be effected, and uninterrupted communication and prospect secured from one end of them to the other. The removal of the obstruction to travel would not only be beneficial to the locality immediately surrounding, but it would be beneficial to the whole town, just as every public improvement is, no matter where the particular locality may be in which it is carried out. The property holders in Upper Wyndham street no doubt felt the truth of this when they attempted more than once to get possession of the church site. But surely no one is foolish enough to suppose that if they had purchased it, they would have at once handed over the property to the town, on the simple condition that the street should be opened clear through. No doubt these property holders would have opened up the street, but they would have held their grip on the land, and ultimately the Council would have had to purchase it from them. After all, therefore, the Council and the ratepayers may as well now as at any future time, consider whether or not they shall purchase the land at the price named.

For our own part, speaking as an individual ratepayer, we are strongly in favor of the Town purchasing the property, because we are in favour of every improvement which can be carried out at a reasonable cost. We are in favor of it not only on account of the positive benefit which would follow, but also because it would immensely improve the appearance of the Town, more especially of our great leading thoroughfare. The old notion that the opening of the street would injure the property in the lower portion is now, we are glad to find, well nigh exploded. Only a few old fogies, or those who use it as an argument in order to hinder the purchase, still cling to this idea. We think that our correspondent is altogether in the wrong when he speaks of the project as a strictly local improvement. In saying this he takes a very narrow and one sided view of the question. We hold that while it would be a great local improvement, it would also, in the largest sense be a town improvement as well, and one in which every ratepayer is more or less interested. At the same time no one will deny that the opening up of this street will enhance the value of the property on Upper Wyndham-st. as well as a portion of Quebec st., and that the advantage would be immediate and permanent. On this ground we think it is not too much to ask the property holders in that section, who are directly interested, and who will be more or less benefitted, to bear a fair share of the expense, which if equitably divided, would be a mere trifle to each individual ratepayer. If these property holders decline such a proposition, or refuse to give a helping hand towards paying for the property, then the wisest course for the Council is to leave the question of purchase, or non purchase to the decision of the ratepayers, who as the sole contributors to the Town's finances have the right to say how their money shall be spent.

In any case we are anxious that this long-vexed question should be settled. We hope the members will approach its consideration in a spirit becoming its importance, and not disgrace their discussions by indulging in the bickerings and personalities which we have lately witnessed. Let them finally and for ever settle it either one way or the other. For ourselves we care not on what conditions—what we want is to have the unsightly obstruction removed—and when that is done the improvement will be so great and so apparent that every body—our town fathers included—will be surprised that they higgled over the matter so long.

Government Aid to Railways.

An Order in Council has passed and will be brought before the Legislative Assembly for its sanction, providing that as the Order in Council of March 26th, 1872, for the payment of $2,000 a mile to the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway Company from Harriston to Wingham—on the conditions that that Company would give running powers to the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway Company, has lapsed, and the Order is therefore inoperative. The same sum per mile is now ordered to be paid to the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Company, limited to the number of miles between Harriston and Wingham, for that portion of the road which is now being constructed from Harriston to Teeswater. The Order further provides that payment be authorised in respect of any portion of the railway between Harriston and Teeswater (limited to the extent of the mileage distance between Harriston and Wingham) not less than twenty miles in length, on the fulfilment of the conditions of the Act as to such portion. The Wellington, Grey & Bruce Company having declined to accept this aid on the conditions specified, the money is now handed over to the Narrow Gauge Company.

The Council have had also under consideration the agreement of the 4th December, 1872, between the Corporation of the County of Bruce and the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway Company, whereby it was mutually agreed that the sum of twenty-three thousand dollars in cancelled debentures of the said Corporation of the County of Bruce should be accepted in full satisfaction of the former agreement between the said parties dated the 9th day of November, 1871, and referred to in the Order in Council of the 28th day of February, 1872, granting aid to the Company, and they advised that the condition contained in the said Order in Council should be modified so as to be in accordance with said agreement of the 4th of December, 1872.

Another Order in Council provides for aid to the Port Perry & Port Whitby Railway Company to the extent of $2,000 per mile for the distance which is completed between Lake Ontario and Lake Scugog.

Consular Certificates.

Mr. Jessop, Consular Agent here, has directed our attention to the third section of the Diplomatic and Consular Appropriation Act of 1873, which has become law in the United States. It is in these words:—

"That no Consular officer of the United States shall hereafter grant a certificate for goods, wares, or merchandise shipped from countries adjacent to the United States which have passed a Consulate after purchase for shipment."

The force of the new amendment is to compel shippers to procure Consular certificates at the point of purchase, or, if there be no Consular officer there, at the first Consulate *en route* for the frontier. Shippers will govern themselves accordingly.

DAMNING EXPOSURE.—The *Globe* on Friday made a most damaging exposure of Mr. Dodge, the member who got elected for North York under Reform colors, and who embraced the very first opportunity in the House to avow his treachery, by eulogizing John A. Macdonald and his Government, and promising to give it an unswerving support. It prints a letter purporting to be written by the Rev. Dr. Clark, of New Jersey, during the election contest last summer, which was published at the time, giving Mr. Dodge a very high character, and recommending him to the electors for his benevolence, uprightness and so forth. The *Globe*, in the most emphatic terms pronounces the letter to be a forgery, that it was written by Dodge himself, and was a cute Yankee trick to gain support. The trick is a most despicable one, and shows Dodge to be truly an "artful Dodger." This damning *expose* is creating a great sensation in North York, which will henceforth be made pretty hot for the Dodger.

We notice that the Bill introduced by Mr. Clarke, member for Centre Wellington, for the protection of insectivorous birds, has passed the third reading, as amended, and only awaits the sanction of His Excellency to become law. The amendment consisted in striking out the forfeiture of the gun by the violator of the Act. The Act will come into force on the first day of May of this year.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

The Guelph St. Patrick's Society will celebrate the Anniversary of Ireland's Patron Saint by a

PUBLIC DINNER,

TO BE HELD

At Beady's Wellington Hotel,

ON THE EVENING OF

MONDAY, 17TH MARCH.

Tickets, ONE DOLLAR each, to be had from the officers of the Society, and at the Bookstores.

E. O'CONNOR, Secretary.

Guelph, Feb. 27th, 1873. dwd

New Advertisements.

Direct from Glasgow!

Ex. S.S. "NORTH AMERICAN."

CHEVIOT AND BANNOCKBURN

TWEEDS FOR SUITS!

Gentlemem requiring medium heavy suits for spring wear will find at the

GUELPH CLOTH HALL

An unusually attractive stock to select from.

SHAW & MURTON,

Wyndham St., Guelph.

Guelph, March 15, 1873 do

LOOK OUT FOR THEM

20 CASES OF NEW SPRING GOODS!

First Arrivals for the Season.

We commence opening up to-day 20 cases of New Spring Goods, and will be prepared on SATURDAY, the 15th inst., to show our customers a large and beautiful selection of New Goods. Particular attention is invited to our Dress Department, which contains a large and select stock of all the new and leading fashionable materials and shades for early spring wear.

We will also show on Saturday:

25 pieces of our well-known Superior Black Lustres.

250 pieces New Prints and French Cambrics.

A Large Stock of New Lace Goods,

Sewed Muslins, Edgings, Frillings, &c.

A. O. BUCHAM,

Fashionable West End Dress, Millinery and Mantle Establishment.

Guelph, March 13, 1873 dwv

R. CLAYTON

Having bought the entire stock from the firm under the name of Cash, he is prepared to sell the whole of the stock at a

GREAT SACRIFICE!

EVERYTHING

IN

DRESS GOODS!

CLOTHING,

BLANKETS,

AND

TWEEDS

At HALF-PRICE.

NO DAMAGED GOODS!

Nothing but Seasonable Goods!

Which will be sold at less prices than at any other store in Guelph.

Call and see some of the Goods to be offered at

Clayton's Cash Store

Alma Block, Guelph.

Guelph, March 13, 1873 dw

10lbs. best Bright Sugar

FOR $1.00;

11lbs. good Musc. Sugar

FOR $1.00;

20lbs. good Currants

FOR $1.00;

J. E. McELDERRY

2 DAY'S BLOCK.

SMOKERS,

FOR A GOOD SMOKE

Use the "Myrtle Navy."

See T. & B. on each plug.

Price so low that all can Use it.

CAUTION.—The Brand "MYRTLE NAVY" is registered, and any infringement on it will be prosecuted.

The name TUCKETT & BILLINGS is on each caddy, and T. & B. on each plug.

Hamilton, Feb 10, 1873 d3m

RAYMOND'S

SEWING MACHINES

Family Sewing Machine (single thread);
" Hand Lock Stitch (double thread)
" No. 1, Foot Power, "
" No. 2, for heavy work;
Furnished with plain tables, half, or Cabinet Cases, as required.

CHARLES RAYMOND,

GUELPH, ONT.

July 12, 1871 t dwly

IF YOU WANT

FRESH Oysters

GO TO PICKARD'S.

IF YOU WANT

FRESH FISH

GO TO PICKARD'S.

IF YOU WANT

Sweet Oranges

GO TO PICKARD'S.

Pickard's Fruit Store,

ALMA BLOCK.

Guelph, March 15, 1873 do

WALL PAPER

NEW DESIGNS

NEW PATTERNS

A Large and Cheap Stock

—AT—

AT ANDERSON'S

Cheap Bookstore,

Opposite the Old English Church, East side Wyndham street,

GUELPH.

MEDICAL DISPENSARY.

Just Received, a Large Supply of LUBIN'S

"GRAND TRUNK,"

The most elegant and fashionable Perfume of the day.

PIESSE & LUBIN'S

RIBBON OF BRUGES.

A very fragrant Fumigator

FOR THE SICK ROOM

MEDICINE SPOONS,
TEA AND DESSERT SPOONS,

A fresh supply at the Medical Dispensary.

G. B. McCullough,

Dispensing Chemist.

(Late McCullough & Moore.)

F27dw GUELPH.

A LARGE

NEW STOCK

—OF—

WALL PAPER

Opened Out

—AT—

DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

HE HAS JUST OPENED

15 CASES

—OF—

HATS & CAPS

ALL NEW STYLES.

CASH FOR WOOL, HIDES, SHEEP SKINS, CALF SKINS, and WOOL PICKINGS.

The highest market price paid for the above at No. 4, Gordon Street, Day's Old Block, Guelph.

Plasterers Hair constantly on hand for sale.

MOULTON & BISH,

Guelph April 19, 1872. dwy

COAL,

COAL.

JUST ARRIVED,

Chestnut Coal,
Stove Size Coal,
Egg Size Coal.

JOHN M. BOND AND CO.,

DIRECT IMPORTERS,

GUELPH.

TORONTO, GREY and BRUCE RAILWAY.

TEESWATER TERMINUS.

GREAT SALE

—OF—

Village and Park Lots

AT TEESWATER,

The Terminus of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway—a rising town, with first-rate water power, in the centre of a fine farming country. A Chartered Company is drilling for Salt, with the best indications of success. The place cannot fail to be one of the finest towns in Ontario.

The subscriber will offer for sale

BY PUBLIC AUCTION,

At the Town Hall, Teeswater

On Thursday, March 20th, 1873,

Forty-three Village Lots and Seven Park Lots. The property is the most eligible in the Village. The situation is between the present Village, and the located railway terminus. A number of the building lots front on the Main Gravel Road, which is the leading street of the Village, and others on the Road from the proposed Railway Station to Little's Mills.

TERMS OF SALE:

One-fifth of the purchase money to be paid at the time of sale, one-half of the remainder in three months, the balance in nine months.

Further particulars will be announced at the time of sale.

T. FAIRBAIRN, Auctioneer. ALEX. GIBSON, Proprietor.

Teeswater, Feb. 27, 1873. wtw

SPRING WOOLLENS.

OUR STOCK OF

WOOLLENS

WILL BE VERY LARGE AND

UNUSUALLY ATTRACTIVE.

JOHN MACDONALD & CO.,

TORONTO.

GAS FITTING

—AND—

STEAM FITTING

Done in the best style and most workmanlike manner

AT HOWARD'S

All Kinds of Fixtures made to order on the Shortest Notice.

Changing Pipes, &c. or Repairs

Done on the shortest notice. dw

NEW

Boot and Shoe Store.

The subscriber begs to announce to the Public that he has opened a first-class Custom Shop, where he is prepared to

MAKE TO ORDER

All kinds of Boots and Shoes on the shortest notice. A neat fit and good leather guaranteed.

Ladies, Misses and Children's Boots and Shoes made in the neatest style.

Repairing done with neatness and dispatch. Give us one trial and you will be sure to call again.

Remember the Shop—West Market Square next to John Harris's store.

D. TRIPP.

Guelph, Feb. 6th, 1873. d3m

GUELPH

STEAM DYE WORKS,

Upper Wyndham Street.

The subscribers are now prepared to execute all orders intrusted to their care, in a manner that will gain the confidence of the public in general.

DYEING and SCOURING done in all its Branches, from within two to six days.

Feathers cleaned, dyed and curled.

Kid Gloves cleaned for 10c per pair; dyed at 25c per pair.

N.B.—Mourning done on the shortest notice. All orders sent by express will have prompt attention.

McDONALD & WILDRIDGE.

Guelph, March 5, 1873. dwtm

PARKER'S HOTEL,

—DIRECTLY—

OPPOSITE the MARKET, GUELPH

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

The best Liquors and Cigars at the bar.

He has just fitted up a room where Oysters will be served up at all hours, in the favorite styles.

Pickled Salmon, Lobsters, and Sardines.

Guelph, Feb 1, 1873 dw

SUPERIOR FARM FOR SALE OR TO RENT IN PUSLINCH—Being the unsold portion of the well-known Mackenzie farm, being the old homestead, comprising 187 acres more or less, lying in the 1st concession of Puslinch; about 140 acres cleared, the rest covered with the best hardwood bush. The land is well watered. There is a dwelling house, splendid bank barn, also other large barns, stables, and outbuildings specially adapted for feeding stock. Large and valuable orchard, stocked with fruit trees, grapes, &c. The farm will be sold or rented, and applications must be sent to the undersigned on or before the 25th of March, if by letter post-paid.

CHAS. G. COCKBURN,

Puslinch, Mar. 5, 1873. wtf Aberfoyle P.O.

FARM FOR SALE—100 acres at Eden Mills, good frame house and barn, 70 acres cleared, well watered. Possession on 1st April.

HENRY HORTOP,

Eden Mills, March 12, 1873. wtf