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THE UNDERSIGNED BEG TO INTIMATE that they will open a Business College in the City of Guelph, on the 1st September next.

The College will be thoroughly equipped, having a large staff of experienced teachers, and all necessary apparatus.

The course of instruction will be comprehensive and practical, including Book-keeping, Commercial Arithmetic, Penmanship, Telegraphy, Phonography, Type-writing, &c. All the best features in Canadian and American methods of Business Instruction will be brought out in our class room drill.

We would respectfully solicit the patronage of all who are interested in Business Education.

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Cheapest in Town.

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Is now Open to the Public

REFRESHING DRINKS OF ALL FLAVORS

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Supplied at lowest prices.

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Our Goods Need No Recommendation

As they are Well-known to the Public.

Bread Delivered to all Parts of the City.

GEO. WILLIAMS.

81 and 83 Upper Wyndham Street

For Sale and to Let.

TO LET—THAT MOST DESIRABLE RESIDENCE on Woolwich Street, occupied by Mrs. John Harvey. Can be viewed by permission of present occupant. Apply to John A. Wood. jy2dtf

FOR SALE—A BRICK COTTAGE ON SUFFOLK STREET, and a vacant lot on Cork Street, suitable for a building site. Terms easy. Apply to Macdonald & Macdonald, Barristers, Guelph. jy6d18

HOUSE TO LET—24 JOHN STREET, NEAR the ice house. Good garden, cultivated. $4.50 a month. Enquire of Wm. Scott, Raymond's Factory. jn26dtf

TO RENT,—ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF JULY the house at present occupied by William Humphries, Paisley Street. Apply on the premises. jn29dtf

TO RENT—BRICK HOUSE, 81 LIVERPOOL Street, 8 rooms, and bath room, &c. City and soft water. Apply to John Smith, St. George's Square. jn14dtf

TWO EXCELLENT ROOMS WITH GOOD board can be had on application at the corner of Waterloo Avenue and Dublin Street.

TO LET—ON QUEEN ST.—A TWO STOREY stone dwelling, containing 8 rooms, with closets, wardrobe, hard and soft water, easily heated in winter—with stable. Apply to Chas. Davidson.

Also a brick cottage on Garth street, containing 6 rooms, pantry and wood shed, will be sold or let, possession given 28th May. Apply to Charles Davidson. n26dtf

FOR SALE—A VALUABLE LOT OF LAND suitable for a City Dairy and Kitchen Garden, containing 30 acres, with never-failing creek running through it; or the quantity may be increased to 50 or 60 acres, if required. Apply to C. Davidson & Son, opposite City Hall. d

FOR SALE.

DOUBLE ROUGHCAST HOUSE ON NORTH side of Gladwin Street, in Arnold's Survey, in the City of Guelph, being part of Lot number 15. This property must be sold in order to wind up the estate of the late Hugh A. Stewart.

For particulars apply to James Innes, or A. M. McKinnon, Executors.

Dated 4th June, 1884. dtf

I HAVE AS USUAL

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from wholesale houses, and have now received by express a lot of SCARCE GOODS, such as

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the very latest goods imported.

Long Black and Colored Silk Gloves

at reduced prices.

WHITE MUSLINS,

in plain, spotted, striped and checked.

CHEAP GOODS!

I am now offering the CHEAPEST Goods of all kinds that I have had the pleasure of showing my many friends. I cannot repeat many of the bargains, and would suggest

AN EARLY CALL.

J. S. ROGERSON'S

CHEAP DRY GOODS STORE.

Second Hand Boiler

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE A SECOND-HAND BOILER, 12 horse power, in good condition Apply at once at the MERCURY Office. dw

POSTERS, BILL HEADS, CIRCULARS Dodgers, and every kind of Printing, done at the MERCURY PRINTING HOUSE.

BIRTHS.

WALKER—In Guelph, on the 4th July the wife of Mr. Charles Walker of a son.

DEATHS.

HEWER—At Guelph, on the 3rd inst., Maria, beloved wife of Thomas Hewer, aged 55 years.

The funeral will take place from her son's residence, Paisley street, on Saturday morning at ten o'clock. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation. d2

STRAYED OR STOLEN — From the premises of the subscriber, Lot 10, Con. 8, Erin a large bay mare, 5 years old, with dark mane and tail, and star in face. Any person giving information that will lead to the recovery of the said mare will be suitably rewarded.

d2w1 C. McMILLAN, Brisbane P.O.

PIANO TUNING.

CHARLES CROWE, GRADUATE OF THE School of Tuning, at the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, is prepared to tune pianos, and will attend promptly to all orders left at G. D. Pringle's Jewelry Store. dtf

Found.

FOUND—A WATCH AND CHAIN. OWNER on proving property and paying expenses, can have the same by applying at the City Hotel. jy2d6

Wanted.

WANTED—A smart boy to learn the Grocery business. 4-tf H. LOCH.

HOUSE WANTED.—SIX OR SEVEN rooms, hard and soft water, modern conveniences, at about six or ten minutes' walk from Post Office. Apply to Ph. de Carteret. j 3d6.

WANTED.—A GOOD GENERAL SERVANT. Small family and no children. Apply at the MERCURY office. dtf.

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SITUATION WANTED AT ONCE—AS GOOD general servant. Can cook well and manage a small dairy. Apply J. E., care Mrs. Fitzgerald, near College. jy2d2

WANTED TO WORK ON A FARM — A strong country girl, small washing, no children. A good steady working girl will get good wages. Can go to church every other Sunday. Apply at Day's Bookstore for particulars jn7dwtf

Meetings.

The Bible Versus Religious Delusions.

Mr. Thomas Williams

continues his lectures at 7:30 in Hall above Free Library To-night, in "Man a mortal, in death unconscious, the resurrection essential to re-existence."

To-morrow—"Incorruptibility of nature a gracious gift of God, as opposed to Death—the wages of sin."

Friday evening—"Contrast of current religious teachings, and the teaching of the Bible." See Posters and Hand Bills. No Collection. Those having ears to hear, cordially invited. jy2d3

CITY OF GUELPH.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the undersigned up to

SATURDAY, JULY 5th,

for the office of Clerk of the City of Guelph.

E. HARVEY, City Clerk pro tem.

Guelph, June 27th, 1884. dtd

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for the office of Treasurer of the City of Guelph. Security for $20,000 must accompany each application.

E. HARVEY, City Clerk pro tem.

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Boarding.

ONE OR TWO GENTLEMEN CAN HAVE a large and well furnished room. Six o'clock dinner. Apply to Mrs. Inglis, 24 Green Street. dtf

Auction Sales.

AUCTION SALE.

OF

VALUABLE CITY PROPERTY

IN GUELPH

Mr. P. Sprague, Auctioneer, will sell by public auction on the premises

ON MONDAY, JULY 7TH

Lot No. 28 on Galt street. The property was lately occupied by Mrs. Kirk. There is a fine stone cottage containing six rooms on the lot, and the property is considered a very desirable one. Sale at 2 o'clock. Terms made known by applying to

d t d P. SPRAGGE, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED by Mrs. C. Kirk to sell by public auction at 28 Galt street,

ON MONDAY, JULY 7th,

the following goods:

PARLOR—1 parlor suit in rep, 1 mirror, carpet, pictures and frames, 1 centre table, small stand, 1 organ 7 stops, Bell & Co. manufacture, 1 piano stool, 4 brackets, books, &c.

HALL.—1 hall lamp, carpet, 1 hat rack, 1 picture.

DINING ROOM—Sideboard (walnut), 1 extension table, do, 1 book case, do. 1 sewing machine-White & Co. manufacture, 1 rocking chair, 1 lounge 6 dining chairs, small rocker, wool carpet, 5 pictures, lamps, china, crockery, glassware, &c.

BEDROOM No. 1—1 walnut set, springs, mattress, wool carpet, 5 pictures, 1 toilet set, 2 feather pillows.

No. 2—1 bedstead, mattress and springs, 1 bolster, 2 feather pillows, wool carpet, child's cot, 1 toilet set. 1 looking glass and pictures.

No. 3—Bedstead and washstand.

KITCHEN—Cookstove and furniture, 1 kitchen table, 1 base burner stove with oven, also a lot of crockery, &c.

Terms cash.

Sale at 1 o'clock.

d4 P. SPRAGGE, Auctioneer

SEE JONES'

ONE CENT

Per Yard Embroideries

—AT—

The Jones Dry Goods Company

We Sell for Cash Only.

Alex. Buntin, one of the Exchange Bank Directors, has been committed and bailed to appear for trial on the charge of having given fraudulent preferences to himself as a creditor of the bank.

Government Investigation.

Mr. John Winchester, the Inspector of Legal Offices under the Ontario Government, was appointed commissioner to investigate certain charges of official misconduct alleged against Mr. John Anderson, Registrar of North Wellington, in a petition signed by Messrs. W. Wallace White, of Arthur, and H. E. Smallpeice, of Guelph, and presented to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor in Council. To these charges Mr. Anderson sent in a full and explicit answer. The Commissioner opened the investigation at Arthur on the 24th of last March in presence of Mr. White and Mr. Anderson, and of Mr. Guthrie, Q.C., who appeared as counsel for the latter. Mr. White asked an adjournment, as he was not then ready to proceed. On motion of Mr. Guthrie an order was then made by the Commissioner that the petitioners should furnish to Mr. Anderson particulars of certain of the charges which were general in their character. These particulars were not furnished.

Pursuant to adjournment the Commissioner resumed the investigation at the Registry Office, Arthur, yesterday, (Thursday) in presence of the same parties and counsel. Mr. White, one of the petitioners, on being sworn, stated that he had made the charges at the instigation of his co-petitioner, Mr. Smallpiece, and on hearsay evidence. He also stated that at the time he signed the petition he was actuated by personal feeling against Mr. Anderson. He admitted that he found he could obtain no evidence of a satisfactory character in support of the charges. He further stated these feelings had now cooled down, and those who had promised to back him up had failed to do so, and he desired to abandon the charges; that he did so voluntarily; he swore that from his own observation, and he had occasion to do business at the Registry Office two or three times a week, he fully believed Mr. Anderson performed his duties in a satisfactory manner, and personally he had no complaint to make against Mr. Anderson. He also produced a letter from his co-petitioner, Mr. Smallpeice, showing that the latter was aware that the investigation would be proceeded with on that day and that he would not be present.

There being no further evidence in support of the petition Mr. Anderson was sworn and verified his answer.

The Commissioner then announced that he should make a report to the Government that the charge had not been substantiated and honorably acquitting Mr. Anderson of all the charges made against him.

Financial Statement of Choral Union.

LIABILITIES.

E. Fisher, teaching, travelling expenses and hotel bill	$465 55
Hall and piano, rent, music stands, etc...	180 07
1st concert for outside and local talent, printing, etc	229 95
2nd concert for outside and local talent, printing, etc	102 90
3rd concert for outside and local talent, printing, etc—	375 35
Total	$1,414 42

ASSETS.

Received from honorary and active members	$392 50
Proceeds of 1st concert	258 00
do 2nd concert	271 50
do 3rd concert	375 30
Received from rent of piano	14 00
Total	$1,088 30
Deficit	326 12

The Union met last evening and arranged for wiping out the existing debt, and hope by the fall to be able to resume work with increased energy and zeal.

The Probabilities.

Moderate to fresh winds, cloudy, cooler weather, with showers and thunderstorms.

The Toronto plasterers, labourers are out on strike.

SPECIAL NOTICES

FRESH strawberries every day at George Williams'.

LACROSSE sticks, a choice new stock for boys, very low price, at Day's bookstore.

LOOK out for bargains in boots and shoes at Kirk's old stand, on Saturday. d1

YOU will get better value for your money in boots and shoes at Kirk's old stand than any house in the city. Open on Saturday. d1

LADIES, we have only a few pieces more of that ALL WOOL bunting at 15 cents per yard—just the thing for summer dresses. See them. A. J. LITTLE & Co.

THE balance of our stock of baby carriages will be sold off at reduced prices. Customers will find the best stock and the lowest prices at Day's bookstore.

CHEAPEST hammocks in town at Sailsbury & Sons. Twenty per cent off Fans.

PRESERVING Kettles, an immense variety in the celebrated agate ware; brass and enammelled iron; best rubber hose, and full assortment of seasonable hardware.

John M. Bond & Co., Guelph.

FOR $5.50 you can get a splendid baby carriage with steel springs, canopy top and curtain, at Nelles's. You can get a handsome basket carriage for $10, at Nelles's. Don't be misled, Nelles gives you the best value in the city. dtf

FOR seasonable Hardware, such as refrigerators, lemon squeezers, ice tongs and picks, fly traps, &c., go to

A. McBean & Co.

EMBROIDERY SALE.—Having received a large lot of Swiss Embroideries somewhat late in the season, we offer them at a cash discount of 15 per cent, in order to clean out the lot. They are lovely goods of superior quality.

J. D. Williamson & Co.

The reason why "Nonsuch Washing Compound" should be used in preference to all other washing preparations. First, it is perfectly harmless. Second, it saves more than half the labour. Third, it is the cheapest in the market. Many more could be given but this should be sufficient For sale by all grocers. d1y

Grand success of our Millinery opening. Customers surprised and pleased to see our fine display of Millinery and Fancy Goods at Roche's. All departments now complete. In addition to our other departments we have opened a Dressmaking Department under the able management of Mrs. Simonsky, who comes to us highly recommended as a first-class Dress and Mantle Maker. Customers leaving their orders with her can depend on getting a good fit and first-class work. JNO. ROCHE.

Local News

THE genial rain of to-day will be a welcome boon to the farmers, and will do much good.

To-day being the Fourth of July the Stars and Stripes are flying over the U. S. Consulate office here.

MR. Jos. Bruce, son of Ald. Bruce, House Apothecary at the General Hospital, Montreal, is in the city on a two weeks visit.

SECTION men have commenced re-placing about four miles of steel rails on the G. T. R. a short distance east of Guelph.

THE June payment for cream received at Mr. J. T. Brill's creameries in Walkerton and Teeswater will amount to abont $6,000.

THE flag of the Western Hotel has been waving its folds to the breeze since Dominion Day, and now presents a somewhat tattered appearance.

FOR the six months ending June 30th, three fires have occurred in the city, destroying about $500 worth of property. All three were in the month of June.

MR. Hendly, who has the contract for watering the streets, had a holiday yesterday afternoon and this morning. The hose has become so rotten that it is unfit for use.

$13,000 were received yesterday for taxes by the City Collector. It was the last day of grace. Mr. Hutton states that nearly all the taxes for the half year have been collected, although the amount is a little short of the sum paid in for the same period last year.

PEARSON & Kane's new combination and new consolidated show did not appear today as posted. One of the agents was in the city this morning and paid most of the bills contracted. He gave as the reason for the non-appearance of the combination that some difficulty had arisen with the present band and that a new one was to be procured.

SONG WORSHIP.—This is the title of the latest new musical work for Sunday Schools. It is published by Oliver Ditson & Co., Boston, and is the work of L. O. Emerson and W. F. Shetwin. Both of these gentlemen are competent to prepare such a work, and the selections contained need only be tried once to be appreciated. Song Worship has 192 pages. There are nearly 300 songs and hymns, which will be found to be rich in sterling merit as well as in melodious music.

A COMPLIMENT.—Liberati, the world famed cornet player, who is at present performing at Toronto, says that the Guelph Band marched better, made a better appearance and played better than any band in the Semi-Centennial parade on Monday last. This is quite a compliment to the Guelph City Band, especially as some of the acknowledged best military bands in Canada were present, which are drilled daily. The Guelph Band never had a day's drill since its organization.

POLICE COURT. — Dennis Flaherty, against whom a warrant was issued in October, for the larceny of a whip belonging to Ed. Hornbostel, was arrested yesterday by P. C. Flowers, on the farm of James Ewing, under the old warrant. The Magistrate remanded him for a week. Henry Collier, drunk, was fined $1 and $3 costs. James Lynch, for the same offence had to pay the same penalty.

A. O. F.—Court Perseverance, No. 5,866, met in their hall last night for the installation of officers and the transaction of general business. There was a good attendance present. The following are the names of the officers who were installed:—Chief Ranger, Bro. Nicholson; sub-Chief, Bro. Proudfoot; Secretary, Bro. Howie; sub-Secretary, Bro. Armstrong; Treasurer, Bro. Beckman; Senior Woodward, Bro. Matthews; Junior Woodward, Bro. Maddaugh; Senior Beadle, Bro. Shaw; Junior Beadle, Bro. C. Ryde; Physician, Dr. McPhatter.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.—The Guelph St. George's Society held a meeting last night. There was a fair attendance of members present. The principal business transacted was the receiving of the report of the Executive Committee. It showed that $21.10 was to the credit of the Society after paying all expenses of the annual supper and concert. The President, Mr. Jenkinson, and the Vice-President, Adjt. Clarke, were appointed as delegates to attend the annual meeting of the North American St. George's Union. Two more members of the Society will likely be appointed at a sub-meeting, to attend the Union.

THE BAND CONCERT.—A very fair attendance turned out to the band concert in the Exhibition Park last evening given by the City Band. Owing to the unavoidable absence of seven of the players the music was not so good as was expected, although the players show a marked improvement after their two days outing, and; even with some of the principal players absent the music was equally as good last evening as at any previous concert this season. The next concert will be held on Thursday evening, 12th inst., when the full band of 24 members will be present, and a first-class programme will be given which should ensure a large attendance.

PROGRESS LODGE I. O. O. F.—The following officers of Progress Lodge No. 158 I. O. O. F., were installed on Thursday evening by Bro. Wm. Sunley, D.D.G.M.—

N. G., Bro. John H. Hamilton.
V. G., Wm. Walker.
R. S., Bro. Chas. Cottis, P. G.
P. S., Geo. J. Brill, P. G.
Treas., Bro. Geo. Sleeman, P. G.
Warden, Bro. R. W. Stewart.
Cond., Bro. A. Pike.
O. G., Bro. T. D. Fenwick, P. G.
I. G., Bro. John Haugh.
R. S. N. G., Bro. F. Randall.
L. S. N. G., Bro. N. S. Erb.
R. S. V. G., Bro. James Howard.
L. S. V. G., Bro. C. Nicholson.
R. S. S., Bro. R. Snyder.
L. S. S., Bro. A. White.

Wreaths, &c., for Cemeteries.

To the Editor of the Mercury.

SIR,—During my late visit to Europe I had the pleasure when in Paris of visiting the beautiful cemetery of "Pere la Chassi," with its many streets of one roomed miniature houses or property tombs. These are built over each person's family plot, the ground below being excavated and built up of masonry, with shelves on each side for the coffins. The pretty little houses or chapels were festooned with a variety of wreaths of various designs, in bead work, immortelles and everlasting flowers, and I think I am not exaggerating when I say that in the forty acres there were a million of wreaths and decorations. I myself counted fifty hung outside and in one of these rooms. Since my return I have had made up a variety of these goods, and seeing the Oddfellows are taking the initiative in the movement here, I have much pleasure in stating that I have now on exhibition at my store a display of such goods, and invite the public to call and examine them.

Yours truly,

W. H. MARCON.

Guelph, July 3, 1884. d6w2.

THE July number of Chambers' Journal has been received at Day's bookstore.

The members of the Congregational Church had a very successful social last night. Two tables were set on the spacious grounds outside and two in the basement of the Church. A most enjoyable time was spent.

The teamsters drawing coal for the supply to the Agricultural College state that they are afraid to cross the Dundas Bridge with a heavy load. The bridge is sunk about three inches in the middle, and the rocking and swaying when a heavy load is passing over creates no pleasant sensation in the bosom of the drivers.

KNOX CHURCH.—The annual pic-nic in connection with Knox Church Sabbath School was held yesterday afternoon on the beautiful grounds of Rosehurst, the residence of Mr. Thomas Goldie. The younger children of the Sabbath School were driven to the grounds in conveyances. The teachers and those interested did everything in their power to provide for the enjoyment and pleasure of the young people, and were most successful in doing so. Games and sports of every kind were entered into with great zest, young and old enjoying themselves thoroughly.

Sporting Notes.

Mr. James O'Neil, catcher of the Hamilton Clippers, came up this morning to witness the Maple Leaf-Travellers game.

The base ball match to-morrow afternoon on the Exhibition grounds, between the Baysides, of Hamilton, and the Beavers of this city, bids fair to be a splendidly contested game and ought to be well patronized by lovers of the sport. The Baysides at present hold the premier position in the Association, and as the Beavers, since their defeat by the Baysides a few weeks ago, have been greatly strengthened by the addition of several of the old M. L. B. B. C. players, they feel confident they can reverse the previous result. This will be the first game for the championship of the Western Ontario Amateur Association played in this city. The following players will represent the Beavers:—Beicker, c.; Dyson, F., p.; Little, 1b; Tyson, 2b; Cockman, ss; Purvis, 3b; Taylor, lf; Hunt, cf; Dyson, W., rf.

The Travellers, of Buffalo, arrived in Guelph this forenoon to play a friendly game with the Maple Leaf Club. Owing to the rainy weather it is not likely that the clubs will play, which will be a disappointment to lovers of the game. The Travellers play in Hamilton to-morrow.

Ontario Bee Keepers.

A meeting of the Ontario Bee Keepers' Association was held in Toronto on Thursday, the object being to obtain necessary legislation to protect the bee industry against the dangers of foul brood. During the discussion a number of opinions were advanced in favor of the union of the Association with the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, but no formal action was taken in this connection. Considerable time was occupied in the discussion of the best methods of collecting the statistics asked for by the Government, showing the extent of the industry. S. Cornell, D. A. Jones, and Dr. Thom were appointed to wait upon the Hon. A. M. Ross, to request that the Bureau of Agriculture and Statistics take charge of the matter, and procure the information in connection with one of the season's crops reports. Mr. D. A. Jones was heard by the Association with reference to the proposed Foul Brood Act. He thought experts should be appointed, whose duty it would be when requested, to examine supposed diseased honey.

Dr. Thom called attention to the necessity for the proper inspection of imported bees, and Mr. Jones claimed this matter as urgently requiring attention as the inspection of imported cattle. Mr. Jones in reply to a question, also expressed the opinion that the present season would prove a favorable one for beekeepers.

Doing the Grand.

LONDON, July 3.—A bank clerk here has been ejected by the manager and ordered to leave the city, for peculating various sums amounting in all to $150. In his drawers were found, among other things, a bundle of love letters, showing that he was engaged to marry seven girls—two in Vittoria, Ont., three in Pontiac, Mich., and two in London South. The letters showed that he had given jewellery to the girls, and to one he had promised money with which she was to come and meet him. The manager has corresponded with the girls, offering to return their letters if they returned him the jewellery. So far he has received in response three rings, a watch, and the promise of more to follow.

Sen. Skead of Ottawa, has been stricken with paralysis, and is believed to be dying.

Complaint has been made to the Toronto City Council that the Salvation Army make unnecessary noise.

The Fitz-John Porter Bill failed to obtain the requisite majority to pass over the President's vote.

Wm. Hayne, the city clerk of Paterson, N. J., has disappeared. His accounts are short $4,500.

A tug called *St. John*, a yacht, and two scows have arrived in Canada from United States builders. They are for the Dominion Government.

The contract for mixed vegetables in connection with the Hudson Bay exploratory survey has been awarded to the Canada Soup Co., of Oakville, Ont. This company has also got the contract to supply evaporated potatoes, apples, cabbages, turnips and carrots.

The Northern Pacific Railway has discharged all the white labourers employed on section and gravel train work in Montana and filled their place with Chinamen.

Ex-President Blanco, of Venezuela, has received a bill for $7,000 from a New York dentist who operated on his wife's teeth. He refuses to pay more than $1,000 and the affair is in legal hands.

Workmen excavating for a new building on James street, Hamilton, came upon a log cabin 20 feet below the present ground level. Though the building was evidently very old the timbers were almost intact. It was found on property once the Askin farm but now in the heart of the city. Rust prevented the dates of some cans which were discovered being distinguished, the only one made out being 1812.

The whole of the business portion of Port Perry has been burned.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Tenth Annual Closing Exercises.

The tenth annual closing exercises of the Agricultural College took place on Thursday afternoon. There was a much better attendance than usual, among those present being a number of prominent farmers in the county, several leading men from the city, and a large representation of the fair sex. The audience comfortably filled the large dinning room where the exercises took place. President Mills occupied the chair, and seated with him on the platform, besides the officers of the institution, were the Hon. A. M. Ross, Provincial Treasurer and Commissioner of Agriculture, James Innes, M. P.; Jas. Laidlaw, M. P. P., Rev. D. McGregor, Rev. W. S. Griffin, T. W. Saunders, P.M., Rev. W. F. Clarke, Rev. J. W. Kilgour, and others.

In opening the proceedings President Mills made a brief but pithy speech. Among other things he said:—

The past year has been one of steady, satisfactory progress in the several departments of the institution. The attendance has been up to the average, and the work, both in the class-room and in the outside departments, has been as thorough and effective as in any former year.

Our course of study is divided into five departments—(1) Agriculture and Live Stock, (2) Natural Science, (3) Veterinary Science, (4) English Literature and Political Economy, (5) Mathematics and Book-keeping. In each of these departments we grant honor certificates on the results of the sessional examinations to all *first class* men—that is, to those who obtain an aggregate of seventy-five per cent. of the marks allotted to all the subjects in that department. I regret that a great number has not succeeded in gaining a first-class rank. In a class of nearly seventy first year students, seven carried off all the first-class departmental honors at Easter; and in a class of seventy-four or five second year men, seven were gazetted as first-class, and these in nearly all the departments. The record at the Midsummer Examinations is about the same. We would like to see it different. There should be a wider distribution of the honors. The several classes should not allow a few men in each to carry off the prizes in every department.

One or two facts regarding our honors, medals, and diplomas are specially noteworthy; and I make no apology for calling attention to them, although in doing so I may seem to express my disapproval of the very prevalent and, I think, injurious habit of smoking among young men. Many of our students, I regret to say, like those at other colleges, are smokers; but it is a noteworthy fact that our best studerts are nearly all non-smokers. Of the twenty-eight who carried off the departmental certificates at Easter and Mid-Summer, twenty are non-smokers; of the eleven who receive diplomas to-day, eight are non-smokers and non-drinkers; and of the eleven who have won the medals of this institution, ten have been non-smokers and non-drinkers.

Of the Ontario Agricultural College, I think I may say what cannot be said of any other college or advanced school in this Province—that it furnishes the particular kind of education required by those who intend to be agriculturists, stock-raisers, or horticulturists. The high schools and collegiate institutes of this Province are first-class schools, and are doing an excellent work, but it is not for those who remain on the farm. They are educating men for the professions, and those who intend to be farmers either do not go to the high schools, or, having gone, they are gradually led to change their minds and seek some other profession.

I am glad to observe that the question of agricultural education is beginning to occupy much more of public attention. The press has taken up the question, and is not only disseminating much valuable information on agricultural practice and experience, but is awakening the farming community to the importance and necessity of making the principles of agriculture a special study. Also our legislators and others in high places are quite abreast of the times in this matter. In proof of this I have only to refer to what has been done within the last few years: 1. The appointment of the Agricultural Commission. 2. The establishment of a Bureau of Industries. 3. The passing of an Act to encourage tree planting. 4. The voting of money to establish a creamery at public expense. 5. The proposal to send out our professors to hold Farmers' Institutes in the month of January. 6. A course of study and annual examinations foa farmers' sons in every county in the Province.

Something more is still needed, but I only allude to one or two things. We want

1. The first principles of agriculture on the fixed instead of the optional list of studies in all our rural Public Schools.

1. A course of lectures for all teachers in training at the Normal Schools on agricultural, live stock, dairying, arboriculture and the beautifying of our homes.

3. A course of lectures on the same subjects at convenient centres throughout the Province on Saturdays for teachers who have already passed through the Normal and Model Schools.

4. A limited number of District Agricultural Schools to replace a few of the unnecessary High Schools in counties where four or five of these schools are doing work which could be better done by two well equipped schools.

A requirement of the College is that a thesis or essay on some subject connected with agriculture shall be prepared by each of the diploma men. Essays accordingly have been prepared on various subjects, but there was time for the reading of but one, an excellent essay by T. A. Wroughton, of Bangalore, India, on "Education." The paper was received with much applause.

The interesting ceremony of presenting the diplomas, honour certificates, and prizes was performed by the gentlemen upon the platform, and by Thomas McCrae, Dr. McKinnon, Lazarus Parkinson, James Anderson, and John Ramsay, who occupied seats among the audience. The gold medal was presented by Hon. Mr. Ross, the first silver one by Mr. Innes and the second by Mr. Laidlaw. As the successful students came forward to receive their various marks of distinction they were lustily applauded by their colleagues, and were addressed in fitting terms by those to whom was assigned the pleasing duty of making the presentations. The awards are as follows:—

DIPLOMAS.

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