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Insolvent Act of 1864. In the matter of Thomas M. Grier, AN INSOLVENT. COUNTY OF WELLINGTON, BY virtue of the provisions of the Act, it is voted in me as Assignee of the Estate of the above-named insolvent, under the provisions of the said Act, I shall offer for sale at the Town Hall, in the Village of Morriston, in the said County, Wednesday, 26th Feb., 1868

Boarding and Day School for Young Ladies. CHURCH-ST. - - - GUELPH. MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open (D. V.) on the 6th of January. Vacancies for two or three boarders. Guelph, 26th December, 1867.

Notice To Debtors & Creditors. THE undersigned Executors for the Estate of the late Alexander McKinnon, deceased, hereby give notice to all parties indebted to the said Estate, to pay to J. W. BURT, acting Executor for the same, as he is the only person authorized to receive money for the said Estate, and all parties are forbidden paying to any other person. All parties having claims against the Estate are hereby notified to send in the same to the undersigned on or before the expiry of six months from the date of this notice.

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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 notice of the British American Commercial College, which affords every possible advantage and facility for acquiring a thorough practical knowledge of business life and habits. The great characteristic of this institution is its actual business system. It is not only the first College in British America in which the system was established, but likewise the only one in which that system is practically, and efficiently carried out.

One of the direct means of attaining and holding this high position has been the constant 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 1863, 1866, and 1867, the only occasions on which we competed. As this honor is not only a mark of distinction, but a style to which we have ever given the most prominent place, our motto being "a business hand for a business man."

ACKNOWLEDGMENT. WE beg to tender our thanks to the Directors of the Western Insurance Company of Canada for the prompt settlement of our claim against them, for loss sustained by the late fire, in the sum of \$5,000, received through their agent, Geo. Elliott, Esq. JAMES MASSIE & CO. Guelph, 11th Jan, 1868.

Medical Dispensary. JUST received at the Medical Dispensary, large supply of TOILET SOAPS, &c. Also, the largest and best assorted stock of English and French PERFUMERY in town. E. HARVEY. Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-st., Guelph, Ontario. dw

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An Apprentice Wanted. WANTED in this Office, a stout active lad, about 15 or 16 years of age, possessing a good English education, to learn the printing business. None other need apply except those possessing the qualifications above mentioned. Apply at the Mercury Office, Macdonnell street, Guelph, Dec. 26, 1867. dwtd

PRIVATE TUITION. THE undersigned is prepared to give private lessons in English, Latin and Greek, either at his own house or the house of his pupils, two hours of each day. GEORGE GRAPPEY. Guelph, 3rd January, 1868. Ind

NOTICE. THE business of Messrs. BLAIR & GUTHRIE will be continued at the same office by the surviving partner, Mr. GUTHRIE. dwtd

RE-OPENING. MISS FETHERSTONHAUGH'S School opened on Monday, 6th January, 1868. Guelph, 6th January, 1868. dwtd

JOSEPH HOBSON, CIVIL ENGINEER, P. L. Surveyor and Architect, has opened an office in Guelph, at Messrs. Davidson and Chabwick's, Town Hall Building. Guelph, Jan. 2nd, 1868.

Valuable Building Lots for Sale IN EVERTON. THE subscriber offers for sale, cheap for cash, two valuable building lots in the Village of Everton, being No. 132 and No. 133, as laid out on the map made by Wm. Hasbain, Esq. P. L. S. There are two-thirds of an acre of land in the two lots, and being close to the Disciples' Meeting House, and in a central part of the Village, form excellent sites for building on. For terms apply at the Mercury Office, or (if by letter post-paid) to DUNCAN ROBERTSON, Everton P. O. Guelph, Nov. 15th, 1867. wtd

D. KRIBS' HONEY SYRUP. For the various affections of the LUNGS & THROAT. Such as Colds, Coughs, Hoarseness, Bronchitis, Asthma, Influenza, Consumption. And for the relief of Consumptive Patients in advanced stages of the disease. Prepared only by DANIEL KRIBS, Guelph, On., and for sale at his residence, and by Alex B. Pettie, Market Street. Price per bottle 57c., or three bottles for \$1. Guelph, 8th January, 1868. ly

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NEW LAW OFFICE. FREEMAN & FREEMAN. BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY, CONVEYANCERS, &c. S. B. FREEMAN, Q. C. G. O. FREEMAN. 27 Office over Berry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph. Guelph, 4th December, 1867. dw

Greening Mercury. TUESDAY EVENING, JAN. 14, 1868. ADVERTISEMENTS. For the WEEKLY MERCURY (which enjoys a circulation at present unequalled outside Toronto) in order to secure insertion, should reach the office of publication, Macdonnell Street, not later than 10 o'clock to-morrow (Wednesday) morning.

LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.—The net proceeds of the late Dramatic Entertainment in the Town Hall, in aid of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, amounts to the handsome sum of \$80.70.

BURNS' ANNIVERSARY will be celebrated in the enterprising village of Clifford by a grand festival, to be held in Brown's New Hall, on the evening of the 24th inst. Tickets \$1.

The legal season for killing deer expired on the 31st December. Fourteen days thereafter are allowed for the disposal of the stock on hand, after which period persons found in possession of fresh venison are liable to severe penalty.

CHURCH DEDICATION.—We would remind our readers of the opening of the new Congregational Church; in this town to-morrow. Rev. Dr. Wilkes, of Montreal will preach in the morning at 11 o'clock. The occasion no doubt will be an interesting one.

PORK.—Mr. Griffith, of Eramosa, brought two loads of pork into town today (Tuesday) the hogs weighing on an average 425lb each. In consideration of the weight, and the excellent quality, the high figure of \$7.15 per cwt. was paid for them by Mr. McKillop's buyer.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—The Annual Meeting of the Guelph Temperance Society will be held this evening in the Temperance Hall. A report of the past year's operations will be read, and the election of office-bearers for the present year's take place. An interesting meeting may be expected, and all are cordially invited to attend.

AN OMISSION.—We very inadvertently omitted to mention yesterday in our notice of the fire, that the Hook and Ladder Company were early at the scene with their equipments, and it was they who were chiefly instrumental in extinguishing the flame. It was their ladders that were applied to the window, and it was they who first entered the room in which the fire broke out.

EXPERIENCE IN CHEESE.—At the annual meeting of a cheese manufacturing company in the County of Middlesex held last week the annual report contained the following experience in the art of cheesemaking:—"That the average of milk required to make one pound of cheese in the months of May, June and July is ten pounds and three quarters. We find that the average of milk required to make one pound of cheese in August is about 10 1/2 lbs. The average of milk required to make one pound of cheese in September is a trifle over 10 lbs."

SHOCKING ACCIDENT.—Mr. W. McCall, of Seaforth, while returning from Ainslieville, was cast off his horse, his foot remaining in the stirrup. The horse kept turning round, and Mr. McCall kept motioning at the animal to keep him from trampling on his head. The horse finally to extricate himself, kicked Mr. McCall in the face, breaking his upper jaw and flattening all his gums and teeth, the force of the blow breaking the stirrup in pieces. Dr. Holmes arrived, and holding his own and Mr. C's horse with one arm, began to staunch the flow of blood with snow, and beckoned to a man who stood at his door placidly looking on for assistance, but received none.

A MEMORIAL.—Mr. Gow, M. P. P., has presented to the Ontario Legislature a petition from the corporation of the Town of Guelph, praying amendment to the Assessment Act of Upper Canada, passed in 1866. Those who have read the Reports of the proceedings of the Town Council will recollect that the Memorial prays that the law regarding the mode of assessment of real estate in towns be changed to the law as formerly existing, namely the assessing by yearly, instead of actual value. The petition also includes a prayer to the Legislature to give power to Municipalities to order the sale of lands in arrears for non-resident taxes without the delays they have now to submit to.

It Gives Satisfaction, does that excellent Tea sold for 62 1/2c. per lb. by JAS. MURPHY, No. 1, Upper Wyndham-st., Guelph.

Special Meeting of the Town Council. A special meeting of the Town Council was called on Monday night to consider the water supply, and other questions in connection with the extinguishing of fires. Present, the Reeve in the chair, Dr. Herod, Messrs. Holliday, Peterson, Heenan, Day, Thomson, Sayers, Mitchell and Harvey.

The Clerk read the minutes. The Reeve said that he had considered it his duty in the absence of the Mayor to call the Council together to consider the state of the town with regard to its equipments for containing fires. A few weeks ago the Fire and Water Committee had been instructed to make enquiries concerning the state of the engine, the probable cost of a new steam or hand engine, &c., and had not yet brought in their report. He thought it necessary for the Council to suggest to the Committee some temporary expedient. This is a time of year at which fires are very apt to happen, and we have now no engine and no fire company. Something should at once be devised as the best insurance companies are refusing to renew policies on property in town. Had the fire gone on last Sunday the east side of Wyndham street would have been in ruins, and a fire at this time of year would have been much worse than in summer, for in winter it is an impossibility to build, and business in the Town would have been almost at a stand still. He suggested two first rate pumps in the river at each end of the town, and a fire engine to be raised and raised so high above the road that vehicles with vessels on for containing the water could be driven under the spout.

Mr. Peterson regretted that the Fire and Water Committee had not reported, for the Council looked to them to have considered some scheme. He hoped the chairman of the committee would tell them what they had done. Mr. Day said it had been suggested in Committee that a number of water-butts should be supplied by the Town, and premiums offered for the bringing of these filled with water to the scene of the fire, the premiums to be proportioned to the expedition used—the highest sum being paid to the person who first arrived, and to others in a descending scale. One of the Committee, Mr. Galbraith, had gone to purchase 300 feet of new hose, and as for a new engine it was so near the meeting of the new Council that they did not deem it advisable to take any steps towards purchasing one.

Dr. Herod thought the meeting had been rather hastily called, but no matter about that, further than that the Fire and Water Committee should have been first consulted. The reports of that Committee all through the year he did not consider satisfactory, and he thought that the Council might, under the present circumstances, sit all night and do nothing. The Reeve should have requested the Chairman to call a meeting of the Committee and mature a plan, for any measure of importance should come before the Council as a well considered report.

Mr. Peterson said he had recommended the Reeve to call the meeting as there were grounds for suspensions that incendiarianism had been at work. He agreed with what Dr. Herod had said regarding the Reports of the Fire and Water Committee. They have had time enough to bring in a report since they were instructed to do so, but they have not done it; for this, however, they may have reasons of their own. He thought that the engine we have is serviceable, and that the Firemen were proceeding too far in resigning, and that they did not bring the engine out on the fire at all.

Mr. Harvey did not know what the Committee had to report on. The old engine was not a good one, but it was serviceable and in working order. But what was an engine without water? He thought there must be a reservoir, and he believed the old plan was the best and cheapest, and the offer of Mr. Gow to pump water when required at the rate of \$4 per day was very liberal.

Dr. Herod thought a few more members should be added to the Fire and Water Committee, in order that some scheme might be matured. He thought the propriety of procuring a steam fire engine should be considered, as it would throw water from the river up to Wyndham street. They should write to cities where there are such engines in use, and enquire as to their working capacities, on the States they are coming into service. The Reeve asked if there could not be something done to organize a Fire Company, so that the Town should not be left without one.

Dr. Herod said if he had been on the Fire and Water Committee he would have endeavored to have the Company purchased for resigning, they had received the money generally accorded, and they were a Fire Company still. But every year there had been trouble with them, and he would rather pay men to do the work than have such constant murmurings.

Mr. Thomson said that the recent fire had aroused the Council to a sense of the necessity of doing something. He did not blame the Fire and Water Committee, but the Council themselves. The money now on hand in the non-resident fund fully \$4,000; they cannot get a better scheme than the last that was proposed, and he thought it would be well to reconsider it. The meeting called for the consideration of that scheme partook more of the nature of a stand up fight, than of a calm, deliberate discussion. He had no doubt they would now, after the fire that had occurred, be fully supported in spending the \$4,000 and more, in getting a supply of water and a new engine. Even suppose the total cost would be \$10,000, and they had to borrow \$6,000 it would be no great sum. Property to the amount of \$120,000 or \$130,000 had lately been destroyed, whereas if there had been a proper supply of water \$20,000 might have covered the loss.

Mr. Harvey thought there was no time to be lost. The Council would authorize the Committee to consult Mr. Hobson they would come with a plan next Friday night, and he would request, that if it were objectionable it would not be merely ignored, but that amendments would be proposed to it.

Dr. Herod said that the Committee were prejudiced, and that they would undoubtedly bring in a report similar to the former one.

Peterson read the resolution of Council passed on the 18th December, instructing the Committee to have the old engine tested, to ascertain the probable cost of a new one, &c.

Mr. Harvey said they had had a Chief Engineer to get men and test it, and the result was, as he had stated before. The engine was not good, but it was in working order. It was moved by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Dr. Herod, that the Reeve, Dr. Herod, Messrs. Thomson, Holliday and the mover, together with the members of the Fire and Water Committee be instructed to take such immediate steps as they may be deemed necessary to meet any present emergency, and report to special meeting of Council on Friday next, as to any general measure respecting the question of protection against fire whether by means of a steam fire-engine, system of water works, general or partial or otherwise.

Mr. Peterson said he did not intend anything uncourteous; he only wished the others should share the responsibility. Mr. Harvey considered the motion equivalent to a vote of censure. Mr. Thomson spoke against the motion, and finally it was.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Sayers, that the Fire and Water Committee be instructed to report to the Council on Friday first the most efficient means of supplying the Town with water, and also the best means of guarding temporarily against fire. The amendment carried by a vote of 5 to 4, and the Council adjourned to meet again next Friday night.

Board of School Trustees. The Board met on Wednesday night. Present, Mr. Peterson, chairman; Rev. Mr. Ball, Messrs. McNeil, Bruce, Harvey, Dr. Herod, Newton, Knowles, Watson, and J. Herod.

Dr. McGuire and Messrs. Pirie, Fraser, and Mitchell, the newly elected members of the Board, took their seats. Several accounts were handed in which were referred to the Finance Committee. Mr. Newton laid on the table the annual financial report.

Mr. Newton presented the Finance Committee's report, recommending the payment of the following accounts: George Howard, \$40.89; Miss Unsworth, \$16.55; Mr. Evans \$11.09; Mercury Office, \$10.90; Mr. Sayers \$8.05; Mr. John Smith \$9.23. The report was adopted.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury. BY ATLANTIC CABLE. Vienna, January 13.—Despatches from the south indicate that a more liberal policy is to be pursued by the Sublime Porte in the matter of the Eastern question. A decree has been issued guaranteeing not only the equality of rights in Candia, but a suspension of the collection of tithes for a period of two years.

Paris, Jan. 13, evening.—Gen. Fialy, the commander of the Expeditionary Corps, has asked the Emperor to permit the return of the French troops to Rome, as their quarters at Civita Vecchia and Viterbo are overcrowded. The ominous request creates a general feeling of uneasiness and mistrust here.

Paris, Jan. 13.—The *Nonieur* of this morning contradicts vague rumours which have been floating about of popular disturbances in Naples, and assures its readers that by order of the Government to guard against any attempt at a rescue.—The prisoners Desmond and Allen, implicated in the Clerkenwell explosion, were again brought up to-day for examination on the charge of murder. Many witnesses were present, but the evidence given by them contains no facts of importance.

Dublin, Jan. 13th.—Papers have been found upon the person of the prisoner Lennon, which it is said expose the plan of the Fenian leaders for future operations in Ireland.

New York, Jan. 14.—The *Herald's* *Suez* (Egypt) special, of the 13th, says despatches received there from the British expeditionary force in Abyssinia, contain advice of a reasonable and most assuring character. The native chief of Tigre who had mustered a large force, the movements of which produced an alarm in the English camp at Senafe, has caused a forward movement along the line of march, is now reported friendly. This warrior has tendered hospitality to the invaders and offers to feed the English troops. As an evidence of his good faith he has already sent in two thousand head of cattle for the use of the army, so that it is inferred with good reason here that Her Majesty's forces are beginning to feel comfortable and in much better spirits.

More important still, I have to announce that fresh water has been found in plenty around the landing places at Annesley Bay.

PRIVATE LESSONS AND EVENING CLASSES.—Prof. H. G. von HOKAR will be ready to receive applicants for tuition in evening classes, at his residence, Barclay's Buildings, near the corner of Norfolk and Norwich streets, on the evening of Wednesday, the 15th inst. Instructions to be given from eight o'clock till half past nine. In the evening classes, Latin, Greek, French and German will be taught exclusively, so as not to interfere with the night schools now in operation in some of the school houses in town. It is desirable that at the opening of the classes to-morrow night as many as possible of those wishing to join should attend in order to agree upon the choice of three evenings of the week on which they shall meet.

THE FENIAN PRISONERS.—A long discussion again took place in the United States House of Representatives, relative to Father McMahon and the other Fenian convicts at present confined in the Kingston Penitentiary. The condition of "Colonels" Warren and Nagle, late officers in the American service, and now enduring the penalty of their crimes in England, was also a subject of much commiseration on the part of the Lower House of American Legislature. Mr. Wood of Brooklyn, who has before taken a prominent part in the movement to express sympathy with Fenianism, produced some correspondence between himself and Mr. Seward. By this correspondence it appeared that President Johnson had been compelled by the exigencies of his position to intercede for these malefactors, but of course the British Government had not acted on his recommendation. This, said the excited Wood, was entirely in keeping with the whole conduct and policy of Great Britain, who always rejoiced in showing "her animus, her vindictiveness and her malignity against the United States. Her whole conduct was so insulting and arrogant that no proud, great and free people would submit to or tolerate it a day longer." Mr. Wood proceeded to show his contempt for the British Government and people, by mutilating and torturing the "Queen's English" to a terrible extent. A resolution was finally passed, requesting the President to intercede with the Imperial Government to effect the immediate release of Father McMahon and "Colonels" Warren, Nagle and any other American citizens who have been arrested without sufficient grounds to charge them with the commission of any offence against the laws of Great Britain.

THE ABYSSINIAN EXPEDITION.—The London *Daily News* refers to the great diversity of appliances which modern science has provided for the prosecution of a war among the savage tribes of Abyssinia. Breadmaking machines will be set up wherever possible, tube wells and pocket filters will be in use, tea will be made by forcing machines, in sufficient quantity to serve surgical purposes, and enough compressed vegetables will be carried for sanitary treatment. Even the proper purification of the air in the hospitals has been scrupulously provided for. An archaeologist and a mineralogist, a zoologist, a geographer, a topographical staff, and several photographers, are also preparing to accompany the expedition. Railroads will be improvised, these will be ball-roads for military surveys, with signal apparatus.

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