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IS THE LARGEST COUNTRY NEWSPAPER IN THE DOMINION, containing 40 columns of reading matter. Special care is devoted to THE WEEKLY MERCURY, and it is taken to be the best and most select reading appears in any column. It is the Great Family Paper of Ontario, and its circulation is increasing. It is now getting up a First-Class WEEKLY, and will be published by the metropolitan press, and will be retained to be a reliable source of information.

Letters, containing names, not to be retained, will be at service.

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BRITISH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COLLEGE. PRIZE PENMANSHIP! Superior Advantages Offered!

The attention of young men looking forward to mercantile life is earnestly requested to the internal arrangement of the Commercial College, which affords every possible advantage and facility for acquiring a thorough practical knowledge of business life, and the great character of this institution is its financial system. It is not only the first College in British America in which the student is enabled to acquire the only one in which that system is rationally, practically, and efficiently carried out. The result of that system is that the student, through the course, is ready on getting his diploma to take his place behind the counter of a bank, or in the office of a merchant, or in any other position of business, and that he is able to do so with confidence and success. This institution has secured a high position in the estimation of the public, and its success is due to the constant and judicious selection of thoroughly competent, conscientious and energetic teachers in each department. In the Writing Department, the First Prizes for Business Penmanship were awarded to us at the Provincial Exhibitions of 1866, 1867, and 1868, the only students who were so distinguished. At the top of the school, we shall always strive to maintain that superiority in this, as in all other branches, of study which are characteristic of the institution. Plain English business writing is the style to which we have ever given the most prominent place, our motto being "a business hand for a business man."

The time required to complete the full course varies considerably according to the attendance, attention and ability of each student. Young men, however, are earnestly cautioned against the injudicious practice of hurrying through the course, as the student who does this will thus be gainers by the saving of money in the item of board. Infinitely more advantageous would it be to the student, to complete the course of tuition already paid for, to incur the comparatively small additional expense of a few weeks' board in order to make himself a highly respectable, and, and thus by a small present outlay, qualify himself for some lucrative situation. The evidence that such haste entails is highly detrimental, not only to the student himself, but also to the College where he graduates, and besides bringing upon the Commercial College generally, the common practice, therefore, of holding out this tempting system as an inducement to students is most defective and highly reprehensible. For penmanship, circulars, etc., address MCGROVE & WRIGHT, Toronto, 6th Dec, 1867.

LLOYD'S Double MAP! OF EUROPE and AMERICA.

These Maps are newly issued, are large and beautifully finished, and mounted on rollers, 47 1/2 in. in length, and are so arranged as to be easily and conveniently carried about. The 47 1/2 in. Map is twenty square feet and occupying only the space of one map on the wall, Europe on one side, and America on the other. These Maps are valuable to business men and travellers, showing all the different nationalities and nations on both Continents; they are also worthy of a place in every home, for they are both useful and an ornament.

ANOTHER DOUBLE MAP. The Subscriber has also for sale a Double Map of America on one side, and Canada and the United States on the other, laid out in Counties—\$2.50. WM. T. TOLTON, Publisher, Agent for the South and Centre Ridings of the County of Wellington, Puslinch, Jan. 2nd, 1868. 744-west.

PRIZE DENTISTRY. DR. R. CAMPBELL

OFFICE, next door to the ADVERTISER'S office, Wyndham Street, Guelph. REFERRERS: - Drs. Clarke & Oton, McQuire, Herod, McCreight and Coran, Guelph; Dr. Buchanan & Phillips, Toronto; Drs. G. L. Elliott and W. Meyer, Detroit; Toronto.

Teeth Extracted Without Pain Guelph, 20th June, 1858

New Saddlery Shop

Do you want a set of Harness, double or single, light or heavy, call at the new shop, next door to Coffey's Hotel, on the corner of St. George's Church.

Do you want a good Saddle? We can supply you cheaper than ever, 12 yards from O'Connor's Wellington Hotel.

Whips, Horse Covers, Sleigh Bells. A very large and well-assorted stock of Whips will be sold at 25c on the dollar of our former low prices, 50 yards north of St. George's Church.

What is more cheerful than the merry Sleigh Bells? We can supply you. Call at the new shop, next door to Mr. Herod's Livery Office.

SMITH & METCALF, Letting and Repairing of Saddlery, 20th Dec, 1867.

New Oyster Rooms

Valentine Wald

By order of the public, I have had erected in the town of Guelph, Ontario, a new and elegant Oyster Room, situated in the rear of the old Oyster Room, and is now open for the reception of the public.

THE ROOMS are under the supervision of Mr. H. McCracken, a gentleman of high standing in the community, and will be kept in the most perfect order.

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H. HOGG'S FLOUR AND FEED STORE. Opposite the Market Shed.

CONSTANTLY ON HAND, all kinds of Mill Feed, Clover, Peas, Middlings, Shorts, Bran, Cornmeal, Oatmeal, Flour!

Bacon, Sugar-cured Hams, and Potatoes. Guelph, 28th August, 1867.

\$20. STAR \$100. SHUTTLE SEWING MACHINE. Patented May, 1867.

THE Star Shuttle Sewing Machine makes a stitch alike on both sides of material sewed, which will not slip or ravel. Does all kinds of work equally well as Singer's highest priced machine. Combines simplicity with durability, and is warranted to give satisfaction in all cases.

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MRS. HUNTER'S FANCY STORE. West Market Square.

JUST received, a large lot of FANCY GOODS, all kinds, suitable for PRESENTS for Christmas and New Year's.

Christmas & New Year's. She has the LARGEST and BEST ASSORTMENT in town of

Berlin & Fancy Wools. Stamping for Binding and Embroidery.

MRS. HUNTER. Guelph, 11th Dec, 1867.

Liverpool & London & Globe INSURANCE COMPANY.

Capital Surplus & Reserved Funds \$16,271,675.

DIRECTORS IN CANADA: T. B. ANDERSON, Esq., Chairman, (President Bank of Montreal).

HENRY STARKES, Esq., Deputy Chairman, (Manager Ontario Bank).

E. H. KING, Esq., (General Manager Bank of Montreal).

HENRY CHAPMAN, Esq., Merchant.

THOMAS CRAMP, Esq., Merchant.

F. A. DALL, Hamilton, Ont., Inspector.

JAMES SMITH, Montreal, Inspector.

Fire Insurance & Life Assurance. Policies issued at moderate rates.

This Company offers to Insurers the security of Wealth, Position, Extensive Revenue and Liberal Management.

G. F. C. SMITH, Resident Secy., Montreal. Guelph, Oct. 28, 1867.

Dominion Store! (Late Post-Office Store)

MRS. ROBINSON HAS ON HAND A VARIED STOCK OF GENERAL GROCERIES for

Christmas & New Year consisting of Almonds, Brazil Filberts,

NEW FRUIT! Figs, Dates, Raisins. Lemons at 25c per dozen.

Don't forget the stand, next to the Wellington Hotel, where you can get the best and cheapest lot of Fancy Goods in Guelph.

MRS. ROBINSON, Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph. Guelph, Dec. 17th, 1867.

NEW LAW OFFICE. FREEMAN & FREEMAN

BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY, CONVEYANCERS, & C.

S. B. FREEMAN, Q. C. G. O. FREEMAN. Office over Berry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Guelph, 4th December, 1867.

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE: - MACDONNELL STREET. SATURDAY EVEN'G, JAN 18, 1868.

Local News.

Go to Cuthbert's to-night.

MOUNT FOREST FAIR.—The last monthly fair at this village was moderately attended. Oxen sold at from \$65 to \$100.

As there were but few outside buyers present, the transactions were mostly between farmers.

THE ARTHUR R. B. BY-LAW.—The By-law submitted to the people of the Township of Arthur on Friday last, for granting \$50,000 bonus to the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway, met with very poor success, being defeated by a majority of 178.

A petition is to be circulated in the township, praying the Council to submit a By-law which shall not contain so many onerous provisions and pledging the subscribers to support it if brought in.

NEARLY BURNED.—The splendid and extensive wholesale establishment of D. McInnes & Co., of Hamilton, narrowly escaped being burned down on Thursday night.

The Times says the fire was rapidly gaining way between the planking of a stairway and the under-casing of the floor of the second flat.

Most fortunately Mr Calder had not yet retired from the building, and discovered the fire before it had gained sufficient headway to defy the efforts of the firemen.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING.—The annual meeting of the Mount Forest Union Agricultural Society was held according to notice, at Mr. Hewitt's hotel, on Saturday last.

The following are the officers: John Robertson, Normanby; Vice-President, James McDougall, Egremont; Secretary, James Scott, Mount Forest; Treasurer, Van Bentley, Mount Forest.

Directors: Sam'l Wallace, John Hodgson, Thomas Wilson, F. W. Stevenson, A. T. Gregory, Sidney Smith, Robt. Morrison, Thomas Crow, R. F. Brown.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting on the third Friday in April.

\$500 REWARD.—By reference to the proceedings of the Town Council it will be seen that they have offered a reward of \$500 for the apprehension and conviction of the party or parties who set fire to the buildings on Wyndham street and in Day's Block.

Mr. Holliday, in moving the resolution, put the sum at \$200, but afterwards at the suggestion of Dr. Herod, the amount was raised to \$500, for the very forcible reason advanced by the Doctor, that if two were concerned in the incendiary, \$200 was scarcely a sufficient temptation to induce one "pal" to split on another.

PRESENTATIONS.—This is a truly wonderful season apparently for conferring gifts. The Milton Champion in its last issue has an account of no less than three presentations. They are as follows: One of a purse containing \$100 to the Rev. W. H. Simpson, Kilbride, township of Nelson; one, by the members of his congregation, consisting of a cutter and \$63 in money, to the Rev. Mr. Robinson, Milton; and another, by the congregation of St. Stephen's Church, Hornby, of \$42.50, to Miss Carter, of Milton, for services rendered as organist. After all there is something good in humanity.

OUR PLAYERS AT ELORA.—The Guelph Dramatic Club started for Elora on Friday evening, to play the "The Charcoal Burner," with "Slasher and Crasher" as an afterpiece.

The people of Elora greeted them cordially, the audience numbering upwards of four hundred. The drama was well received, as it ought to be, unless the Club had lost much of their force, and truthfulness of personification since they played in aid of the Ladies' Benevolent Society.

They improved much in their acting of "Slasher and Crasher," and altogether the affair was most satisfactory to all parties. A dance wound up the evening's entertainment; the members of the G. A. D. C. and their friends making their appearance in town about day-break.

COAL OIL. Another supply of No. 1 Coal Oil at 15 cents per gallon, and Tin Cans of any size with patent tops and spouts; also another supply of the new Burners, at John Horsman's.

Note, for the future I shall keep none but the Genuine No. 1 Coal Oil. JOHN HORSMAN.

It Gives Satisfaction, does that excellent Tea sold for 62c. per lb. by JAS. MURPHY, No. 1, Upper Wyndham-st., Guelph.

Guelph Town Council. SPECIAL MEETING.

The Council met on Friday night pursuant to adjournment. Present the Reeve in the chair, Dr. Herod, Messrs. Peterson, Hefferman, Holliday, Mitchell, Thomson, Day, Sayers, Chadwick, McCurry, Harvey, Massie and Galbraith.

The Reeve said that the object of the meeting was to consider the report of the Fire and Water Committee on a water supply. Two attempts had been recently made to fire different parts of the Town, and the sooner action was taken so much the better.

Mr. Day read the report of the Fire and Water Committee as follows:— "The Mayor and Council of the Town of Guelph."

GENTLEMEN.—In accordance with the resolution passed at the special meeting of Council we have carefully considered the matters submitted to us and beg to report as follows: We have reconsidered the scheme of waterworks which we recommended in the early part of last year and do not think that we can say anything more respecting them, as the Council are already in possession of our views with regard to the cost of the works, and we may be allowed to report that it will not have exceeded \$7000.

As we are well aware that many are in favor of buying a steam fire engine for the use of the Town we have thought it our duty to weigh carefully the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed purchase. For any distance within a quarter or a third of a mile from the city, of water we do not think it would be very efficient, but we doubt if it can be used at any point more remote than 1700 or 1800 feet.

In our opinion a simple supply of water in the central part of the Town is indispensable to the satisfactory working of a steam engine. With plenty of water in the middle of Guelph a steam engine would protect a circle of say two thirds of a mile. The circumference of this circle would be within working distance of the river Speed on one side and of the Foundry on the other side, so that practically the whole Town would be protected. The original cost of a steam engine and the annual expenses of its maintenance are serious items and may be given as follows:—Steam fire-engine \$3000, 2000 feet of hose at \$1.25—\$2,500, 40 couplings \$250, hose \$200, \$3000. We have also taken into consideration the probable expense of a Piano hand fire-engine. Cost of such engine \$1,200, 500 feet of hose at \$1.25—\$625, coupling \$60.

It will also be recollected that we obtained the estimated cost of seven tanks with the necessary pipes, the sum stated for which was \$2720. Entertaining the opinions we had with regard to the scheme of waterworks submitted by us it is scarcely necessary to say that we do not recommend this expenditure, and should this system of tanks be adopted we as a committee consider ourselves wholly exonerated from any blame which may afterwards be attached to their construction. It is quite time that something must be done, and that immediately for the safety of the Town.

It is rather a difficult matter to determine what is best to be done under all the circumstances. It is of course desirable not to incur any extraordinary expense for works that will not be permanently beneficial, while the extreme urgency of the case in view of the recent escapes from fire renders it necessary to take some steps without delay.

After mature deliberation we do not see that there is any better plan than to provide a number of large tubs to be used for the purpose of bringing water whenever it is required from the river or wherever other available point may be nearer, and to offer a premium. (The first is to receive a certain amount, and the next succeeding two a proportionate sum) and to give for each succeeding load by whomsoever it may be brought.

This plan has been adopted in other places, and has been found to work as well as could be reasonably expected. We have thought it advisable to purchase a number of pails, a cart with a large box in which to carry them, and to have a man to be stationed at the nearest point where there is a water supply.

Respecting the organization of a Fire Department we would recommend that the Engineer be appointed by the Council, and that he be empowered to form a Company as directed by the Statute, no member of the company being less than 18 years of age, to be paid and to be subject to a fine of— for each time he is absent from duty.

In the meantime we would recommend that we be empowered to hire a number of men to change the engine and to advertise for teams to be engaged for the next four months.

On motion the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the report, Mr. McCurry in the chair. On the first clause being read, Mr. Harvey spoke strongly and at length in favor of waterworks, and expressed his doubts concerning the efficacy of the services a steam fire engine would render.

Mr. Thomson said that if the system were carried out, Mr. Goldie, although he had no desire to thwart his services on the Council, would put something like a water wheel in his oil mill, and force the water into the reservoir, if it were agreeable—the distance being shorter than from Mr. Gow's.

Dr. Herod thought the report should be overruled by the Council, and that the report be considered altogether theoretical, and even at variance with the suggestions which they had received from Mr. Ashfield, who was a practical man.

Mr. Thomson, at the instance of Mr. Harvey, read Mr. Ashfield's communication to prove that the report was not framed in disregard of practical experience. The report was adopted without amendment, and the committee rose. The Reeve in the chair.

Mr. Day moved seconded by Mr. Harvey that the report of the Fire and Water Committee be adopted, and that the first clause relating to water-works be embodied in a By-law and laid before the ratifiers.

A long and rather hot discussion took place on the motion, and it was finally moved in amendment by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Holliday, that in view of the unfavorable expression of opinion at the public meeting in the Town Hall, on the scheme of water-works then submitted, it is inexpedient and unnecessary to incur the expense of trouble of a By-law submitting the same question; and that the report be adopted.

The motion was carried by a vote of 7 to 6.

The yeas and nays were ordered to be as follows:—For the motion, Messrs. Chadwick, McCurry, Day, Galbraith, Massie, Thomson and Harvey—7. For the amendment, Dr. Herod, Messrs. Holliday, Peterson, Hefferman, Mitchell and Sayers—6.

Moved by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Harvey, that A. S. Feast be appointed Chief Engineer in accordance with the clause in the report relating to the appointment of Engineer. The motion carried, on the understanding that the appointment was to be made temporarily.

The Reeve called attention to the fact, that there was a pretty general feeling in town, that a reward should be offered for the discovery of the incendiaries who have lately been at work.

Mr. Holliday moved, seconded by Mr. Peterson, that a reward of \$500 be offered for the apprehension and conviction of the party or parties who set fire to the buildings on Wyndham street and Market Square.—Carried.

The Council adjourned.

BY TELEGRAPH

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For the above works we have to thank Messrs. W. E. Tunis & Co., Clifton. The Messrs. Harper, of New York, are the publishers. For sale at Day's bookstore, opposite the Market, Guelph.

The census of Kincairdine village has just been taken, from which it appears that its population is now 1,567.

WILD CAT CAUGHT.—One of these destructive animals, of pretty large size, was trapped in Downie last week. It was considered that it had not long arrived in the neighborhood as no hen roosts had suffered.

ELMIRA CATTLE MARKET.—This fair was held on the 13th inst, and was quite successful. Beef sold as high as \$6.50 per cwt. live weight. Wheat and barley also appear to have brought about as high prices as they would command in Guelph.

REQUESTRING REEVESHIP.—The Champion says:—The disputed Reeveship case in Esqueving has been referred to his Honor Judge Miller, and the argument of counsel pro and con will be heard at Acton, on Wednesday next. Mr. Dewar has been retained by Mr. McNaughton, to conduct the case on his behalf. His majority was found to be three, and not one, as stated.

MISERABLE MEETING AT ELMIRA.—The annual missionary meeting of the Wesleyan Methodist church at Elmira was held on Tuesday evening the 14th. The chair was occupied by I. E. Bowman Esq., M. P. P. After the reading of the report the meeting was addressed by the Rev. Messrs. Griffin, of Guelph, Shirk, and Potter. A collection was taken up which amounted to sixty dollars.

RETURNED.—We are glad to note that our esteemed townsman, Mr. Charles Sharpe, has returned, after an absence of four or five months in England. Mr. Sharpe is in excellent health and spirits.

THE TOWN COUNCIL.—The last meeting of the old Council will be held at 10 a. m. on Monday next. The organization meeting of the new Council will take place at 12 o'clock, noon; and the regular meeting will be at half past

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