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GUELPH, ONT., CANADA, THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 9, 1869.

PRICE ONE PENNY

VERY IMPORTANT.

VERY IMPORTANT INDEED.

The undersigned having purchased the

RETAIL

CONFECTIONERY

Pastry and Cake Business

From Mr. H. BERRY, intends carrying it on in all its branches, and hopes by strict attention to business to receive the support so very liberally accorded to his predecessor. Being a practical and thorough workman (having been foreman for Mr. Berry for several years), he feels confident of being able to give entire satisfaction.

BRIDE CAKES

Given up is a SUPERIOR STYLE, and of No. 1 quality.

W. ANGELL

Geolph, 24th December

Wool. Wool.

Wool of all kinds.

In Every Shade,

and cheaper than ever.

AT MRS. HUNTERS.

Fancy Woollen Goods,

A choice selection.

Slippers Worked and Unworked

in great variety. Ottomans, &c. Something new in

FANCY GOODS and TOYS.

Nov 29

DOMINION STORE

MRS. A. CARROLL

Desires to announce the arrival of a very large assortment of new Goods, including

LADIES' HOODS

Breakfast Shawls, Turnovers, &c.

The Stock of Wools will be found the most complete

to be met with in any retail store in the Province

WORKING CANVAS

Of all kinds, including Worsted, Cash, Royal, Half-royal, &c. Worked slippers, large and small. Heads of all kinds on reasonable terms.

Findings the first Printing Machine did not answer for Dress Goods, I have procured another one, which will answer all purposes required.

Oct 21

GOOD NEWS FOR ALL.

PROF. HERMAN'S

VERMIN DESTROYER

Which is known to be far superior to anything ever yet discovered for killing rats, mice, insects on poultry, ants, bugs, cockroaches, black beetles, fleas on dogs, ticks or scab on sheep or goats, &c., in less than ten minutes. Sold in packets at 25c per packet, or six packets for \$1.25. The powder is warranted free from all bad smells, and will keep in any climate. It may be spread anywhere without risk, as it is quite harmless to cats and dogs for they will not eat it. Directions for use on each packet.

The above discovery has gained for Professor Herman a silver prize at the International Exhibition for Victoria, Australia, of 1866, besides numerous testimonials.

Messrs. E. CARROLL & CO., Day's Block, Wyndham-St., Geolph, Agents for Geolph and vicinity.

May 29

BILLIARDS

Billiard Hall Refitted

New Style Tables

Exhibition Twice a Week

AT O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL.

Geolph, 24th February

DOMINION SALOON

FRESH OYSTERS

Of the best quality always on hand, and served up in all styles on short notice. Also, ordered for sale by the keg or can. The dar supplied with Sarsaparilla, Liqueur, and all the choicest liquors, and also the favorite drink.

"Tom and Jerry."

LUNCH between the hours of twelve noon and three p.m.

DENIS BUNYAN

Geolph No 2

ELORA BRITISH HOTEL

FOR SALE CHEAP.

This well-known Hotel, situated on the corner of Victoria and Walnut Streets, in the thriving Village of Elora, and in the immediate vicinity of the Railway Station, (Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway) is now for sale. The property comprises half an acre of land, through which a small spring creek runs. The buildings are in thorough repair, and rented at present to a good tenant, whose lease expires on the 1st of March, 1870.

Title indisputable. For terms and further particulars apply to

DAVIDSON & CHADWICK,

General Agents, Town Hall Buildings, Geolph, Geolph, 12th July.

VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE

For sale, that splendid property known as the Dewar Estate, comprising 200 acres of rich land, within a half mile of the Town of Geolph. The farm is well improved, well timbered and watered, and well situated. For particulars apply to Messrs. M. MILLAN & O'CONNOR, Barristers, No. 8 and 9, Day's Block, Geolph, Geolph, 25th October.

HARTFORD

Fire Insurance Company

of Hartford, Conn.

INCORPORATED IN 1810. CAPITAL, \$2,000,000

Special Rates for Dwellings and contents of stores of one to three years.

E. MORRISON, Agent

Geolph, 24th Dec 1869

ELEY'S AMMUNITION

The BOXER CARTRIDGES for Snider-Enfield of '57 bore, and for the Henry, and Martini Henry Rifles of '49 bore, and adopted by Her Majesty's War Department, also of '50 bore for Military Rifles.

Waterproof Central-Fire Metallic Cartridges enlarged Base for small bores, adopted by foreign governments for converted Chassepot, Berles Remington and other Rifles; also cartridges for Ballist, the Spencer, and American

Henry Repeating Rifles.

The ELEY BOXERS are the cheapest Cartridge known, carrying their own ignition, and being made wholly of metal, are waterproof and imperishable in any climate.

The above cartridge cases (empty) of all sizes, and for the different systems of breech-loading rifles, can be had with or without the suitable bullets and patches for sniping the cartridges.

BOXER CARTRIDGES of '49 bore for Revolving Pistols, used in Her Majesty's Navy.

COOPER RIFLE CARTRIDGES of all sizes for Smith & Wesson's, Tranter's, and other Pocket Revolvers.

FIX CARTRIDGES for the Remington-Union Revolvers of 18m, 20m, and 22m bore.

Central Fire and Fix Cartridges for all sizes and systems of Guns, Rifles and Revolvers.

Double Waterproof and E B Caps, Patent Wire Cartridges, Pat. Gun Wadings, Erench and Musket Loaders, and every description of Sporting and Military Ammunition.

ELEY BROTHERS,

Wholesale only. Gray's Inn Road, London June 10—w

WESTERN INSURANCE CO'Y.

(Established 1852) CAPITAL \$400,000.

FIRE AND MARINE

Head Office—Church-st., Toronto.

HON. J. McMURCHIE, President.

CHARLES MACRAE, Vice-President.

B. HALDAN, Secretary and Treasurer.

THIS Company insure against loss or damage by fire on buildings generally, and their contents, for long or short periods, money to be advanced on fire. The rates of Premiums, based on long experience, will be found moderate. The Company are controlled by any arbitrary third party of rates, treats each case according to the risk and class of hazard.

Geolph, 14th January, Agent, Geolph.

LUMBER, LUMBER.

GOWDY & STEWART,

In returning their sincere thanks to their numerous customers, beg to inform them that to enable them to carry on their steadily increasing business, they have purchased the Lumber Yard of THOMAS M'CHAE, Esq., rear of the Alma Block.

WOOLWICH STREET GUELPH.

Where they keep constantly on hand all kinds of LUMBER, from the most practical and best long, and cut to order all kinds of Bill Stuff on short notice.

DRESSED LUMBER!

Of all kinds on hand, or dressed to order.

Their Saw-Mills being near Georgetown Station, they can ship lumber to any point on the Grand Trunk, Erie or West.

They invite from intending purchasers an inspection of their premises.

GOWDY & STEWART.

Geolph, 3rd April 1869.

W. LESLIE,

GEORGETOWN.

SEWING MACHINES!

Singer, Howe, Wheeler & Wilson, Grover & Baker, Raymond, Wanzel, &c.

PIANOS, MELODEONS & ORGANS.

Agent for R. S. Williams' celebrated instruments. A fine stock on hand. Pianos, of the best makers.

BOOKS and STATIONERY,

SHEET MUSIC,

Magazines, &c. Fancy Goods, Wools, Brades, &c.

TORONTO NURSERIES.

Stamping done for Branding.

Georgetown, Oct. 27th

GO TO THE BEST.

THE BRITISH AMERICAN

Bryant, Stratton & Odell

Consolidated Business College!

Now the largest, most extensive and complete Business School in the country. This the largest and best adapted business college, and the best arranged and most commodious apartments.

It is under the management of thorough business men, fully alive to all the requirements of the business community.

The advantages and facilities afforded in this institution are unequalled in the country, and its young men should enter a business career without fully availing himself of its benefits.

It was awarded the FIRST PRIZE IN BUSINESS WRITING at the late Provincial Exhibition at London. As this is the SIXTH consecutive year that you have taken this prize, we feel confident that there can be but one opinion as to the value of the course.

For specimens of writing, bank notes, circulars &c. where to go to learn to write.

DELL & TROUT, Toronto

October 7th, 1869

FALL and WINTER ARRIVALS!

R. B. MORISON & CO.

Have received a large stock of

DRY GOODS

And have the selection of FURS THE LATEST styles to be had.

Groceries and Hardware

In full supply, and at cutting prices. CROCKERY and GLASSWARE is unusually cheap, and prices lower than anything hitherto offered in Ontario.

Household Furniture

The stock of Household Furniture is more extensive than usual, and some of it is made by the celebrated mechanic of this city, Mr. Fisher. On hand, a quantity of Stoves, &c.

For a list of our various Licenses.

R. B. MORISON & CO.

Geolph, 15th Oct

MONTHLY CATTLE FAIRS.

HARROW—Friday before the Guelph Fair

BOSWORTH—Saturday before Guelph

DRAYTON—the day before Elora

ELORA—the day before Guelph

GUELPH—First Wednesday in each month

CLIFFORD—Thursday before the Guelph Fair

NEW HAMBURG—First Tuesday in each month

BERLIN—First Thursday in each month

ELMIRA—Second Monday in every month

WATERLOO—Second Tuesday in every month

FORBES—Tuesday preceding the above

PEROGUE—Thursday following Mount Forest

MONROEVILLE—Second Thursday in January

MARCH, May, July, September and November

MONROEVILLE—Third Wednesday in January, April, July and October.

ELMIRA—First Monday in January, April, July and October

MARSHVILLE—First Tuesday in February, May, August and November

BRAMPTON—First Thursday in every month.

LONDON—First Friday after the Guelph Fair.

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THURSDAY EVE'G, DEC. 9, 1869.

BY TELEGRAPH

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES.

The Suez Canal.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Shallow iron steamers are building on the Tyne for the navigation of the Suez Canal. Mr. Ashbury is of opinion that no vessel drawing over 19 feet of water can pass through the canal.

The English Ministry have refused to accept the modifications of the Treaty of Commerce between England and France proposed by the latter, and magnificence the appointment of Dr. Temple, as Bishop of Exeter, has been confirmed.

French Affairs.

PARIS, Dec. 8th.—In the Corps Legislatif to-day, Forcade de la Roquette, Minister of the Interior, made a speech in favour of the verification of the election of Madroella, the Government Candidate for the Corps Legislatif. He declared that the Government defended the country against evil doctrines, and the country endorsed. In terms only disorders members of the Council passed. He was in favor of putting down evildoers who had disgraced Paris and other towns during the late election. He concluded by assuring the Deputies that the Government wished to establish liberty, but with prudence and firmness. The speech of the Minister was warmly applauded.

The Ecumenical Council.

ROME, Nov. 8.—The Ecumenical Council was opened to-day by Pope Pius IX. The weather was unfavorable, rain falling at intervals during the day; but enormous crowds filled the Vatican, and lined the streets through which the members of the Council passed. The Pope, followed by 700 Bishops, proceeded to the Hall of Council, amid the ringing of bells and thundering of cannon. The Pope was in fine health. The ceremonies exceeded in grandeur and magnificence any that have ever taken place in Rome within the present century.

American Despatches

Trouble Settled.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The Spanish Minister yesterday presented a paper to the Secretary of State denying the premises of the Peruvian Minister, and giving a pledge that gunboats are not to be the means of carrying on war with Peru or any other nation with which the United States are at peace.

The Peruvian Minister, on receiving a copy of the paper, expressed himself satisfied with the explanation and assurance of the Spanish Minister. Therefore the cause of detention of the Spanish gunboats is removed.

Town and County News.

GOLD at noon to-day was 123.

FAT CATTLE SHOW.—The fat cattle show to-day, was one of the largest ever held in Geolph. The report will appear to-morrow.

BY-LAW RATIFIED.—On Tuesday the Bruce County Council met and ratified the By-law granting a bonus to the W. G. and B. Railway by a vote of 16 to 8.

BEVY! BEVY! BEVY!—All day long at Day's Bookstore, and why, because \$3 dolls are sold for \$1.25, \$2 dolls for \$1; one dollar dolls at 50c; \$3 pocket bibles at \$1.25; \$1 pocket bibles at 70c. Also, a large stock of Children's Books for the holidays, and for anything in the book line Day's is the place to buy. A good assortment to select from, and cheap. dit

CURLING MATCH.—Wednesday was the day appointed for the first regular match of the season—Bachelors vs. Benedicts—two rinks a side. The rinks were cleaned on Mr. Allan's dam; but owing to some misunderstanding the Bachelors did not bring out the requisite number of players, and the match had to be postponed. Both rinks had good games notwithstanding. The following is the score:

Geo Bookless, John Scott, R. Emslie, G. A. Bruce, A. Congalton, All Stronach, D. Kennedy, skip 13. T. McCrae, skip 7.

BENEDICTS. BACHLORS. Jas Anderson, Jas Davidson, A. Armstrong, Jas Dobbie, Wm Congalton, D. McCrae, C. Davidson, skip 11. A. Robertson, skip 13.

DEATH FROM GAGGING.—A soldier was recently gagged while under arrest in the guard house at Halifax. The unfortunate man died, and on the inquest the most brutal treatment was proved against the Sergeant, Corporal, and two privates of the guard, and they were finally committed to take their trial for manslaughter.

Wellington County Council.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8.

The Council met at 10 o'clock, the Warden in the chair. Present, all the members.

The Warden read communication from Mr. McGinn, asking aid for the Deaf and Dumb Institution. Referred to Education Committee.

Mr. Leslie asked of the Reeve of Mount Forest if the \$372 overdrawn by Mr. Jobb, for aid to the volunteers, had been paid back to the County.

Mr. Swan said he was not aware that any money had been overdrawn. He held that if the county paid over this money to Mr. Jobb, the Municipality of Mount Forest could not be held responsible for it, as it never had the money in its possession.

The Warden read the report of the Commissioners of the Glenora Road, showing that since the June Session \$1,013.31 has been spent in the completion of the road and \$335.37 for repairs. The total amount expended is about 91c. less than the appropriation; also, report of the Commissioners of that part of the Elora and Saugeen Road from the Junction to Bosworth, giving an account of repairs made during the season, expenditure for the year \$4,050; \$35 are still required to pay balance due. They recommend that \$20 be paid Mr. Clarke, Reeve of Pilkington, for plans of bridges and other extra services.

Moved by Mr. Leslie, seconded by Mr. Sutherland, That a Committee consisting of Messrs. Whiteaw, Swan, Stewart, O'qbinn, and the mover, enquire into and report on the amount overdrawn by the Reeve of Mount Forest in 1866, on account of Volunteer fund. Carried.

The Warden read the report of the Commissioners on the Fergus Road from that village to the Junction—total amount expended \$1,207.82, leaving a balance on hand of \$73.17. Report of Fergus and Douglas Road—total expenditure \$201.80, leaving a balance of \$48.20. Report of Commissioners of Guelph and Ramosa Road—total expenditure \$303.04, being \$99 less than the amount appropriated.

Mr. Leslie presented a petition from Mr. Hockin, toll-keeper on the Dundas Road, asking the Council to make a deduction from his rent in consequence of the travel being diverted from the road by the closing of the Dundas Road bridge.

Moved by Mr. Goldie, seconded by Mr. Fraser, That the Warden be empowered to address a memorial to the Dominion Government, praying that a duty may be laid on all produce coming into Canada equal in amount to what the United States levies on Canadian produce going into the States, and that the system of fishing licenses to American fishermen to fish in Canadian waters be abrogated. The motion was allowed to stand till Friday morning.

The Council met at 2 o'clock. Present twenty-four members; the Warden in the chair.

The Warden read the following reports from Road Commissioners: Erin and Hillsburgh Road. The culverts are all repaired at a cost of \$51.50. The ditches are cleaned and all other repairs made at a cost of \$224.12. George Campbell's claim for gravel damages is settled for \$15; the County's fees are \$27. The toll-gate at O'pings is let for the sum of \$412. Hillsburgh and Requeing Road: There have been eight cedar culverts put in at a cost of \$100; the bridge on the Credit has been covered with tin, planks, costing \$10.34. There has also been some graveling and ditching done, the total expenditure being \$811.50. Hillsburgh and Reading new Road: Contract for construction let for \$20,220.50, overcost \$200. Commissioner's fee \$57. Toll house and gate have been let for \$240. Elora Road from Guelph to Junction: The total amount expended on this portion of road is \$553.95, leaving a balance on hand of \$246.65. (Lito No. 1 has been let for \$1,700, being a reduction of \$600 on last year.

Mr. Whiteaw presented the following report of the Committee on the Warden's address and memorial from the County of Simcoe.

1st. That it affords them the greatest pleasure to find that the securities of this County now stand so high in public confidence as to be sold at their face value.

2. Your Committee having taken into consideration the matter referred to them respecting the amendment of the Assessment Act, would remark that, in their opinion, any special or class legislation in favor of any municipal corporation or individual is wrong in principle, and unjust to the community at large. Your Committee would therefore recommend the following amendments to be made:

1. That sub-section 2 of section 71 be repealed.

2. That sub-section 3 of section 71 be amended by confining the duties and powers of the County Judges under said section to the equalization of the assessment of the municipality in regard to which the appeal has been made.

3. That sub-section 12 of section 9 be amended by striking out all before the word "and" in the third line of said section.

4. That sub-section 22 of section 9 be repealed by inserting after the word "attached" the words, "being the property of the congregation, and in cities and towns not to exceed half of an acre; and in other localities than cities and towns not to exceed five acres.

5. That sub-section 25 of section 9 be repealed.

6. That sec. 128 be amended by expressly declaring that the period of three years for the sale of lands for taxes shall have a retrospective effect.

7. The other matters in the Warden's address will move particularly come under the notice of the committee to whom they more properly belong.

In connection with this report, your Committee will submit, to-morrow, a pe-

The Estimates for Ontario.

On Tuesday night Hon. Mr. Wood, Provincial Treasurer, presented a Message from His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, in relation to certain sums of money that were used for the services of the Province in 1868-9, and also giving the estimates of expenditure for 1869-70, and recommending those estimates for the consideration of the House.

The amounts required for the various services are stated in full, as follows:

Civil Government..... \$120,370

Legislation..... 75,615

Colonization..... 50,000

Administration of Justice..... 184,000

Public Works and Buildings..... 698,222