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Business Cards.

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

AUSTIN C. CHADWICK, Barrister, Solicitor in Chancery, Notary, &c., Town Hall Buildings, Guelph. dw

STEPHEN BOULT, Architect, Contractor and Builder. Planing Mill, and every kind of Joiner's Work prepared for the trade and the public. The Factory is on Quebec street, Guelph. dw

GEORGE PALMER, Barrister and Attorney-at-Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Notary Public and Conveyancer. Office, over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store. Entrance on Macdonnell street. dw

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

F. H. PASS,
Painter, Glazier and Paper Hanger
All orders promptly attended to.
RESIDENCE—Two doors above St. Andrew's Church.
Guelph, Feb. 26, 1872 d3m

ROYAL HOTEL LIVERY STABLE.
The subscriber begs to notify the public that he has purchased the above livery from Mr Geo. W. Jessop, and will continue the business as heretofore. Having made considerable improvements, he will be able at all times to meet the wants of the travelling public. First-class Turnouts ready at the shortest notice.
Guelph, 6th Dec. dtf W. J. WILSON.

O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL,
IN THE
QUEEN'S HOTEL, GUELPH, OPPOSITE THE MARKET.
Refitted in the latest fashion. Five latest styles Phelan Tables. do

DOMINION SALOON.
Fresh Oysters in every Style
The table supplied with all the delicacies of the Season in a first-class manner.
☞ At the Bar will be found the Choicest Brands of Liquors and Cigars.
DENIS BUNYAN,
Guelph, Nov. 21, 1871. do

SODEN'S PUBLIC CAB.
The subscriber having purchased Mr. D. Coffee's splendid Cab, begs to inform the public that it will be at their service at all times, either by the hour, the day, or any other way, at the most moderate charges.
It will attend all the regular trains, also Concert and Balls, and can be engaged for Marriages or Funerals on the shortest notice.
Order slates kindly permitted at Mr. Harvey's Drug Store, Parker's Hotel, and Hewer's Western Hotel.
A careful and steady driver always with the Cab. A share of public patronage respectfully solicited.
Orders may also be left at the Owner's Grocery Store, Upper Wyndham Street.
Oct. 19, 1871. dtf R. SODEN.

DUIGNAN'S PUBLIC CAB.
The Subscriber begs to inform the people of Guelph that he has purchased a handsome and comfortable Cab, which will always be at their service.
He will be at the Railway Stations on the arrival of all trains.
Parties wishing to hire by the hour or otherwise will be charged the most reasonable rates.
As he will make it his study to see to the comfort of all passengers he hopes to receive a share of public patronage.
Orders left at the Express Office, Mr. Hugh Walker's, and at the Post Office will be promptly attended to.
Sept. 4, 1871. do JOHN DUIGNAN.

RAYMOND'S
SEWING MACHINES
Family Sewing Machine, shuttle
" Hand Lock Stitch shuttle
" No. 1, Foot Power.
" No. 2 for heavy work.
Furnished with table or plain leaf, or Cabinet Cases, as required.
CHARLES RAYMOND.
GUELPH, ONT.
July 12, 1871 1wly

THE BEST HOTEL IN TOWN.
CASEY ALWAYS JOLLY.
The richest drinks, best table, most comfortable beds, merriest company, and jolliest house in town at Casey's—The Harp of Erin Hotel, Macdonnell Street, Guelph. do

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, Quebec Street. Teeth extracted without pain. References, Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph. Drs. Buchanan and Philips, Toronto. Drs. Elliott & Meyers, Dentists, Toronto. dw

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

Office over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham and Macdonnell-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, Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Keating, Cowan and McGregor, Guelph; W. K. Graham, Dentist, Brampton. dw

PARKER'S HOTEL,
—DIRECTLY—
OPPOSITE the MARKET, GUELPH
First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.
The best of Liquors and Cigars at the bar.
JAMES PARKER, Proprietor.
Guelph, Feb. 6, 1872. dwy

New Advertisements.

BOARD.—Three young gentlemen can be accommodated with comfortable board in a private family. For address, apply at this office. 19-dtf

LODGINGS. — Wanted, by a single gentleman, a bedroom and sitting room, either with or without board. References given. Address Drawer 8, Guelph P.O.

HOUSE WANTED.—Wanted to rent, immediately, a neat and comfortable house, with 5 or 6 rooms, and hall. Apply by letter to R. Dixon, Inland Revenue Office, Guelph. 18-d3

PARCEL BOY WANTED. — Wanted at the Britannia House, a smart active lad, who knows the town. Apply immediately at HEFFERNAN BROS. m18 3d

CENTRAL EXHIBITION, GUELPH.
The above Exhibition will be held, commencing on
Tuesday, the 1st, and extending to Friday, the 4th October, 1872
GEORGE MURTON, Secretary
Guelph, March 20, 1872. w4

TO LET—In a pleasant locality, a sitting room and bed room, suitable for one or two gentlemen. Apply at this office.
Guelph, March 12, 1872 d1w

LUMBER WANTED.
Good Pine, Ash, Butternut, Bass and Cherry.
For further particulars apply to
BURR & SKINNER, Guelph.
Guelph, March 15, 1872 3tawd-w1m

TANNERY FOR SALE OR TO RENT.
The subscriber will either sell or rent his Tannery, on Surrey Street, Guelph. Possession given on the 1st of March. Apply, on the premises, to JEHU CLARKE, Proprietor.
Guelph, Jan. 9, 1872. dw

HOUSE AND PARK LOT FOR SALE.
Two and a half acres of excellent land, with good young orchard, bearing. Land well fenced. Good rough-cast cottage and stable on the premises, within about one mile of the Market House. Price moderate and terms easy. WM. HART,
Mar 11th dw2w No. 4, Day's Block.

FIRST-CLASS SAND FOR SALE.—The undersigned offers for sale, either at the Pit, or delivered when required, First-class Sand suitable for either Builders or Plasterers. Apply to JOHN FORD, Paisley Block Road. mdwtfw

FARM FOR SALE. — A farm of 60 acres, in the vicinity of the Town, good land and well watered. Will be sold very cheap, and on good terms of payment. Apply to Wm. Hart, No. 4, Day's Block. 12 2wdw

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN.—Convenient to the Great Western station, Lots 53 and 54 being corner Lots well fenced and a good dwelling house on each lot, with stable and pump. For further particulars apply to JAMES McDONALD on the premises or at this office. Title perfect.
Feb. 22-1mdw

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.
In the matter of JOHN McNEIL, of Guelph, An Insolvent.
I, the undersigned, John Garrett, have been appointed Assignee in this matter.
Creditors are requested to file their claims before me within one month.
JOHN GARRETT.
Hamilton, 25th Feb., 1872. dtf.

EGGS FOR HATCHING.
F. STURDY
Is now Booking Eggs from his Imported Poultry. Send stamp for circular.
F. S. having only a small number of hens of each variety, to prevent disappointment he would be glad if intending purchasers would lose no time in sending in their orders, which in all cases must be accompanied by the cash. Also state when the eggs will be wanted.
Guelph March 6, 1872. dwlm

CLOSING CONCERT.
The class in Vocal Music, conducted by Mr. F. Cushman, consisting of 175 ladies and gentlemen of this town, assisted by Mrs. Budd and Miss F. Reeding, will close by giving a Grand Concert in the Drill Shed, Guelph, on
Thursday Ev'g, March 21st.
When the most popular pieces of the season, some of the finest productions of the celebrated J. R. Thomas and H. P. Danks, and other favorite composers, will be sung on this occasion.
Admission 25 cents; Children 15 cents. Front seats reserved for ladies, and Gentlemen accompanying them. Tickets for sale at the usual places.
Guelph, March 19th, 1872. do

PAY UP! PAY UP!
The Subscriber respectfully requests all parties indebted to him by Note or Book Account to settle the same
On or Before the 30th Inst.
GEO. HOWARD,
Guelph, March 18, 1872 dw

PLASTER, PLASTER!
Just Received
600 Tons Fresh Ground Plaster!
Paris and Caledonia. Also a large quantity of Land Salt and Seed Grain.
For sale at the Montreal Warehouse, below the Railway Crossing.
G. BARWILL
Guelph, Feb. 20th, 1872 dwlm

NEW BOILER and REPAIR SHOP
The undersigned have opened a Boiler and Repair Shop, opposite the Grand Trunk Passenger Station,
IN GUELPH.
Having had twenty-five years experience at the business, they feel confident they can satisfy any one who will favor them with their orders, either on new or old work.
Steam Boilers, Oil Tanks, Stills, Sheet Iron Shutters, Iron Doors, Smoke Stacks, and Sheet Iron Work of every description furnished on the shortest notice.
Particular attention paid to repairing jobs of all kinds.
All orders sent by mail will be carefully and promptly attended to.
THOMAS & BUDGEON.
Guelph, Feb. 23, 1872 dewlm

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TUESDAY EVEN'G, MARCH 19, 1872

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Grand Trunk Railway

Trains leave Guelph as follows:

WEST

4:22 a.m.; 9.50 a.m.; 6 p.m.*; 8:30 p.m.‡.
*To London, Goderich, and Detroit. ‡To Berlin.

EAST

3:15 a.m.; 7:30 a.m.; 11:04 a.m.; 3:45 p.m.
The 1.55 p.m. and 6.50 p.m. trains are cancelled.

Great Western --- Guelph Branch

Going South—6.50 a.m., 1.05 p.m., 1.40 p.m for Hamilton; 4.55 p.m.

Going North—11.45 a.m. for Clifford; mixed 1.15 p.m. for Clifford; 4.55 p.m. for Fergus; 9.05 p.m. for Fergus.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

YOUNG LADIES JOURNAL.—We have received from Mr. T. J. Day the March number of this favourite Magazine. For sale at Day's Bookstore.

IN two hours last week, Dr. O'Reily, of Hamilton, vaccinated no less than one hundred and eight persons at the City Hall.

FIVE Tavern-keepers in Dundas were were charged, in one day, with selling liquor out of hours, but the informant did not appear, and they were dismissed.

SUNDAY MAGAZINE AND GOOD WORDS.—Mr. T. J. Day has sent us the March numbers of these well known Magazines which are now as familiar as household words. For sale at Day's Bookstore.

CONCERT POSTPONED.—We are requested to state that Mr. Cushman's closing concert has been postponed until Thursday evening, owing to the inclemency of the weather and the impossibility of heating the Drill Shed.

RETURNED.—We understand that Acting Bombardier Sully, and Gunner Sorby returned from the Kingston school of Gunnery on Saturday, having obtained second class certificates. These are the first men who have obtained certificates from the school, and they were obtained in the remarkably short time of six weeks.

DEMOREST'S MONTHLY for April is bright, and full of good things as usual. Its fashions are particularly full and interesting to ladies, and its literary matter varied, thoughtful, and suggestive as well as entertaining. It is pre-eminently practical, and therefore most useful as a family magazie. For sale at the Bookstores in town.

LAKE SUPERIOR STEAMERS.—The Owen Sound *Times* learns that the *Manitoba* is to be taken off the Collingwood route this season, and will be put on a new line between Sarnia and Lake Superior. The *Frances Smith* will be put on the Lake Superior route and will run in conjunction with the *Cumberland* and *Chicora*, while the *Algoma* will run between Collingwood and Sault Ste Marie and other intermediate ports.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—We have received a letter about the so-called burglary in the *Advertiser* office, which we cannot publish, first, because the writer has not sent his real name which in all cases must accompany communications, though not necessarily for publications; and second because the complaint about the editor of that paper leaving fire in his private office should be made to him privately.

THE NEW SILVER COIN.—In view of the fact that the new silver coin is arriving, it is hoped that Sir Francis Hincks will not forget to withdraw the fractional note currency, of which there is about half-a-million in circulation. A large portion of it is becoming much worn and disfigured, and whilst dirty and disagreeable to handle, many of the notes are mutilated, and in value they are worthless, but the public will be satisfied.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.—The anniversary of St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in several cities and towns in Canada by processions, etc. In Toronto the members of the Hibernian Society marched to St. Michael's Cathedral, where High Mass was celebrated. In Hamilton the members of St. Patrick's Benevolent Society had a procession, and afterwards went to St. Mary's Cathedral, where service was held. In St. Catherines there was a procession of the St. Catherines and Port Dalhousie St. Patrick's Temperance Society.

DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.—The members of the South Wellington Amateur Dramatic Society will give, under the auspices of the Working Men's Club, with whom they have recently amalgamated, a dramatic entertainment in the Town Hall, on Wednesday evening, the 27th inst., when the two act drama, "The Last Man, or the Miser of Eltham Green" will be produced, after which the capital farce of the "Limerick Boy" will be played. Vale's Quadrille Band will be in attendance. The members will no doubt get up a first-class entertainment, and it will be well patronized.

GREAT BANKRUPT SALE OF BOOTS AND SHOES.—As will be seen by advertisement the stock of boots and shoes, leather, machinery, &c., belonging to the estate of Mr. John McNeil, is to be sold off by the Assignee. As the whole stock must be cleared out in thirty days special inducements are offered to buyers. The goods will be sold at less than first cost, and a further discount will be given to parties who buy up to a certain amount. This is a splendid chance for getting cheap boots and shoes. Special inducements will be offered to country merchants who buy a quantity of goods. See advertisement.

EXTENSION OF THE WELLINGTON, GREY AND BRUCE RAILWAY.—A very large and influential meeting of the ratepayers of Arran, County of Bruce, was held at Arkwright, on Saturday, the Reeve in the chair. A deputation, consisting of the Mayor and several leading merchants from Owen Sound, was present and addressed the meeting. At the close the following resolution was unanimously carried:—"That this meeting is of opinion that the Township of Arran should lend liberal assistance to a fair project for the extension of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway, from some point at or near Paisley to the Town of Owen Sound, provided the said extension traversed the Township in such a direction as to do justice to all parts thereof."

UNNECESSARY ALARM.—The Hamilton *Times* relates an incident which occurred on the Brantford branch of the Great Western Railway one day last week. An elderly gentleman, with several suspicious red spots on his face, entered one of the cars, and quietly took a seat. An inquisitive chap asked him if he had the small-pox, and he replied "yes." There was a general scramble among those of the passengers who overheard the conversation, and the smoking car was soon crowded. The conductor peeped in and demanded how long it was since the afflicted individual had recovered. "Well, sir," replied the victim of the disease, "I cannot say exactly; but as near as I can recollect, it was about 25 years ago."

THE SMALL-POX IN BRUCE.—The Walkerton *Herald* of last week says:—The small-pox is still on the increase. A few more deaths have occurred this week. In the two English families in Brant in which the disease is, another death has occurred in that of Mr. Burrell. His son about 21 years of age, died after a short illness. In the other family, the death of Mrs. Smith has to be recorded. In the adjoining township of Bentinck, there are 15 cases. We have not learned how many deaths took place during the week. The disease has broken out at Riversdale in the township of Greenock. It was brought there by a young man who appears to have caught it while working on the railway. He died from the disease. A child took it and it is dead also. We believe that so far, these are the only two cases which have appeared in Riversdale.

DIED FROM THE EFFECTS OF HER INJURIES.—We regret to learn that Mrs. Macdonald, wife of Judge Macdonald, died this (Tuesday) morning, from the effects of the injuries she received by being thrown from a cutter on Saturday the 2nd inst., the particulars of which we gave at the time. She was progressing very favourably until about two days ago, when unfavorable symptoms manifested themselves, and erysipelas set in. During Monday night she was restless, but the family were not apprehensive of serious consequences. Yet the disease was slowly but surely gaining the mastery, and unexpected by all she breathed her last about eight o'clock on Tuesday morning. The deceased was highly esteemed in the circle in which she moved, and by all who were acquainted with her, and her death will be a heavy blow to the Judge and his family, who have the hearty sympathy of the public.

The Late Bazaar.

To the Editor of the Mercury.

SIR,—The receipts of the late Bazaar amount to $1568; a sum apparently considerable, but really diminutive when contrasted with the net value of the prizes ($1500), and the time and trouble expended on the undertaking. With this balance sheet in view, it is simple truth to say, that the public, as a body, got the worth of their money. At the same time, our indebtedness is shown to those ladies by whose munificence the prizes were contributed; for had the fine articles on our prize list been purchased instead of being presented, the bazaar could not be deemed remunerative. Far from us, however, is the presumption to disregard the benevolence of those who favored our charitable enterprise by the purchase of tickets. From their temper of mind, as winners or losers, it was manifest that they treated the bazaar as a relaxation from serious pursuits, and not as a dangerous incentive to cupidity, and esteemed more the object for which it was instituted, than their own private emolument. The following list of places where prizes were distributed will be interesting to your readers:—Guelph 126, Hamilton 21, Toronto 19, Pilkington 22, Peel 18, Nichol 3, Fergus 29, Elora 18, Garafraxa 13, Galt 9, Hespeler 8, Paris 4, Harrisburg 7, Acton 10, Rockwood 5, Berlin 4, Puslinch 11, Eramosa 3, Chatham 9, Waterloo 1, Ottawa 1, Halifax 2, Point Edward 1, St. Catharines 1, London 1, Brantford 1, Stirton 1, Vallentyne 1, Carlisle 1, Everton 1, Keenansville 1, Leslieville 1, New York 33, Michigan 13, Ohio 8, Indiana 1, Montana 1. Yours truly,

E. O'CONNOR,
Secretary Bazaar Committee.
Guelph, March 19, 1872.

MILITARY CAMP.—The Windsor *Record* of Thursday states that Col. Taylor and Brigade-Major Moffat would visit Sandwich the next day for the purpose of ascertaining if the locality is suitable for a camp of instruction for the Western District, and feels confident that these gentlemen will be favorably impressed with the site.

GOOD WORDS AND SUNDAY MAGAZINE.—Mr. John Anderson has sent us the March numbers of those excellent magazines, which are filled with useful, instructive reading, and beautifully illustrated. For sale at Anderson's.

YOUNG LADIES' JOURNAL.—Mr. Anderson has sent us this periodical for March. It is a great favorite in the family, and is profusely illustrated.

BY TELEGRAPH
THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

The International Society.

Chicago Relief Fund.

Tragedy in New York.

New York, March 18.—The members of the International Society of New York celebrated this evening the first anniversary of the rising of the Communists in Paris. A lady speaker made an address on the principles of Commune, and said they were sure to triumph. The people of America were, she declared, being rapidly educated to the doctrines of the Communists.

Chicago, March 18.—The aggregate issues of the Relief and Aid Society to March 2nd were:—1,460,117 articles or yards of goods, among these were over 21,000 matresses, over 60,000 blankets, 56,000 pairs of shoes, 1,283,000 articles of clothing, 15,000 bedsteads, 12,000 stoves, and 30,000 tons of coal.

New York, March 18.—A tragedy, most sad in its details, took place in the Seventh Ward yesterday. William Trevert, a German citizen in comfortable circumstances, accidentally shot his wife with a pistol, instantly killing her. Trevert became a raving maniac when he saw what he had done.

The *Tribune* says a report comes that a consolidation of the Heath & Rapheal and the McHenry, Bischoffchem, and Goldschmidt interests in the Erie Ring has been effected, which, if true, will narrow down the contest for the control of the road to two parties, viz.: the American and London interests, with the preponderence of power at present decidedly in favour of the latter interest.

QUEEN'S COUNSEL.—The Lieut. Governor has given the following barristers the rank of Queen's Counsel:—Messrs. D. McMichael, Wm. Proudfoot, C. S. Patterson, E. B. Wood, J. T. Anderson, S. H. Blake and Thomas Moss.

THE DETROIT RIVER TUNNEL.—The Windsor *Record* says the contractor is hard at work preparing for active operations on the site selected beside the building known as Craig's blacksmith shop, a little east of the round house. The derrick for containing the engine and other machinery will be finished in a few days, and before the close of another week, boring will probably be commenced.

LET JUSTICE BE DONE.—The eternal principles of justice ought to be vindicated at whatever cost, and if the vindication is made by due process of law it generally costs fully as much as it comes to. Yates City, in Illinois, is engaged in prosecuting a man for a tax of two dollars which he declares he has paid. He beat the city in the suit the first time, and the case was appealed. A few days ago it was tried on appeal. There were five attorneys employed, the jury heard evidence for three days, and then wrangled over the matter for twenty-four hours on empty stomachs, and finally disagreed, standing six to six. The costs now amount to several hundred dollars and there is to be yet another trial.—*Philadelphia Day.*

MATERIALS FOR CHICAGO.—The *Standard* says that a gentleman from Chicago is in Hamilton purchasing building materials for that city. The largest stock he could ferret out in Ontario was a pile of 1,000,000 at Hamilton, which was held at $7 per thousand, while American brick can be got in Chicago at $10 greenbacks. Pressed brick, however, can be sent thither from Canada at $20 per thousand, with duty removed, and this is less than one-third the price of the Philadelphia article our western cousins have been using. Some Canadian brick-makers, by the way, propose to remove their factories to Chicago. Hamilton sandstone is the most available and likely material we have, in the opinion of this gentleman for use in mercantile and ecclesiastical buildings, and if the Relief Bill passes, no doubt much of it will find its way to Chicago.

DEATH OF ONE OF BURNS' SONS.—Colonel William Nicol Burns, the Second of the three sons of Robert Burns, who, alone of his six children, survived infancy, and the last survivor of those three, has died at his residence at Cheltenham, England, in his eighty-second year, having been born on the 9th of April, 1791. Like his younger brother, James, who died in November, 1865, William was an officer in the East India Company's service, from which he retired, after fulfilling his term of service, nearly thirty years ago. His elder brother, Robert, died at Dumfries about ten years ago. Of the three brothers only one, though all were married, left children—namely, the second, James, who had two daughters. The eldest of these, Sarah, married an Irish physician, Dr. Hutchinson, and had several children, the eldest of whom, Robert Burns Hutchinson, has lately finished his education at Christ Church Hospital, London. He and his sister are the only descendants of the poet in the fourth generation; Miss Annie Burns, Col. James' second daughter, being unmarried. Since his retirement from actual duty Col. William Burns has resided mainly at Cheltenham, as did his brother.

GOLD DISCOVERIES NEAR THUNDER BAY.—A Detroit paper states that a letter from Capt. Frue, dated at the Silver Islet Mine, Feb. 15th, represents that great excitement then existed in consequence of the recent gold discoveries in that vicinity. The place at which gold has been found is called Jackfish Lake, and is about seventy-five miles north of Thunder Bay, not far from the road constructed by the Canadian Government in 1870, when sending troops to Manitoba. Capt. Frue has just returned from a personal inspection of the vein, and reports it to be of the greatest richness, far surpassing any similar discovery on this continent. The vein is of almost pure native gold, though silver is found mixed with it in some places. Specimens which Capt. Frue picked up he said would yield gold at the rate of $20,000 to the ton. The location was owned and the gold was found by some New York parties. A recent letter from Lake Superior received by a business man in this city represents that the greatest excitement was prevailing on account of the reports from the North Shore. All the surveyors who could be found had been engaged to proceed to the vicinity of Jackfish Lake, and prospecting for gold and silver is likely to become the chief occupation of the inhabitants.

Town Council.

The regular meeting of the Town Council took place on Monday evening, His Worship the Mayor in the chair. Present—Messrs. Snider, Stevenson, Bruce, Crowe, Howard, Stewart, Mitchell, McMillan, Robinson, Allan, and Bell.

COMMUNICATIONS, &c.

The Mayor read a communication from Mr Geo. Murton, Secretary of the S. W. Agricultural Society, containing a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Society, asking the Council to form a Committee to co-operate with the managers of the Central Exhibition.

Mr Mitchell read a petition from the Fire Brigade, asking that the remuneration of the members be increased from $12 to $20 per annum, and asking for a new uniform. Also from Martin Deady asking for license for the Wellington Hotel.

Mr Howard read a petition from Rev. Jas Howie, asking for a remission of taxes.

Moved by Mr Allan, seconded by Mr Stewart, that Messrs. Robertson, Bruce, McMillan and Bell, be a committee to co-operate with the managers of the Central Exhibition.

Mr Bruce, read the report of the Relief Committee to the effect that they had considered the request of Wm Smith, but would not recommend that the Council go to the expense of sending him to the old country, as he was too feeble to undertake the journey; also, that they had been assisting Alex Ogg, but as he and his wife had been spending the money rather freely, they thought it an injudicious expenditure. Adopted.

Mr Allan, read the report of the Central Exhibition Committee asking for a further grant of $300; and asking that the Clerk might be instructed to advertise for tenders for painting the Exhibition buildings. Adopted.

Council then adjourned.

NEWS ITEMS.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* says:—"The success which has marked the exportation of small-pox from the United Kingdom to the United States, free of duty, must have surpassed the most sanguine hopes of those interested in the Society for the Diffusion of Diseases. No fewer than 152 vessels, with living freights amounting collectively to 82,138 persons, were detained outside the port of New York last year by the health officer on account of the presence of small-pox on board."

A dozen cases of small-pox were made known to the authorities of Windsor on Thursday last. Several cases have proved fatal.

The French language has about 32,000 words, the Spanish 30,000, the Italian 35,000, and the English 40,000.

Europe has, as nearly as can be calculated, 500,000 miles of railroad, and America 200,000. India has 14,000 miles and Australia 10,000.

Riel has been seen near St. Paul. He is reported to have expressed his intention to return to Manitoba, where he would submit to legal investigation. He declined to tell his destination, or to give any information as to the whereabouts of Scott's body.

A little thing in a Sabbath School was asked by her teacher if she always said her prayers night and morning. "No, miss, I don't." "Why, Mary, are you not afraid to go to sleep in the dark without asking God to take care of you, and watch over you till morning?" "No, miss, I ain't—'cause I sleep in the middle.

A Scotchman, observing that the once white linen of one of his employees had, through long absence of soap and water, become a hazy black, inquired as prelude to a homily on cleanliness, how often his shirt was washed. 'Aboot once a month,' 'Why,' retuned the querist, 'I require two shirts a week.' 'Twa sarks in a week!' ejaculated Robbie; 'ye maun be a dirty deevil!'

Some idea of the value of the great cattle hive, Texas, may be gained from the statement that there are nearly 4,000,000 head of cattle in that State. Seven hundred and fifty thousand calves are raised and branded every year. All are raised on the great Texan plains, which cover an area of 152,000,000 acres.

The convents and cloisters of Brazil are to be turned into free schools. In some cases the necessary changes in the buildings are already in progress.

It seems incredible, but it is confidently stated, that the first Protestant baptism of an infant that ever occurred in the Island of Cuba, took place about three weeks ago.

The Mont Cenis Tunnel cost $975 per linear yard, the cost of the Hoosac tunnel is about $900, and that of the most expensive in England, the Saltwood, is only $500.

One of Boulton & Watts' original engines, erected in 1799, is said to have been uninterruptedly at work up to the present time in the Spanish cinnabar mine at Almaden.

We read of a case of human perfection occurring in a rather unpromising quarter. A local newspaper chronicles the existence of a man in Spalding County, Ga., who has never sworn an oath, never taken "a drink," never chewed tobacco, and never smoked a cigar. In that part of the world, he is looked upon as a miracle; and they affectionately record his other little traits; for it seems he "never owned a pair of boots, a pistol, nor a watch." Some of these negative idiosyncracies would be rare anywhere, but the whisky and pistol peculiarity, considering the old gentleman's latitude is astonishing.

☞ A woman in San Francisco has opened a billiard saloon. The room is handsomely fitted up, and the tables, ten in number, are of the Phelan & Collender make. The markers and bar-tenders are also women, and the establishment boasts a large patronage. The proprietor is young and pretty, and handles the cue deftly. The other billiard room proprietors are trying to buy her off but she will not sell. She promises, however, in time to take in a partner.