

The Muskoka District.

The Commissioner of Crown Lands has been on a recent visit to this district, no doubt seeking the information he so sadly lacked last winter. A correspondent of the Free Press, who accompanied Mr. Carling, writes as follows:—

The government agent, Mr. C. W. Lount, has his office in Bracebridge. We called upon him, and were gratified to learn that applications for lands continue to come in in large numbers. Some three hundred families have settled in, and as soon as harvest operations are over many more are expected to come. Those that are in and have got to rights, express themselves highly satisfied with their condition. It is true the land is not all that could be wished. It is rocky in many places, but that which is fit for tillage yields excellent returns. The gift from the Crown is nominally one hundred acres, but owing to the presence of rock, not more than one half is available for agriculture. The absolute gift of land is not more than fifty acres, for the rock is of no value, but only an eyesore and a hindrance—and the question is freely mooted, whether the gift should be raised from one hundred to two hundred acres in order to compensate for the presence of so large a portion of sterile territory?

But though the out-cropping rock is a serious drawback to the settler, he is not without counterbalancing advantages. The climate is very healthy, the perfect winter being succeeded by a perfect summer. The land is generous in its yield. Building timber is plentiful and good, lumber, shingles, &c., unusually cheap. A man can thus put up a large house and barns at a comparatively small cost; and, indeed, the capacity and completeness of barn accommodation is already a striking feature in the settlement. The air is pure and bracing, the water, from the granite formations, delicious. The adjacent lakes and streams abound with an inexhaustible supply of excellent fish, which affords the settler an important and healthful article of food, obtainable in a very little time and by small exertion. Government has already built several main roads, and others are under construction. Navigation by the lakes is daily, so that Bracebridge has a mail from Toronto every evening though the difficulties of navigation prevent (for a short time only, let us hope) complete connection by steam with the upper country. The passage of small boats keep up communication with the further lakes of Roseau and St. Joseph, where an excellent country lies ready to be opened.

Plan of the Post Office Telegraph in Great Britain.

It proposes—to open a central telegraphic office at each of the ten district post offices in London. To open subordinate telegraphic offices at the sorting offices and receiving offices in each district. To connect the subordinate telegraphic offices of each district with the central telegraphic office of that district. To establish communication between each central telegraphic office in London. To establish central telegraphic offices at the post offices of the principal towns in the kingdom, and to establish direct communications between all such central telegraphic offices and the central telegraphic office in the east central district of London. To establish direct communications between the more important of the central telegraphic offices in the provinces, and the central telegraphic offices in the west central, western and south western districts of London. To establish direct communication between each central telegraphic office in the provinces, and such of the other central telegraphic offices in the provinces as it may be desirable to connect with it. To open subordinate telegraphic offices at the district sorting and certain of the receiving offices in Liverpool, and to connect them with the central office in Liverpool; in like manner to open subordinate telegraphic offices at the principal receiving offices in such towns as Edinburgh, Dublin, Manchester, Glasgow, Leeds, Bristol, Sheffield, Bradford, and to connect each group of such subordinate offices with its central telegraphic office. To open in the first instance subordinate offices, to connect in like manner with central offices at the money-order offices of all places having a population of two thousand persons and upwards. To open deposit offices at its offices at which messages may be deposited, and the charge thereon paid at every post office, in the United Kingdom at which no telegraphic office is established. To permit the pillar-boxes throughout the kingdom to be places of deposit for messages, provided such messages be written on stamped paper. To require payment for messages to be made in stamps, or by writing them on stamped paper and to issue special stamps for the purpose. To make the charge of transmission from any one part to any other part of the United Kingdom, uniformly and without regard to distance, one shilling for the first 20 words, with an addition of sixpence for every addition of 10 words or part of 10 words—such charges to include free delivery by special messengers at any place within the town delivery of the terminal office, when that office is a head post office, and within one mile of the terminal office; and to include free transmission by post from a deposit office to the nearest telegraphic office when the message is of a special nature, or free delivery by post, when the addressee resides out of the limits of the terminal office, and the sender does not desire to pay for a special messenger. To fix the rate for conveyance by special messenger beyond the free delivery at sixpence per double mile. To make arrangements, on the plan of those prevailing in Belgium and Switzerland, for the registration and redirection of telegrams, and for the delivery of money orders by telegraph, on payment of the charge for the message, and of a commission which shall not be less than two ordinary commissions, and under certain restrictions as to the amount to be returned by any one person.

"There is one kind of ship I always steer clear of," said an old bachelor sea captain; "and that's courtship, 'cause on that ship there's always two mates and no captain."

A gentleman having realized a large fortune in the United States returned to his friends in Zurich, Switzerland, having converted all his property into government bonds, and he was sitting at a table, a beautiful little girl who was in the room found some matches and unfortunately set fire to the pile of papers, which were totally consumed. This so exasperated the man that he killed the child with a blow of his fist.

NOT ALL AGREED.—In an address to the electors, Sir Henry Bulwer, not the great novelist, but his brother, who is high Tory, and a candidate for Parliamentary honors at the coming election in England, said: "I am for the disendowment of the Irish Protestant Church, because, if a Catholic minority were to impose on the Protestant majority of England, a Catholic Church Establishment, we Protestants should regard it as the greatest injustice; and I know no better rule, in public or private life, than that of doing unto others as you would wish others to do unto you." The volumes that have been written on Church and State get no nearer the root of the matter than the foregoing concise argument. The question for the consideration of English statesmen and politicians is not what is expedient at the present time, but what it is that constitutes strict justice to all classes of British subjects. When this is distributed with an even hand there will be peace, and not before, for the mere passage of time cannot transform wrong into right, or reconcile white men to oppression.

William B. Astor, of New York is reported to be worth one hundred and twenty million of dollars.

BIRTHS.

RYAN.—On the 23rd August, the wife of Mr. Geo. Ryan, Minto, of a daughter.

SMITH.—At Mount Forest, on the 23rd inst., the wife of Mr. Robert Smith, merchant, Mount Forest, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

SMITH—McCaw.—At Knox Church, Montreal, on the 27th August, by the Rev. Dr. Irvine, W. B. Smith, Esq., to Catherine, eldest daughter of the late Thomas McCaw, Esq., of Montreal.

YOUNG—MARTIN, MARTIN, PEDERGAST, JENICKSON, CLEVELAND.—In Salt Lake City, U. S., on the 16th of August, in the presence of the Saints, Brigham Young, to Mrs. J. R. Martin, Miss Emily P. Martin, Miss L. M. Pedergast, Mrs. R. M. Jenickson, Miss Susie P. Cleveland, all of the County of Berks, England.

DIED.

KIRKENDALL.—At Elora on the 28th Aug., after a painful illness which she bore with christian fortitude, Elizabeth, widow of the late Joseph Kirkendall, of Hamilton, aged 61 years. Deceased was a sister of Mr. D. Krebs of Guelph. Her husband was deceased.

ECROYD.—At Mount Forest, on the 20th August, Margaret Beatrice, daughter of Dr. Ecroyd, aged 1 year and 17 days.

HENDERSON.—In Arthur village, on the 14th of August, Eliza Smith, youngest daughter of Dr. Henderson, aged 5 months.

BROWN.—In Garafraza, on the 24th August, Jane, only daughter of Mr. Alexander Brown, aged one year and two months.

LEE.—In Mount Forest, on the 23rd Aug., Mary E. daughter of Mr. W. C. Lee, aged 2 years and 8 months.

New Advertisements.

Servant Girl Wanted. WANTED, a smart, active servant girl, to go to a Village a few miles out of Guelph. Apply at the Mercury Office. Guelph, Aug. 21. dtf

ESTRAY OX. CAME upon the premises of the subscriber, Lot 24, Con. 4, Erasmos, on the 21st August, a white Ox, marked with the letter W on the hip. The owner can have the animal by proving property and paying expenses. JOHN GRIEVES. Erasmos, Aug. 25. w3 dt

MONEY LOST. LOST between 3 and 4 o'clock, on Friday, on the road between Guelph and Elora, a small leather bag, containing a sum of money in silver. The owner drove up Woolwich Street, just past the Court House when leaving town. Any person finding the bag and returning it to the Mercury Office will be liberally rewarded. Guelph, Aug. 29. dtf

Chalmers' Church. THE REV. MR. DUNLOP will preach in the Court House, to-morrow at 11 a. m., and at 6.30 p. m. Sabbath School at 3 p. m. Guelph, Aug. 29. dt

Accommodation STAGE To and from Fergus. THE Subscriber begs to intimate to the public that from and after MONDAY, the 31st of August, he will run a Stage daily direct from Fergus to Guelph, as follows: LEAVES FERGUS at 7 o'clock, a. m., making Guelph in time for the morning train East and West. RETURNING, LEAVES GUELPH at 6.30 p. m., after the arrival of the train from the East, making Fergus at half past eight o'clock. Special attention paid to the comfort of passengers, and particular care taken of all baggage and parcels. JOHN GERRIE, Proprietor, St. Andrew's Hotel, Fergus, Guelph, Aug. 29. dt w4

JUST RECEIVED! AN IMMENSE STOCK OF CONCERTINAS CHEAP. At Clark's Music Store. —ALSO— Several NEW PIANOS. Inspection invited. SHEET MUSIC IN GREAT VARIETY. At CLARK'S MUSIC STORE, Market Square, Guelph. Guelph, Aug. 29, 1868. daw dtf

OPPOSITION STAGES. A CARD TO THE PUBLIC. UNDERSTANDING THAT MR. JOHN GERRIE has signified his intention through the Fergus paper, of starting an opposition line of stages, to run between Fergus and Guelph only, I beg to announce to the travelling community, as well as the public at large, that for the last two or three years, I have run a line of stages so as to accommodate both Fergus and Elora, timed to meet the arrival and departure of trains at Guelph. As I am one of the largest stage proprietors in Canada, as well as a mail carrier, I CAN and WILL suit the wants of the travelling public as well as the public at large, and will convey passengers at the rate of 10 cents, (return ticket) —free if preferred by passengers. These rates will be adhered to so long as Mr. Gerrie's line exists. R. B. COULSON, Stage Proprietor and Mail Contractor. Guelph, Aug. 29. daw 2w

Christadelphian Place of Meeting.

THE BROTHERS OF CHRIST having secured the use of a comfortable room over Higginbotham's Drug Store, the interested public are invited to attend with their families. Meeting every Sunday at half-past 2 p. m., until further notice. Room on the third flat. Entrance on Macdonnell St. Subject for to-morrow: "The Prophecy contained in the 44th Chapter of Matthew." Guelph, Aug. 29. dt

Anglo-American Hotel FOR SALE.

THIS HOTEL is the only first-class building that lies on the line of the Grand Trunk Railway between Toronto and London. It is 150 feet long by 45 feet in width, 3 stories high, and of cut stone; 12 and 11 feet high between ceilings; cellar full size of building, 10 feet deep. Also stone kitchen 40 x 24, with a cistern that holds over 1000 barrels of water. It is situated in the best business part of the town, and is directly opposite the proposed site of the new Union Passenger Station of the Great Western and Grand Trunk Railways. It is the only first-class building in the town that is capable of being a first-class business. The hall runs through the centre of the main building; the rooms are well ventilated and none in the house ever fall. The fences are of board and new. The furniture is nearly new, having been purchased only four years ago, and will be sold at a valuation. There is a stone stable, capable of affording accommodation for 100 horses; well arranged and runs through to back street.

Likewise there is a farm of 90 acres of the best land in the county, and the best cultivated, and will produce more per acre this season than any farm of its size in this county. Three barns and feeding stable and log house on the farm. Also a running spring creek, and other springs that never fail. The fences are of board and new. The farm is laid out in ten acre fields. All the farm implements are new, and will be sold if desired at a valuation.

Also, there is in connection with the hotel a Livery Stable, one of the best in Ontario, of fifteen boxes, doing the only first-class business in town and indisputably surpassing all others.

The proprietor is retiring from business and offers to the public a property, the advantages of which are seldom enjoyed by one man in business. The whole will be sold without reserve within three months, either the business separately, or the whole property as may be agreed upon to suit the purchaser.

Trans.—For the hotel property, half cash down will be required, the remainder to be paid in six yearly instalments, or ten per cent. allowed off the second half, if paid at time of sale.

JAMES O'NEILL, Proprietor. Guelph, Aug. 29. daw dt

SILVER AT PAR AND NO MONOPOLY.

THE Undersigned has come to the conclusion to deal as usual by taking silver at par, hoping thereby to squelch the discount business, in other places of the kind. All kinds of FRESH MEAT always on hand in Butcher Stall No. 2, Guelph Market. JOHN TYSON, Butcher. Guelph, August 28. dt

Pocket Book Lost.

LOST on Thursday morning, the 27th, between the Grand Trunk Railway Station and Elora, a Pocket Book. It contained five notes of \$10.00 each, in favor of J. Flury, Aurora, one dollar bill, an advice note from the Grand Trunk Agent for 10 pounds, and some papers of no value to any person but the owner. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it with S. Duffield, Great Western Hotel, Guelph; A. W. Blyth, Marden; R. Dalby, Elora, or Frank Brown, Clifford. GEORGE JENNINGS. Guelph, Aug. 28. dt w1

NO. 10. NO. 10.

FRESH BISCUITS, of all kinds. AT C. & T. MEREDITH'S.

MARMALADE, PEACHES and PRUNES, AT C. & T. MEREDITH'S.

PURE MOCHA and JAVA COFFEES, roasted on the premises. AT C. & T. MEREDITH'S.

TREAS, from 50c. and upwards, AT C. & T. MEREDITH'S.

TOBACCOES, Natural Leaf, Chewing and cut. AT C. & T. MEREDITH'S.

BRIAR Pipes and Pocket Knives, AT C. & T. MEREDITH'S.

N. B.—The Stock of the Canada Clothing Store is selling off in the same premises. Guelph, Aug. 27. dt

CLEARING SALE

OF AN IMMENSE STOCK OF WALL PAPER, AT Day's Bookstore, OPPOSITE THE MARKET.

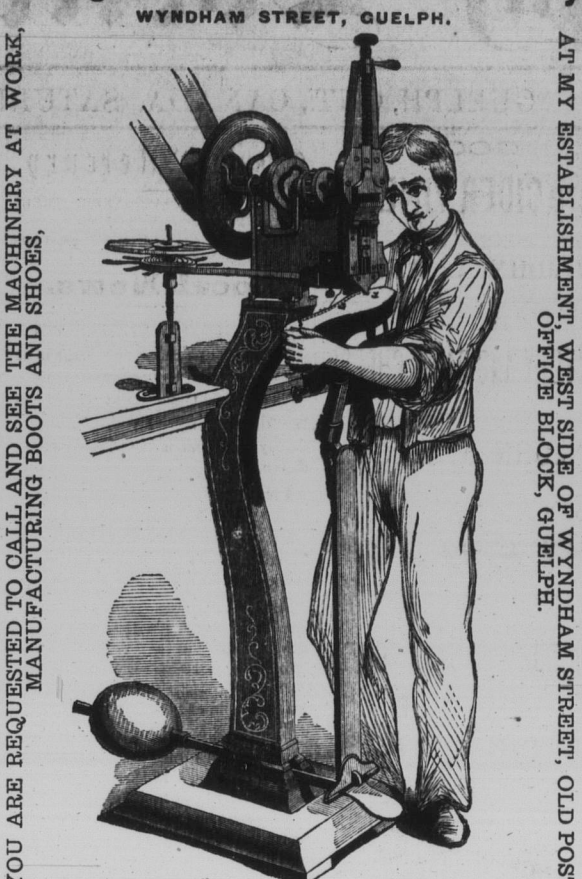
The balance of our Stock of PAPER HANGINGS will be sold at COST to make room for our Spring stock. Now is the time to buy; sooner than keep it over till next Spring we will sell at First Cost. A large lot on hand. Call early and select good patterns, at DAYS BOOKSTORE, Opposite the Market. Guelph, Aug. 22.

TO RIFLEMEN.

JUST RECEIVED AT GOULD'S MAGIC RIFLE-CLEANER! For cleaning Rifles and Sporting Guns, and instantly removing fouling and leading without the use of water or oil. A. B. PETRIE, Chemist, Guelph. Guelph, Aug. 21. daw dt

New Advertisements.

Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.



YOU ARE REQUESTED TO CALL AND SEE THE MACHINERY AT WORK, MANUFACTURING BOOTS AND SHOES. AT MY ESTABLISHMENT, WEST SIDE OF WYNDHAM STREET, OLD POST OFFICE BLOCK, GUELPH.

DO NOT SEND YOUR MONEY AWAY FROM YOUR OWN COUNTY TO ENRICH TORONTO. Kingston or Montreal, when you can buy a much better article for LESS MONEY, manufactured in Guelph. A **Defy Competition**. I have the finest stock of Machinery in Ontario, in Guelph Come and see it, and you will be convinced that the BEST AND CHEAPEST Boots and Shoes in the Dominion, are to be had at the **Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory**. I have a man to do repairing and Treeing-up. A smart, energetic, steady man, will find constant employment. JOHN A. MCMILLAN, Guelph, 28th August. (dw) Wellington Boot and Shoe Manufactory, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

No. 1, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

JUST RECEIVING, AT JAMES CORMACK'S A BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT OF Gentlemen's Ties & Collars, in the newest Styles, SIZES COMPLETE. Also, all the LEADING STYLES in ENGLISH FELT & SILK HATS. WITH A LARGE STOCK OF Canadian & American Hats & Caps. JAMES CORMACK, Guelph, 26th Aug. 1868. Wyndham-st. Guelph.

Golden Lion, Guelph.

A CARD TO FAMILIES, Boarding Houses, Boarding Schools & Hotel-keepers. COLD WEATHER is approaching, and preparation for it is necessary: CANADIAN BLANKETS! The Best Canadian Blankets made in the Dominion, is made for me by MESSRS T. & J. DAVIDSON, Guelph. These Blankets are made of the best Wool that goes into OUR MARKET, grown by farmers in our own County, and manufactured in our own Town. I am thereby enabled to offer the best article produced, and at a MUCH LESS PRICE Than any of my competitors in the business here. Those wishing to turn a No. 1 BLANKET at the Wholesale Price, will find it to their interest to call at once at the GOLDEN LION. JOHN HOGG, Guelph, 22nd August, 1868. dw

AT A MUCH LESS PRICE

JOHN HOGG, Canada Clothing Store | BARGAINS Positively selling off at 20 PER CENT BELOW COST COUNTRY Merchants and Tailors are particularly invited to inspect the stock of CLOTHING, TRIMMINGS, &c., which for quality and cheapness cannot be equalled in the Dominion. We challenge competition. Call from 10 to 12, in good working order. Call before purchasing elsewhere and get a bargain. RICHARD AINLEY, Guelph 26th July. dw

TRUNKS and SADDLES

Slightly soiled by removal at the late fairs, will be sold cheap. Guelph, July 8, 1868. dt w2

LACROSSE MATCH

The Six Nation Indians vs. Guelph. THE above match will be played on the Cricket Ground, which will be enclosed for the occasion, On Monday Next, 31st Inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M. The Indians will appear in full War Costume and after the match will perform. A WAR DANCE In the evening their CONCERT TROUPE will give an entertainment in the Town Hall. Admission to Match 15c. Tickets can be obtained from members of the Guelph Club. A. HEWAT, Secretary, G. L. C. Guelph, Aug. 26. w1 dt s

TOWN and PARK LOTS FOR SALE.

F. J. B. FORBES has been instructed to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Town Hall, Guelph, on Wednesday, 2nd of Sept., 1868, At Two o'clock p. m., the following Valuable Properties:

1.—Lot No. 1, in the Town of Guelph, nearly quarter of an acre of land, with three fronts, situated in a good business part of the town, between the Grand Trunk Station and the Anglo-American Hotel. This lot will be sold in subdivisions of twenty feet. Frontage on Market Square, extending to Macdonnell-st., about 105 feet.

2.—Park Lots Nos. 19 and 20, being part of the subdivision of Lot 1, in the 3rd concession, division C. Township of Guelph, 1 1/2 acres in a block, situated on the Grand Trunk Railway, and adjoining Judge Macdonald's residence, with an unfinished house thereon.

3.—Park Lots Nos. 25, 31, 32, 34 and 36—27 acres in a block—being part of Lot 3, 3rd concession, division C. Township of Guelph. The land is of the best quality, free from stones and stumps, and is situated for building sites.

4.—The west third of Lot No. 909, south side of Northumberland street, in the Town of Guelph, with commodious Frame Cottage, Garden, &c.

5.—Lot No. 15, in Thompson's Survey, South Ward, with a good substantial Stone House 24 x 22, containing five rooms and a good cellar. Also, a good Stone Stable, Garden, Pump, Well, &c., with the option of more land if required.

6.—Lot No. 12 on Liverpool Street, near the Grammar School, with a good cottage, containing four rooms, cook house and cellar. The lot is well fenced and cultivated.

Conditions of sale and time of payment made known on day of sale.

THOMPSON & JACKSON, Land, Loan and General Agents, Wyndham-st. Guelph, 8th August. dw2

Educational Classes

THE MISSES RHEMMIE OF London, England and New York, propose opening their Educational Classes early in September. Young ladies desiring improvement, or finish in the elegant or useful branches, will be received as boarders or daily pupils. Temporary residence: Mrs. Williams, Waterloo Road. Circulars at Mr. Cuthbert's Bookstore, Guelph, August 15. dt

MISS L. RHEMMIE, Teacher of Singing and Pianoforte, PUPIL of the best Masters in England, having taught successfully for some in New York, has removed to Guelph, and hopes to receive a share of the patronage of the families and ladies of Guelph and vicinity. Terms, &c., may be had at Mr. Cuthbert's bookstore, or Mrs. Williams's Boarding House. Guelph, Aug. 17. dtw

NEW MARBLE WORKS,

Woolwich-St., GUELPH. THE Subscriber would intimate to the public of Guelph and surrounding country that he has opened New Marble Works in Guelph, where he will have for sale and manufacture to order MONUMENTS, TOMBS, TABLETS, HEADSTONES, POSTS, &c., OF ANY SIZE OR DESIGN. Being a practical workman, and having had over 17 years' experience in some of the largest Marble Factories in Canada and the Eastern States, he has every confidence in being able to give satisfaction to those who may favor him with their patronage. The shop is on Woolwich St., a short distance north of Geo. A. Bruce's Carriage Factory. ALFRED S. FEAST, Guelph, August 15. dt w1

Constitutional Change.

THE members of the Tensorial Profession, viz. Messrs. Mimmack, Sumner and Allen, beg to notify their customers, that it is their intention to reduce the price of SHAVING to the old standard charge of FOUR PENCE. They also beg to state that the reason of the late advance was a consequence of their total inability to obtain small change; but now as their bankers have kindly consented to supply them with copper coin, they are quite willing to reduce their charges, satisfied their customers will fully appreciate this constitutional change. God SAVE THE QUEEN. Guelph, Aug. 25. dt

OATS, OATS.

OATS can be purchased from the subscriber for 62 1/2 CENTS PER BUSHEL at his store, West Market Square. Guelph, 19th August. ALEX. CRICHTON. dtf

Upper Canada College

WILL RE-ASSEMBLE On Wednesday, Sept'r 2nd, 1868, AT 9 O'CLOCK, A. M. WHEN all pupils, resident and non-resident, are particularly requested to be present. New pupils will then be enrolled, and those who failed to pass the midsummer examination, will be re-examined between 10 and 12.30 o'clock. Additional facilities are now offered to those pupils who do not desire a high classical training in the English or Modern Departments, in which they are thoroughly prepared for Mercantile pursuits, and for Civil and Military Service. A special class will also be formed adapted to requirements of junior boys of from 7 to 8 years of age and upwards. The fact that during the last six years' old College boys have carried off three out of every four Scholarships offered at the Matriculation of the University of Toronto, and a large portion of those offered at Trinity College, is a sufficient guarantee that its Scholarship has not declined. Very material changes have been made in the internal arrangements of the boarding house, to increase the comfort and secure the general well-being of the resident pupils. Every boarder is required to bring with him a certificate of good conduct from the master or tutor under whom he has been previously educated. Tuition fee, \$10 per term; tuition and board, including washing, rest in church and ordinary medical attendance, \$45. The commencement of the next session on September 1st, is the best time to enter College. For prospectus apply to the Principal, U. C. College, Toronto. Guelph, Aug. 21. T T 2w

Cedar Posts for Sale.

FOR sale, a number of Cedar Posts Apply to DENNIS COFFER, Guelph May 21st 1868. wt