Guelph Evening Mercury.

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Business Cards.

MEDICAL CO-PARTNERSHIP.

We, the undersigned, have entered into partnership for the practice of the Medical profession under the style and firm of Keating & McDonald.
THOS. AUCHMULY KEATING, M. D., M. R. C. S., England
A. A. MACDONALD, M.B., L.R.C.P., Edin., and L.R.C.S., Edin.
Guelph, July 1st, 1873. dlm w6m

REMOVAL OF SURGERY.
DR. HEROD
Has removed his Surgery to the rooms above the Guelph Drug Store, where he may be found from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance on Cork street. After 6 p.m. at his residence as usual. dw

DR. BROCK,
OFFICE AND RESIDENCE
Directly opposite Chalmer's Church Quebec street, Guelph.
Dr. Brock having returned from the South will attend to all professional calls as usual

FREDERICK ROSCOE, Barrister and Attorney at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Conveyancer, &c. Guelph. Office, corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets. dw

OLIVER & MACDONALD, Barristers and Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors, Notaries Public, &c. Office—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, up stairs, Guelph, Ont. (dw

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,
Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Guelph, Ontario.
D. GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN.
Guelph, March 1, 1871. dw.

LEMON & PETERSON,
Barristers and Attorneys at Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Conveyancers and Notaries Public.
Offices—Brownlow's New Buildings, near the Registry Offices.
A. LEMON, H. W. PETERSON,
CHAS. LEMON. County Crown Attorney

F. STURDY,
House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter
GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.
Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street. Guelph. f27 dw

WILLIAM J. PATERSON,
Official Assignee for the County of Wellington.
Office—Opposite Town Hall, Guelph. dw

IRON CASTINGS
Of all kinds, made to order at
CROWE'S IRON WORKS,
Norfolk Street, Guelph.
15dw JOHN CROWE, Proprietor

PARKER'S HOTEL,
—DIRECTLY—
OPPOSITE the MARKET, GUELPH
First-class accommodation for travellers Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.
The best Liquors and Cigars at the bar.
He has just fitted up a room where Oysters will be served up at all hours, in the favorite styles.
Pickled Salmon, Lobsters, and Sardines.
Guelph, Feb , 1873 dw

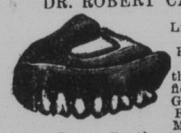
ROBERT CRAWFORD,
PRACTICAL
Watch and Clock Maker, Jeweller.
Wyndham Street, Guelph.
Gold and Silver Watches, Chains, Brooches, Rings, &c., Hair Plait and Device Work, Clocks and Time pieces, Jewelry repaired and made to order. Plated Goods in variety.
Guelph, Feb. 12, 1873. dwy

SCHOOL OF ART
and General Education.
THE MISSES RHEMMIE beg to announce that they will remove their establishment to the corner of Woolwich and Yarmouth streets, about the 22nd September, where they hope to receive a continuance of the patronage hitherto accorded them. Until then, pupils will be received as usual at their present residence, Market street. s30 4wd

NEW CAB.—The subscriber begs to announce to the citizens of Guelph that he has just purchased a carriage and is prepared to carry persons to and from any place in town at the usual charges. He has also a large pleasure wagon for pic-nics, excursions, &c. He hopes by strict attention to receive a share of public patronage. Orders can be left at Dr. Herod's Drug Store or at my residence, next door to the Primitive Methodist parsonage. JOHN EWING.
Guelph, July 12, 1872. d3m

W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S.,
SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH.

Office over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham and Macdonell-sts. Guelph
Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) administered for the extraction of teeth without pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable.
References kindly permitted to Drs. Herod Clark, Tuck, McGuire, Keating, Cowan and McGregor, Guelph; W. K. Graham, Dentist Brampton dw

PRIZE DENTISTRY.
DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL

Licentiate of Dental Surgery.
Established 1864.
Office next door to the "Advertiser" Office, Wyndham-st. Guelph.
Residence opposite Mr. Boult's Factory Street. Teeth extracted without pain.
References, Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire Herod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph. Drs Buchanan and Philips, Toronto Drs. Elliot & Meyers, Dentists Toronto. dw

J. H. ROMAIN & Co.,
Successors to Nelles, Romain & Co.,
CANADA HOUSE,
General Commission Merchants.
AND SHIPPERS,
26, City National Bank Building, Chicago, Ill.
References: Sir John Rose, banker, London, England; F W Thomas, Esq., banker, Montreal; The Marine Company of Chicago, bankers; Hon J Carling, London, Ont. Messrs Gault Bros., merchants, Montreal; Senator F Smith (Frank Smith & Co.) Toronto; J M Miller, Esq., Perth, Ont. (late of J M Millar & Co. commission merchants, Chicago); W Watson, Esq., banker, New York; D Batters, Esq., Montreal; J Whitehead, Esq., M P., Clinton, Ont; C Magill, Esq., M P Hamilton, Ont; T C Chisholm, Esq., S B Foote, Esq. Toronto.

New Advertisements.

WANTED — A cook and housemaid. Apply to Mrs. Lemon. s18-d

GOOD HOUSE WANTED TO RENT—Six or eight rooms. Apply at this office. d

CARRIAGE WOOD WORKERS. — Wanted two good hands. Steady employment. J. B. ARMSTRONG & CO.,
Sept. 22, 1873-2td. Guelph, Ont.

WANTED — A good general servant in a small family. Good wages to a suitable person. Apply at this office. 18-d

WANTED IMMEDIATELY — A junior salesman for the Dry Goods, one with a knowledge of Fancy Goods preferred. s22dtf GEO. JEFFREY.

MAPLE LEAF BASE BALL CLUB. —A meeting of the above Club will be held this (Monday) evening at the Queen's Hotel, at 7.30. A full attendance is requested. W. S. SMITH, Sec. 1

SUM OF MONEY FOUND—On Wyndham street, this morning. The owner can have it on proving property and paying for this advertisement. Apply to Mr. John Hogg, or at this office. d1

TO LET — A large two-storey Stone Building in the centre of the Town, suitable for manufacturing purposes. Apply to Robert Melvin, Guelph. jly18dtf

HOUSE TO LET — Stone house on Woolwich street, next St. George's Church. Apply to Armstrong, McCrae & Co. Woollen Manufacturers. s8dtf

FIRST-CLASS VARNISHER WANTed.—Highest wages paid. Constant employment given. Apply to Guelph Sewing Machine Company.
Guelph, Sept. 20, 1873. dtf

COW LOST—Strayed from the premises of the Catholic Church, on Wednesday (Fair Day) a red and white cow, heavy and low set, star in forehead. Any person returning her, or giving information to the Parish Priest where she may be found will be rewarded. s4dtf

LORETTO CONVENT.
The Ladies of Loretto beg to inform their friends and patrons that on Thursday, the 1st of October, they will open a school in the Convent for little boys not exceeding ten years of age. These little gentlemen will receive the same attention and instruction as is given to the other select pupils of the Institution.
Guelph, Sept. 22, 1872. w2d2

WANTED
At the Fashionable West End
Four experienced dressmakers; also improvers and apprentices to the dressmaking business. Two millinery apprentices and two active message boys. Apply to
Sept. 5-dtf. A. O. BUCHAM.

WANTED,
A respectable youth, as CASHIER.
John Horsman,
Hardware Merchant, Guelph
Aug. 19, 1873. dtfw2

EDUCATIONAL.
THE MISSES McDONALD
Will open a school for Young Ladies in Mr. Hatch's Block, Woolwich street, on Monday, 1st of September. Terms and particulars given on application. Residence, Queen st.
Guelph, Aug. 12, 1873 dw6w

THE TRIUMPH WASHING MACHINE. — We have manufactured it over four years; has proved a perfect success. Persons will do well to test our Washer before buying any other; they are simple, strong, and durable, and will save clothing, strength, time, health and hands. You can fasten on a wringer and do the whole work—washing, ironing, and blueing.

Theodore Fenwick, dealer in Stoves, Furniture, &c., Quebec st., Guelph, Agent. Agents wanted. Address Isaac Erb & Son, inventors, manufacturers and dealers in Wringers, No. 40, Elm street, Buffalo, N.Y.
Sept. 22, 1873. dw1m

CORN FOR SALE.
The subscriber has for sale at his store, Upper Wyndham street, Guelph, a large stock of
CORN, whole, cracked and chopped
JOSEPH RUDD
Guelph, Sept. 19th, 1873 d6

PEACH FESTIVAL.
A Peach Festival
In aid of the Ladies' Fund of St. George's Church will be held
In the Drill Shed,
On TUESDAY EVENING, the 23rd inst.
There will be a plentiful supply of Peaches and Cream, Hot Coffee, and other Refreshments.
Music by Vale's String Band.
Doors open at 7 o'clock.
Admission, 10 cents; Children half-price.
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.
Guelph, Sept. 16, 1873. dtdw1

FARMS! FARMS!!
A number of excellent Farms varying in size from 50 to 300 acres in the immediate vicinity of Guelph, and also in the adjacent Townships.
Parties wishing to purchase will find it to their advantage to give us a call.
MONEY to invest, on mortgage and good personal security. Terms liberal.
HART & SPEIRS,
Land, Loan and General Agents,
s15dw2w 4-Day's Block, Guelph.

FOR SALE — Allendale Cottage and Lands—the property of the late Richard Jackson, Esq., containing about 50 acres of land, about a third of it being well wooded with handsome shade trees, balance chiefly meadow, on which there is a convenient dwelling house containing dining room, sitting room, 4 bedrooms, kitchen, parlor and woodshed, with stable, coach-house, and sheds, having a good garden with some choice fruit trees. This property is situated on the Waterloo Road two miles from the Market, and is most pleasantly situated in the vicinity of Guelph, and is well worthy the attention of parties desiring to purchase in this neighborhood. Price and terms liberal, and will be made known on application to CHAS. DAVIDSON, Town Hall Buildings, Guelph. s3-dw3m

SPLENDID CHANCE FOR INVESTMENT.
Residence for Sale.
That very desirable property situated on Paisley street, near the Western Station, consisting of White Brick two story dwelling house, with four bed-rooms, front and back parlor, dining room and kitchen, with large soft water cistern, also two large dry cellars. The land comprises two fifths of an acre, well stocked with fruit trees in full bearing. For terms, &c., apply to
D. SAVAGE.
Guelph, July 30, 1873 dw

RAILWAY TIME TABLE —

Grand Trunk Railway

Trains leave Guelph as follows:

WEST

2:17 a.m.; 9.45 a.m.; 1:50 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.;* 8:33 p.m.†.

*To London, Goderich, and Detroit. †To Berlin.

EAST

3:05 a.m; 7:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 4:12 p.m. and 8:33 p.m.

Great Western---Guelph Branch.

Going South 6.50 a.m., 11.45 a.m, 1.05 p.m. and 5.00 p.m.

Going North—12:00 a.m. for Southampton mixed 1.40 p.m. for Palmerston; 5.50 p.m for Fergus; 8.15 p.m. for Harriston.

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TO PRINTERS.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY,

AT THIS OFFICE,

Two Good Compositors;

To those that suit steady situations will be given.
Apply at once.
MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, Sept. 16, 1873. dtf

BY TELEGRAPH.

The Great Panic.

New York, Sept. 21.—Jay Cooke & Co. says their London business continues uninterrupted.

Secretary Richardson left to-night for Washington.

At an informal meeting of thirty Savings Bank presidents to-night it was unanimously resolved that rules requiring notice previous to payment of deposits be enforced.

New York, Sept. 21.—There is strongest authority for stating that the action of Gen. Grant and Secretary Richardson in declining to place any part of the legal reserve at the disposal of the New York City Banks are acting on question of constitutionality of such action. If, however, to-morrow's development should indicate the necessity of the Government placing part of the legal reserve at the disposal of the New York Banks, such action may be taken notwithstanding its proposed unconstitutionality.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—At a meeting of the Officers of the Savings Banks of this city it was resolved to notify their depositors that they will avail themselves of the privilege of giving sixty days notice before making payment.

The Union Trust Company will it is reported resume business to-morrow.

Town and County News.

MAPLE LEAF meeting to-night. See advertisement.

Y.M.C.A.—All parties having bills or accounts against the Committee on the Refreshment Booth are requested to send them at once to the chairman, Mr. J. W. Cooley.

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.—The Great Western Railway Co. will run a special train from Guelph each day during the Exhibition, starting at 5. 40 a.m. and reaching London at 10. 45.

LORETTO CONVENT.—We understand that the ladies of the Convent, at the request of a number of their friends, have decided to commence a school for boys under ten years of age. See advertisement.

FIRE IN PUSLINCH.—Somewhere about two o'clock this morning a fire was discovered on the farm of Mr. Jas. H. Glennie, Puslinch, formerly owned by Mr. D. Stirton, M.P. The woodshed, cook-house and driving-shed were connected together, and about two rods from the dwelling house. The outbuildings were burned, and the verandah caught fire several times, but was eventually saved with a bad scorching. A buggy and cutter which were in the driving-house were burned, with some other articles. It is fortunate the house was saved.

CAMPING OUT.—The big guns of the Wellington Battery of Artillery succeed the "big guns" of the South Wellington Agricultural Association this week. To-day they go into camp for eight days. Their smart blue uniforms enlivened the streets this morning, and shortly after noon to-day the guns were limbered up, horses harnessed to the caissons, &c., and the battery marched up Wyndham-street *en route* for the Show Ground. They looked smart and soldierlike. The Association have kindly granted the use of the horse stalls and of the grain sheds, the latter to be used as a dining-room. To-night about 70 men will spend their first night of the eight under canvas. Capt. Macdonald is in command of the battery.

POLICE COURT.

(Before the Police Magistrate.)

Sept. 22.

George Wallace was charged by P. C. Turner with vagrancy on the 20th inst. Case dismissed.

John Coble was charged by P. C. Turner, with being drunk in the market place on Saturday. It being the first offence he was dismissed.

Thomas Welch was charged by Robert Patterson with stealing to ivory rings belonging to a single set of harness on the 20th of July, 1873, at Tyrell's Tavern, Morriston. He elected to be tried by the Police Magistrate, who dismissed the case the evidence being insufficient.

County Council.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

The Council met again at ten o'clock on Saturday morning.

The Warden read the written opinion given by the County Solicitor as to the legality of the by-law, and the expenses of taking the vote, as follows;—

"I am called upon at somewhat short notice to report upon the legality of the by-law to grant a bonus of $135,000 to the Credit Valley Railway, and the responsibility of the Council for the expenses.

"As to the first point, the clauses of the by-law most open to question are clauses 7 and 8; and as to these I think:—

"1st. That the Trustees are not bound to give the acknowledgment and agreement in those clauses mentioned. The statute does not authorize such an agreement. I think, however, that if the Trustees refused to give the acknowledgment and agreement they could not compel the county to give the debentures.

"2nd. If the Trustees give the agreement it would be an attempt to limit the powers conferred on them by the Railway Acts, and to that extent would conflict with the Acts. For instance the Acts empowers the Trustees in certain events to expend *all bonuses* pro rata over the road from Toronto westwards to the Brock Road, and from Streetsville to Orangeville, and to Fergus, Elora or Salem. The agreement provides that the proposed bonus from a section of this county shall be expended only from near Belfountain to Elora or Salem, or from Alton to Orangeville.

"3rd. I incline to think, however, if the Trustees gave the agreement and notwithstanding exercised the powers conferred on them by statute they would be personally answerable.

"The mode of making the loan repayable is not that provided for by subsection 1 of section 20 of the Company's Act of incorporation. This may become an important question if it be sought to compel the Council to submit the by-law.

"In all other respects than those above referred to the legality of the by-law is free from doubt.

"In view of the language of the Act incorporating the Company and Acts amending it, and in the absence of authoratitive interpretation, I find it is not possible to give a confident opinion in regard to this by-law. The question involved can only be set at rest by judicial decision.

"In regard to the second point submitted to me, I think the expense of taking the vote of the ratepayers upon the by-law will fall upon the county.

(Signed), "D. GUTHRIE."

Mr. McMillan presented the report of the committee appointed to examine the signatures of the petitioners. The report stated that the petition was signed by the requisite number of properly qualified voters. On motion of Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Gibson, the report was adopted.

Mr. Duffield moved, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that the opinion of the County Solicitor be received and engrossed on the minutes.—Carried.

Mr. McMillan expressed the opinion that the by-law was a perfectly sound one. He read section 8 of the Act of 1873, which provided that all agreements and bonds entered into between the company and the municipalities conditional upon the municipality granting aid to the company shall be binding upon the latter. He moved, seconded by Mr. H. Hamilton, that the Solicitor of the Credit Valley Railway be allowed to address the Council.

After some slight discussion the motion was carried.

Mr. W. H. Beatty, of Toronto, Solicitor for the Company, set forth the Company's version of the matter from a legal point of view. He read from section 34 on page 132 of the Act of 1871-2, in reference to the *pro rata* distribution of the bonuses given by municipolities along the route. This should be read in connection with section 8 of the Act of 1873, which provided that the company have the right to enter into any agreement they please with the municipalities within whose bounds the money is to be spent; and he contended that so long as the municipality was satisfied the Trustees were bound to carry out the agreement. He referred to Mr. E. Blake's opinion on the matter, which had been taken by the company, and which was as follows:—

"TORONTO, Sept. 18, 1873.

"*Re Credit Valley Railway Company and County of Wellington:*—

"I have perused the two petitions and draft by-laws laid before me, and herewith enclosed.

"Assuming that the requisite number of freeholders have signed the by-law now proposed to the County Council, that by-law appears to me to be regular in form and such as is contemplated by the statute, and I think the statutes make it compulsory on the County Council to submit it to the people.

"Even if the effect of the defeat of a prior sectional by-law would be to render it no longer obligatory to the Council to submit a duplicate of the defeated by-law, I am of opinion that the differences in localities, amount, and terms of payment between these two by-laws would prevent the proposed by-law from being affected by any such consideration.

"Of course, these conclusions upon the construction of statutes which have not yet received a judicial interpretation are not given with the same confidence as if that light were available.

[Signed], "EDWARD BLAKE.

"To W. H. Beatty, Esq., Barrister, Toronto."

Mr. Beatty proceeded to say—under section 8 the company had the right to make an arrangement as to where they will spend the money, and the trustees are bound by that arrangement.—Mr Geo. Laidlaw here whispered Mr Beatty, who corrected himself, and said that the trustees were bound by any agreement with the municipalities, and had to spend the money where the agreement referred to. He concluded by remarking that the County Council could be compelled to submit this by law if the parties interested thought it desirable.

Mr. Guthrie, by permission of the Council, made a few words of explanation. He said that the duties of the trustees were fully defined in the Acts of Incorporation of the Credit Valley Railway, and there was not a word said in any of the acts as to the entering into agreement. The agreement is with the *company*, and not with the *trustees*, who are a distinct body. It was extremely doubtful whether the trustees had the power to enter into an agreement at all. There was nothing at all in the statute regarding such power, although their duties were clearly defined by it. The section he referred to—which was not read by Mr Beatty—was an unqualified authority for the trustees, in case the company got bonuses from all the municipalities, to spend the whole of the bonuses *pro rata* from Toronto over both sections of the line, both the southern and the north-western sections.

Mr. H. Hamilton moved, seconded by Mr. Sutherland, that the by-law be read a second time.

Moved by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Brohman, that the by-law be read a second time this day six months.

Mr. Robb, of Maryboro, thought there was nothing in what was said by the Solicitor to invalidate the by law. The people had intelligence enough to judge whether or not the by-law was a good one, and it ought to be submitted to them, so that they should have the opportunity of judging for themselves. He denounced in strong terms the conduct of the representatives of the southern portion of the county in voting against the by-law, and denying to the northern portion of the county the facilities which they had themselves obtained. He spoke of the want of competition, and said that the W. G. and B. must be tapped so as to give communication with Toronto.

Mr. Massie deprecated the expressions used by the Reeve of Maryboro. The Reeves who voted against the by law were exercising their franchise in the manner they thought most beneficial for the interest of the county at large, and they were [illegible] in their vote by the expressed opinion already given by the people of the municipalities affected. Of the twelve representatives of those municipalities, eight were opposed to the scheme. Those who talked about competition being needed, were trying to get competition at the expense of other people who were not willing to pay for it.

Mr. Laidlaw also deprecated the remarks of the Reeve of Maryboro. Although the by-law now proposed was a different one to that formerly submitted, yet seven out of the eleven gentlemen representing that territory were opposed to the submission of the by-law. Another gentleman did not think it worth while to be here at all, so that there were only three from the interested group who were present to vote for the submission.

Mr. H. Hamilton said that there was the requisite number of petitions and signatures, and the law distinctly stated that under these circumstances the by-law must be submitted.

Mr. Roberts said that no doubt the inhabitants of the villages would like to submit this by-law and make the farmers pay for it.

Mr. Chadwick said that when the submission of the first by-law was proposed, the Council passed it without a dissenting voice; the people had rejected the by-law, and he objected to the question being re-opened.

Mr. McMillan hoped it would never be said that the County Council of Wellington had acted in direct violation of the law of the land.

Mr. Darby said it had cost nearly $1,000 to submit the former by-law to the ratepayers, and now it was proposed to put the county to a still greater expense in submitting another by-law, which would cost half as much more.

Mr. Dawson wished the Solicitor to be asked whether or not the Council were bound by law to submit the by-law now before them.

Mr. Guthrie said that was just the question at issue. If it were a legal by-law they were bound to pass it; but the question was, Is it a legal by-law? He felt strongly that there was no satisfaction in dealing with such a large amount of money without getting the opinion of the proper court upon the matter.

The amendment was then put and carried by a majority of 17 to 14, thus rejecting the by-law. The yeas and nays were called for and recorded.

A motion was then passed instructing the Warden to defend any action which might be brought against the Council in consequence of their refusal to submit the by-law, and the session terminated.

The Fire on Saturday.

At five minutes to four on Saturday the fire bell rung out an alarm, and a large number of people were soon hurrying in the direction of a heavy column of smoke which rose from the rear of two semi-detached two-storey roughcast houses standing at the south corner of the market ground, and owned by Mr. R. F. Maddocks, who occupies the westerly of two tenements. The easterly one is occupied by Mrs. Smith, and has a one-storey kitchen attached to the rear of the main building. The roof of this had taken fire, and when our reporter reached the spot a number of men from the adjacent work shops were already hard at work upon and around the building with buckets and axes, vigorously fighting the flames. Meanwhile the occupants of the two tenements were busy removing their household goods from the imperilled buildings, as were the inmates of an adjoining frame house occupied by Mr. Congleton. Scores of willing hands assisted, and the comparative lowness of the upper windows enabled articles to be handed out from those inside to persons on the ground, whence they were taken to the side of the road, and the police gave an eye to their safety. Very little damage was done in the hurried removal, and we were glad to see there was none of the frantic throwing out of anything and everything which came to hands regardless of smash, which is too often seen at fires. Meanwhile the energetic volunteers behind were gradually getting the fire under control. Plenty of water was at hand, a dozen pails had been procured, and the roof was soon drenched with water. It was not long before all external appearance of the flame was quenched. The fire, however had got a strong hold under the shingles. At about a quarter past four the engine began to play upon the roof, soon putting out the last vestige of the fire. The engine had only played a few minutes when the stream suddenly ceased. It appears that on the alarm being given the engine was taken to the tank close to the vegetable stalls on the market, and here the first delay arose, owing to the immense length of hose required to extend from the tank to the burning buildings, and the time expended in coupling it. The hose was at last laid in a diagonal line across the cattle fair ground, the fences being cut to make room for it, and after much tugging and hauling the branch was got barely within reach of the burning roof. Why the engine was not brought down to the tank in the immediate neighborhood of the fire, or even to the creek below, is a mystery. Then it appears that a length of old hose was put on by mistake, and as this was passed under the cattle guards in crossing the Grand Trunk track, the kinks and twists in it caused the hose to burst, and stopped operations until a new length could be substituted.

Mr. Maddock's loss will be something over $100, which is fully covered by insurance in the Wellington Mutual. The kitchen is gutted, and several windows wrecked. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a spark from a neighboring chimney.

THE EXHIBITION.

DESCRIPTION CONTINUED.

VEGETABLES.

There is a very fine display of celery. Messrs. D. Allan, C. Coffee, W. Roper, R. J. Smith, and C. Davidson coming off victorious with exceedingly fine exhibits. Sheriff Davidson, Berlin, has also a fine collection of this most pleasant esculent.

Carrots in the various classes make a spendid show; Messrs. D. Allan, W. Roper, Isaac Anderson, G. S. Armstrong, Fergus, Thos. Card, and W. Benham sustaining the reputation of the locality in the prize list, whilst E. H. Stock, Brantford, Chas. Foster, E. Flamboro' (prize), Wm. Wright, Eramosa, W. H. Carey, W. Flamoro', Jas. Carey, do, R. Wharton, Eramosa, A. A. Baker, C. & A. Sharpe, Jas. Hewitt, Puslinch, J. & A. Evans, do, Stock & Hay, Waterdown, J. Montgomery, John Ramsay, Nassagaweya, W. Benham, sr., Geo. Davidson, Berlin, Chas. Davidson, Guelph, contribute some fine specimens.

There is a limated supply of cauliflower on exhibition, but those shown are very superior. The first prize was given to Mr. G. S. Armstrong, Fergus, and the second to Mr. D. Allan, Guelph.

We have not space to further particularize; suffice it to say, that the beets, persnips, radishes, turnips, etc. are of that high superiority for which the names of D. Allan, E. Burge, Chas. Heath, G. S. Armstrong, E. H. Stock, James Mason, Chas. Davidson, W. Benham, sr., Geo. Sleeman, Drew & Dyson, Isaac Anderson, Chas. Foster, R. A. Gould, H. Duffield, H. K. Parsons, A. A. Baker, are a sufficient guarantee.

In melons there is a fine exhibition, the quality being of a very superior description. Messrs. Geo. Elliott, E. Burge, H. K. Parsons, Wm. Thompson, securing prize honors for themselves and honor to the district; whilst C. H. Stock and A. W. Slater carry of the first and third prizes to Brantford and Galt respectively. Messrs. Miller, of Virgil, Geo. Sleeman, Guelph, Stock & Hay, Edwin Sims, also send some very superior samples in the classes of scarlet, and green fleshed, and water melons.

The show of summer, or fall and winter table squashes is of an unprecedented character. Messrs. Chas. Foster, Wm. Wright, Jas. Anderson, Geo. Elliott being amongst the principal prize-takers from amongst a number of exhibitors.

In the collection of vegetables, there are four exhibitors; and the display attracts much attention from connoisseurs in vegetables. That veteran exhibitor D. Allan carries off the palm with Mr. George Sleeman as second, and Mr. Douglas Sorby as third. The fourth exhibitor is Mr. J. Woodhouse.

POULTRY.

Notwithstanding that this time of the year is a bad one for the exhibition of poultry, because of the prevalence of moulting, the show was an exceedingly numerous and excellent one. The large number of birds on exhibition necessitated the employment of a fourth tier of coops upon the top of the other three rows, and the exalted position of the birds in this fourth tier prevented the visitors from getting more than the merest glimpse of them. It would be well, also, if the doors of the coops could be so constructed as to give a better view of the birds — either by having the whole door of wire, or by making the wooden frame as narrow as possible and the full size of the coop.

All varieties of the domestic fowl are well represented. The portly Cochins, the stately Brahmas, the graceful Hamburghs and Polands, the saucy Bantams, the rowdy-looking game-cocks, the Houdans, the Crèvecours, the Leghorns, were strutting and cackling in full vigour.

The largest exhibitor was Mr. H. M. Thomas, of Brooklin, who showed no less than forty pens. Mr. Thomas has a provincial reputation as a successful and enterprising breeder of poultry; and he well sustains his reputation on the present occasion, by taking fifteen first prizes and fourteen second prizes. So large and fine an exhibit it is impossible to particularize at length. The birds were generally magnificent specimens, many being only recently imported. In Mr. Thomas' collection we notice a pair of exceedingly rare birds—*white* China geese. They differ from the common goose in having longer and thinner necks, and a knobby excrescence at the root of the bill. Mr. Thomas showed also some