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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LOST Between Alma Block and Western station, a roll of drawings. The finder will receive the thanks of the owner and be suitably rewarded by leaving the same at Burr & Skinner's 97 Wyndham street.
Guelph, Nov. 27th. dtf

TO THE LADIES.

Mrs. Bones would intimate that she has established an old country Mangle, at 140 Perth street, Guelph, where she will be happy to do mangling on reasonable terms, linen called for and delivered at their residences, all orders left at John Clegborn's grocery store will receive prompt attention. MRS. BONE. Nov. 25. diw

THE regular convocation of King David's Encampment No. 2 Royal Black Knights of Malta, will be held in their hall on Tuesday evening, the 28th inst., at 8 p. m., when a full attendance is requested, as Grand Master, R. E. A. Land, of Hamilton, will be present.
DAVID SCROGGIE,
Nov. 27th dtf. Sir Knt. Commander.

ROOMS AND BOARD.—Wanted two comfortable rooms, with board, for a gentleman and wife. Apply to Drawer 17, Guelph Post Office. Nov. 25th. dl.

WANTED.—A good kitchen girl, who understands cooking. Apply to MRS. REYNOLDS, Park House, London Road. November 25th. d3.

LOUIS ZIMMER, dealer in hides, sheepskin calf, kip, pelts, furs, wool, grain, potatoes apples, &c. Guelph, Oct. 12th. dwtf.

$10,000

To Loan on Real Estate. Apply to CHARLES DAVIDSON, Town Hall Buildings, Guelph September, 25th, 1876. dwtf.

WANTED a situation as governess, by a young lady, competent to teach young children English, Music and French, and who has had two years experience in a gentleman's family. Address Drawer 17, P. O. Guelph.
GUELPH, Nov. 14th, 1876. eodtf

JOHN BOULT BUILDER & CONTRACTOR (successor to Stephen Boult,) The trade, and the public supplied with every description prepared joiner's work. The Factory and Planing Mill is on Quebec Street East, in rear of Russell & Anderson's store. sept 24 1876

MARE LOST. Strayed from the premise of the subscriber on Saturday the 1st inst a small dark brown mare, white face, rat tailed one of the fore feet white. Any person giving such information as will lead to her recovery will be suitably rewarded.
B. McTAGUE
Guelph, July 6th. dtf Water Street

POTATOES.—Not having great confidence in my cellar if there should be a cold winter, I offer 900 bags of potatoes, first-class Early Rose, at 75 cents per bag, by cash paid at the storehouse, from one bag up. Apples from one barrel up at $1.80. Oats from ten bushels up at 41 cents per bushel.
LOUIS ZIMMER.
GUELPH, Nov. 14th, 1876. d-2, w-tf.

FOR SALE!

At Davis, Hood & Harrison's, Packing House, opposite the Grand Trunk passenger station,
PIGS, HEADS, PORK CUTTINGS, TENDER LOINS, SMOKED MEATS, BACON AND LARD.
Guelph, Nov. 21st 876. dtf

WELLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Wellington will meet in the Court House, Guelph, on Tuesday 5th December next, at two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
JOHN BEATTIE, Clerk.
Fergus, Nov 22nd, 1876. d5w1.
County weekly newspapers will please give one insertion each.

LADIES' FANCY WORK!

A class for teaching young ladies' fancy work, including knitting, netting, crotchet, Berlin wool and paper flowers, will be opened at 162, Surrey Street, on Saturday, December 2nd, from 2 to 4 p.m. Terms $4 per quarter.
November 25th, 1876. d1

CAULFELD MILLS, PUSLINCH.

A. B. Cordiner & G. I. Haig,

of Puslinch, having entered into partnership, are now carrying on the above mills, where they are doing a general gristing and flouring business. Wheat bought at Guelph market prices for cash.
Puslinch, Nov. 9th 1876. d1w2.

TAXES FOR 1876.

NOTICE.—All parties having been duly notified of the amount of their taxes, are requested to pay forthwith. The collector will be in attendance each day at the Town Hall from 2 to 4 p. m. Taxes will also be received at his residence, 137 Cork street, from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m.
GEO. SMITH, Collector
Guelph, Nov. 18th.

Mechanics' Institute Evening Classes.

All parties desirous of joining either the Commercial or Drawing Classes, to be held during the winter months in connection with the Guelph Mechanics' Institute, are requested to leave their names at Mr. G. B. Fraser's store on or before

Monday, 27th Instant.

Mr. Somerville, Assistant Master in the High School, will have charge of the Commercial Class, and Mr. T. S. Martin, who conducted the Drawing Class last year, will again have charge of it this season.
TERMS FOR COURSE.—Those already connected with the Institute $4; new members $5, which entitles to the course, and membership for one year.
GEORGE MURRAY, Secretary. JAMES INNES, President.
November 22nd. d6.

CALL AT MARSHALL'S.

FOR

SLIPPER PATTERNS

IN

Berlin Wool,

Silk Flos, &c.,

FROM 50 CENTS UP.

W. MARSHALL.
Guelph, Nov. 25th. dw

CARDWELL ELECTION.

A meeting of the Liberal Conservative electors of Cardwell will be held at Mono Mills, on Friday next, December 1st, for the purpose of selecting a candidate for the representation of that constituency in the House of Commons.

BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.

For years past, the *Globe* has maintained an unenviable notoriety for its scurrilous and libellous attacks on public men, in the writing of which Mr. George Brown and his subordinates hired scribblers have become trained adepts. But it is a long lane that has no turning and there is no doubt Mr. Brown has reached the end of his tether. The feeling of universal disgust caused by his attack on Judge Wilson has not yet subsided and it is gratifying to see that it has come up in Court. Soon after the publication of the attack in the *Globe*, a letter signed "Another Reformer" appeared in the Paisley *Advocate*, justifying Mr. Brown's conduct and making several disgraceful references to Judge Wilson. Mr. Wilkinson, of the West Durham *News*, was determined that such conduct should not pass unnoticed and accordingly his counsel began proceedings. Then the libeller was unearthed and proved to be a William Houston, one of the *Globe's* employees in Toronto. On Friday he appeared before Chief Justice Harrison and Judge Morrison, making an abject apology for his letter. The learned Judges commented very severely on Houston's conduct, but allowed the case to be withdrawn, on his paying all the costs. We learn by a special telegram from Toronto that the Court of Queen's Bench this morning granted a rule *nisi*, calling on Mr. George Brown to show cause why he should not be committed to gaol for contempt of court, the contempt being in the publication of this scandalous attack on Judge Wilson.

BIRTHS.

HAYS—In Garafraxa, on the 20th inst., the wife of Mr. Thomas Hays, of a son.

SMART—In Guelph, on the 24th inst., the wife of John Smart, hair dresser, of a daughter—still born.

DEATHS.

ANDERSON—On Sunday, the 26th inst., at his residence, "Rosedale," Yorkville, aged 53 years, Wm. Anderson, Esq., late Commissioner Trust and Loan Co. of Canada.

STONE—In Guelph, on the 26th of November, 1876, at the residence of his father, John, second son of Frederick Wm. Stone, aged 30 years.

The funeral will leave the house punctually at 2 p.m. to-morrow, Tuesday, proceeding to St George's Church. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this notice.

TOWN AND LOCAL NEWS

Gold in New York at 2 p. m. to-day 109⅛.

BOARD OF EDUCATION meets this evening.

RELIANCE LODGE I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting this p. m.

MARKETS, commercial news, railway time tables, &c., on fourth page.

PALMERSTON BIBLE SOCIETY.—The Agent of the Bible Society, Rev. W. S. Ball will deliver a lecture in Palmerston on the 11th December.

CARDWELL ELECTION.—The Grit convention to decide what action shall be taken as to bringing out a candidate in Cardwell will meet in Orangeville on Wednesday the 29th inst.

TEMPERANCE MEETINGS.—The Ladies' Temperance Association will meet in the Y. M. C. A. rooms at 3 p.m., to-morrow—Tuesday. A temperance convention of all persons in favor of the Dunkin Act will be held in the Temperance Hall, to-morrow, Tuesday, at half-past seven o'clock.

AN EARLY DEATH.—Mr. John Stone, eldest son of Mr. F. W. Stone, of Guelph, died on Sunday afternoon, after a long and painful illness, which he bore with Christian resignation. The funeral will take place on Tuesday at two p. m. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Stone and their family in their sad bereavement.

BANK OF COMMERCE CHANGES.—Mr. Jeffery Hale left Guelph on Saturday for Strathroy, to assume his duties as manager of the branch of the Bank of Commerce there. Mr. D. Hughes Charles, formely accountant in the Guelph branch, and since then accountant at Ottawa and Goderich, has been promoted to the position of manager at Dundas.

ROYAL HOTEL ARRIVALS.—Nov. 25, after 2 p.m.—W. Fische, J. H. Pearce, R. M. Honing, C. L. Stephens, Toronto; J. Stoney, Stratford; H. Lyman, H. J. Lellier, Montreal; A. Mattheson, Grand Rapids, Mich.; M. J. Huskin, Galt; S. Fitzsimmons, Toronto. Nov. 27, up to 2 p.m.—D. D. Hay, M. P. P., Listowel, R. B. Briner, E. M. McQuinstan, J. H. Kerry, R. Musgrove, Toronto; E. H. Benjamin, Montreal; A. W. Wood, Pittsburgh; R. D. Coles, S. Kyle, Hamilton; W. Perrin, Thos. Perrin, Mt. Vernon; E. H. Dalley, Hamilton; A. Stewart, A. Forbes, Fergus.

THE WEATHER.—An almost steady fall of snow has continued since Saturday night. Along with it comes the merry jingle of sleigh bells, and the snow shovel is seen in the hands of the householder, who is blessed with a sidewalk in front of his premises. Twenty-four hours after a snow-fall is allowed to perform the work of cleaning the sidewalk.

ORGAN RECITAL.—The success which has attended the organ recitals previously held, has induced the making of arrangements for another to be held in St. George's church about the middle of January. The most complete programme is being made out and there is little doubt that the coming recital will even surpass it predecessors.

A DISLOCATED SHOULDER.—On Saturday forenoon, while two young men named Cavanagh and Mickle, were amusing themselves trying to ring a bell in Cook's Cork street hotel, which could only be reached by walking along a narrow ledge and bracing against the opposite wall, the former fell during his second attempt, carrying Mickle along with him down the stairs, a distance of about ten feet. The latter was not in any way injured, but Cavanagh had his shoulder dislocated. He was attended to by Dr. Herod, and will soon, under his treatment, be around again.

THE CHURCHES ON SUNDAY.—Fair congregations listened to the services in the various churches on Sunday. Mr. John Wilkie, B. A., a divinity student and son of Mr. Wm. Wilkie, officiated in Knox church, both morning and evening. In the Norfolk street Methodist church the Rev. E. H. Dewart, editor of the *Christian Guardian*, occupied the pulpit in the morning and the Rev. T. L. Wilkinson, of Nassagaweya, in the evening. The services in the Dublin street church were conducted by Rev. Mr. Wilkinson in the morning and by the Rev. Mr. Dewart in the evening. The other churches were officiated in by their regular pastors.

POLICE COURT.—Jacob C. Williams, was brought up on remand from Saturday, charged with committing an aggravated assault on Mr. Geo. A. Darby, Reeve of Guelph township. Mr. Peterson appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. J. P. MacMillan for the defence. The counsel for the defence presented a petition signed by the plaintiff, Mr. Darby, and forty-three others, stating that the prisoner's conduct had previously been good, and that he belonged to a respectable family, and asking for a lenient sentence. The Magistrate fined prisoner $20 and $10 costs which was paid. Geo. Knowles, charged with breach of market by-law, by buying butter before the time provided, was fined $1 without costs.

GENERAL TOM THUMB.—This Lilliputian prodigy and his company appeared in the Town Hall on Saturday afternoon and evening to large audiences. The General and his lady were well received in their various acts by the audience, and it appears that Miss Minnie Warren has taken upon herself that part of the entertainment which the General at one time used to perform, and does the kissing for the company. Major Newell was a host in himself, especially when playing the monkey at the Centennial hotel, to the infinite amusement of the spectators and the annoyance of the "tired" travelers. He is also a good singer and clog dancer. The audience testified their appreciation of the entertainment by applauding loudly at the conclusion of each act.

JEFFREY'S ON SATURDAY NIGHT.—On Saturday evening Mr. Geo. Jeffrey continued his display of goods by gaslight. A large number of spectators were present to witness the excellent display made by him. The windows, which were dressed by Messrs. Charles and McCutcheon, showed excellent taste. A St. Andrew's cross, made of a tri-color ribbon, extended from each corner of both of the windows. The north window contained evening silks, which were arranged to show them off to the best advantage. The south window was filled with ball goods, so arranged that their excellencies were brought out, and there can be no doubt but that a large lot of them will be disposed off to ladies going to St. Andrew's anniversary ball. The laces, set off by the beautiful arrangement of the evening flowers had an effect which could hardly be surpassed. Indoors an expensive Turkish carpet was laid, and the sides of the store were draped with lace curtains, looped up with brilliant ribbons. The store was divided into two parts, by a table extending across the entire floor about half-way from the door. On this table were exhibited beautiful laces and millinery of the best and finest quality. The back portion of the store was so arranged that the effect achieved was like a palace in miniature. Only two occupants were to be found in this part, one a figure representing a lady dressed in complete winter costume and the other having on an overskirt and jacket of seal Echu lace. Altogether the store on Saturday night afforded an opportunity to view the rich display of goods which are to be found in Mr. Jeffrey's store, and it is hoped that a large amount of the stock will be disposed of in consequence.

AFTERNOON TELEGRAMS.

It's snowing in Toronto.

The *Sarmatian* arrived out to-day.

The Grand Lodge of the I. O. G. T. opens in Ottawa to-morrow.

The Chaudiere mills have all closed operation for the season.

Rails have been laid on North Shore Railway for 20 miles from Quebec.

Longueuil water works have been satisfactorily tested.

The Quebec Government will probably submit its railway policy to the Legislature on Thursday.

Simon Pommyell, of Longueuil, died on Saturday. Flags are at half mast on the Longueuil Ferry Co.'s boats, of which he was one of the first promoters.

A fire broke out Saturday evening in Isaac Musselman's house near Elmira, Ont. The engine was promptly on hand and the main building was saved, with the exception of the roof. Loss between $200 and $300. Insured in Waterloo Mutual.

Night watchman Kierman, while on duty in Montreal this morning met a man who stated that another man had knocked him down and bitten a piece out of his jaw. Thos. Donnelly was arrested on a charge of committing the deed, his moustache being covered with blood.

Contractors for the new Inland Cut at Montreal finished the masonry on Saturday and 300 workmen were paid off. It is believed that great suffering will prevail among working classes this winter, as large numbers of men having been attracted to Montreal by work on the canal enlargement are now being thrown out of employment.

In Queen's Bench at Toronto on Saturday, an application was made for *mandamus* to compel an inspector of licenses for county of Prince Edward to inspect premises of applicant, with a view to his applying for a license. The Dunkin Act is in force in the county, but applicant contended that it was not legally so, as no copy of by-law has been deposited with Collector of Inland Revenue as required by Act. Judgment reserved.

BLACK KNIGHTS OF MALTA.—Grand Master R. E. A. Land, of Hamilton, will be present at the regular convocation of King David's Encampment, to-morrow—Tuesday—evening.

ILLNESS OF THE TOWN CLERK.—Mr. John Harvey, Town Clerk and Treasurer, has been seriously unwell and has not been able to be at his office since Thursday last. It is hoped he will be out again in a day or so.

THE MARDEN CONCERT.—The social and concert to be held in No. 3 School House, Marden, to-morrow—Tuesday—evening, promises from the arrangements made to be a very successful affair. The committee have all but completed their work and doubtless a large number of their Guelph friends will be present at the School opening.

HOUSE ROBBED.—On Saturday afternoon, while Mrs. Wm. Craig was shopping, some person or persons entered her house and stole therefrom the sum of $65. It appears that Mrs. Craig does not ordinarily keep so much money in the house at one time, but on Saturday she was too late to deposit it in the Post Office Savings Bank, and therefore had it in the house. The matter is in the hands of the police, but no clue has yet been obtained of the thief.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.—Sunday next, being the first Sunday in Advent, there will be an early celebration of the Holy Communion in this church. On Wednesday after Christmas Day a festival, including the attraction of a Christmas tree, will be held for the pupils attending the Sunday School. Members of the congregation, and others wishing to contribute, are requested to forward their gifts to the Rector, the Rev. Canon Dixon or the Superintendent, Mr. E. Morris. The gifts must be either in money or articles suitable for the Christmas tree.

RUNAWAY ON SATURDAY.—On Saturday afternoon Mr. John Davidson was valuing a house on the York Road for the purpose of insuring it, and found it necessary to tie his horse and buggy up to a post on the road. While inside it is supposed that some boys slapped the animal on the nose, and on its starting back the ring in the bit gave way. The horse being thus let loose started for home and had almost reached the gate of Mr. Charles Davidson, and was turning into it, when some persons rushed in with the intention of stopping it, but instead of doing this frightened it the more. It then went on a more rapid rate, passing between a wood-pile and the fence, and a tree and Mayor Melvin's gate, both of which are so narrow that it would hardly be possible to draw the buggy through between by hand. The limbs of the tree, however, caught the top of the buggy and tore it off, and the horse went on without any further damage being done until it reached the corner at the Eramosa bridge when the buggy broke against a post, taking off the body of it. The horse then crossed the iron bridge and proceeded up the hill, and turning down Woolwich street struck against the sign-post of Messrs. Duigan & Hazelton, breaking off the wheels and one of the shafts. With one shaft dangling at its side the horse made its way to Deady's Hotel, where it tried to go in to the bar-room to get a drink to cool its parched throat after the long run it had, but the people there were so unkind that the door was shut in its face and it was taken into custody. The buggy is pretty badly damaged, having the springs, shafts and top broken to a considerable extent. One lesson might be drawn from this runaway, and that is persons should not frighten horses when going at a furious rate from the middle of the road, as it is much safer to allow them to keep the road if not stopped entirely.

NOT DEAD, BUT ABSENT.

A Sudden End to Mourning.

One of the most singular cases of mistaken identity ever brought to light in Canada has just taken place at Ottawa. On the afternoon of the 29th Sept. last, a dying man was found by a farmer living at Edwardsburg lying on the roadside, about seven miles from Prescott. The farmer brought him to the latter place, where he died, evidently from sheer starvation, having been lying around the country side without any visible means of support for several days. An inquest having been held, a verdict was recorded in accordance with the facts, and he was buried at the public expense. Meanwhile the prevailing opinion was that the unfortunate man was one Hughes, of Prescott. As many people there who had friends from home, they knew not where located, grew anxious, and compared the description given of the deceased, with that of him on whose account they were uneasy. Now Mrs. Hughes, who resides on Nicholas street, between Rideau and St. Paul, in that city, had a husband who left the city in July, 1875, that is to say, fourteen months before the date of the sad event, but she was morally certain, from the descriptions given in the papers, that it was her husband who had been buried in Prescott. Acting on her apprehensions she started for that town on the fifth day after his burial, and after great difficulty, succeeded in having the grave opened, the lid of the coffin taken off, and the body exhumed. It was a disagreeable task, and Mrs. Hughes was requested several times to desist, and rest satisfied with the description which had been given in the Ottawa *Times*, but she persevered. At length everything was ready for inspection, and she found, so far as the state of the body would permit, every mark corresponded, even to the most minute particular, with those she knew to have been on her husband. The height and apparent age corresponded in a marked degree, and as Hughes had served in the 100th Regiment of Foot, Mrs. Hughes brought his discharge with her and the description of his person therein given exactly corresponded with the body lying before them when in life. Such was the opinion of all present at the examination. To add to the proof of identity she mentioned before the coffin was opened all these particulars, and in addition that her husband wore a long black coat which, on inspection proved to be the case. Thoroughly satisfied that she was a widow in the land, the relict of Mr. Hughes had the body re-interred and came back to Ottawa, acting on the advice of Mayor Buckly, she had affidavits prepared for her by Mr. J. J. Kehoe, embodying the facts of the case. The days and weeks rolled on and the first grief was beginning to wear off the edge of Mrs. Hughes' sorrow for her lost husband, when to her astonishment—her amazement and delight—he, whom she thought she had seen buried under the earth, walked into her presence Wednesday morning. We pass over the first transports of joy and the mutual explanations that ensued, merely remarking that Hughes was in profound ignorance of all that happened, and had himself undergone strange reverses of fortune while away from Ottawa. He has two very pretty little girls, and when the oldest saw him yesterday she exclaimed, "Ma, has papa come up out of the ground?" All the friends of James Hughes, except one, agreed with his wife that it was the body of her husband which was buried in Prescott, and that one was his mother, who, by some strange instinct, could never be brought to believe it, though why, she could not very well explain. Hughes had had a very narrow escape from death during his sojourn at the other side. He was one of the sufferers by the oil train taking fire in Pennsylvania and causing the death of seven and the injury of about 50. He was taken to the hospital in a very bad state, and remained there three months between life and death, but ultimately recovered. He is by no means like a dead man at present, nor even like one who has been dead. He is as hale and hearty as any man in the city of Ottawa.

A $10,000,000 COMPANY.

The Scottish Commercial Insurance Company, Glasgow.

This company has been doing business in Ontario and Quebec for nearly two years, and in consequence of great carefulness in the selection of risks it has been singularly exempt from losses. The business in Ontario is managed by Mr. Lawrence Buchan, of this city, as resident Secretary. The local Board of Directors for this Province are John L. Blaikie, Esq., chairman; Wm. Alexander, Esq, John S. Playfair, Esq. (of the firm of Bryce, McMurrich & Co.) With the business capacity of these gentlemen, combined with the practical experience of the Fire Inspector, Mr. Robert McLean, well and favorably known, this company will doubtless soon become one of the leading fire insurance companies of the Dominion.—*Toronto Globe.*

Robert Cunningham is agent for Guelph and vicinity. Office over the Bank of Commerce.

HORSES FOR ENGLAND.—Probably the last shipment of horses this season for the Old Country has now been made. The Sarmatian took ten, consigned to a gentleman at Liverpool. These animals had to be shipped at Quebec, the steamer not coming any further up the river. They were principally purchased in the county of Oxford, and included several by the English coaching sire Foxhunter, one by the thoroughbred sire Buckshot Eclipse, two by Jack-the-Barber, one by Leopard, etc. Six superior hunters, all by thoroughbred horses, were shipped at Montreal on Tuesday in the Manitoban for Glasgow. Buyers complain that the farmers have not exercised sufficient care in the selection of sires, excellent mares as a rule being put to the first three-cornered "traveller" that passes the gate. Then again the presence of blood too often indicates the absence of bone, and with every facility for raising the exact sort of animal that will fetch a hundred guineas in Liverpool or London, breeders are producing either a common underbred brute, that is unsaleable in any market, or a light spindle-shanked weed that is not worth a set of harness.

THE LAST BIG PUSH.

Criminal Information Granted against the Hon. Geo. Brown.

Special telegram to [illegible]

TORONTO, Nov. 27.—A rule *nisi* was granted this morning against Hon Geo. Brown, Managing Director of the *Globe* Printing Company, calling upon him to show cause why he should not be committed for contempt of court as the publisher of an article in the *Globe* on July 8th, commenting on case of Simpson *vs.* Wilkinson and on the ruling of Justice Wilson therein, by which defendant claimed his case was prejudiced. Dalton McCarthy, Q.C., and C. Robinson, Q.C., appeared for the motion and no one contra.

A Credit Valley Railway Suit.

On Thursday Vice Chancellor Proudfoot delivered the following judgment in the suit of the Town of Milton *vs.* the Credit Valley Railway Company:—"A bill was filed by the Town of Milton against the Credit Valley Railway Company, founded upon the agreement made between the Company and the Town at the time the bonus of $30,000 was granted to the Company. The agreement provided that the coupons upon the debentures accruing up to the time of a *bona fide* commencement of the railway should be cut off and returned to the Town. It further provided, that in case municipal bonuses were not obtained sufficient to build the railway from Toronto to Milton, and the Company should in consequence thereof abandon the undertaking, the debentures of the municipality should be returned to them intact. The contention of the municipality in this suit was that sufficient municipal bonuses not having been obtained for that purpose there was no such *bona fide* commencement as was contemplated by the agreement. The evidence given by the municipality tended to show that such municipal bonuses had not been obtained; that the operations upon the railway had been suspended the greatest part of last year; and that practically the undertaking had been abandoned. The question turned for the most part upon the legal construction of the agreement. On the part of the Company it was shewn that at the time operations were commenced the prospects of the undertaking were even better than they were in the case of the Toronto, Grey & Bruce, and the Toronto and Nipissing railways. It was also shown that about a million of dollars had been actually expended; that the line was for the most part already graded and ready for tracklaying, and that a petition was now under the consideration of the Council of Toronto for the sale to the city of $150,000 of bonds and a bonus of $100,000. The Vice Chancellor held that a *bona fide* commencement within the meaning of the agreement had been made; that the agreement did not compel the company to furnish sufficient municipal bonuses to build the railway from the city to the town of Milton, but must be construed to mean sufficient bonuses to form a basis of credit. He thought the course taken by the company in suspending operations was a reasonable one under the circumstances; that the bill was premature, and that both upon the construction of the agreement and upon the whole facts of the case the bill should be dismissed, and with costs.

The Wheat Market.

The following, from the New York *Tribune*, contains some valuable information respecting the grain trade:—"Ordinarily this is the dull season of the year in the grain trade. Through November and December dealers and shippers are accustomed to cheer themselves with the assurance that with the new year trade will revive. Sometimes this is the case, but more frequently the revival is postponed until February or March. This season has proved exceptional, and within a comparatively short period the demand for wheat has greatly increased at an advance in price of from five to ten cents per bushel. This is attributaed to two causes—the war rumors from Europe and a short American supply. As is usual when the market is affected by two or more influences working in the same direction, it is difficult to estimate their several effects. On Saturday a *Tribune* reporter conversed on the subject with many of the leading merchants and exporters, all of whom gave their opinions freely, agreeing as to the condition of the market, but differing somewhat as to the relative influence of war rumors and the short crop. There was an average yield of winter wheat, but the spring wheat crop was one-quarter to one-third short. This was caused by the drouth, which prevented the full development of the kernel, and caused it to ripen prematurely. As a result the crop was never gathered in a better condition; it is perfetly dry, and will keep in all weathers. The shortness of the crop did not influence prices until war rumors from Europe opened a prospect of increased demand. Dealers had been content to carry light stocks; and exporters filled their foreign orders at their leisure. When an increased foreign demand seemed probable, larger stocks were laid in, and haste was made in filling orders. This tended to stiffen prices, and maintain the advance which had been caused by the first warlike dispatches. It was estimated by an exporter who had a branch house in Liverpool that there were not less than 2,000,000 quarters of wheat (18,000,000 bushels) now afloat, on the way from America to European ports, a large part of which was from California and Oregon. Many gentlemen with whom the reporter talked were of the opinion that, though the advance was the direct result of war rumors, it was not of a speculative nature, but that the rumors had simply hastened a natural process; that the price of wheat was not above its intrinsic value, nor greater than it would have been in a few months without the aid of war rumors. Others took a different view. Wheat could not be exported, they said, at present prices, without a loss of several cents per bushel, and whenever that was the case the price was speculative. It was the opinion of these gentlemen that reports of well-assured peace prospects would send prices down very materially, though the advance had not been so great as to create any danger of a panic.

Centennial Awards to Canadians.

The list of supplemental awards to Canadian exhibitors by the American Centennial judges is now published containing the following from this district:

Charles Rudd, Puslinch, Devon Bull Hartland; Devon bull, Duke of Wellington.

G. Hood, Guelph, Hereford cow, Victoria; Hereford bull, Victor 3rd; Hereford bull, Robin Hood; Hereford bull, Hero.

J. & R. Hunter, Alma, herd of shorthorn cattle, one bull and four cows; shorthorn cow, Rose Blossom; shorthorn bull, Ranger; shorthorn heifer, Belle of Sunnyside; shorthorn heifer, Maid of Honour 2nd; shorthorn bull, Lord of Aberdeen.

Duncan Kay, Galt, fowls.

Richard MacMillan, Galt, fowls.

Daniel Allen, Galt, ducks.

Richard McMillan, Galt, variety of fowls.

[illegible] one pair silver duck-wing bantams.

Daniel Allen, Galt, four pair black red game fowls, and two pair chicks.

Daniel Allen, Galt, variety of fowls.

Daniel Allen, Galt, fowls.

George Hood, Guelph, one black Galloway cow, Lady Isabella; one black Galloway cow, Lilly Dale; one black Galloway bull, Roger; one herd of Galloways, one bull and four cows.

Satchell Brothers, Ottawa, short-horn heifer; Grade short-horn ox, Lord Dufferin.

Canadian herd of short horns, one bull and four cows. W. S. Telfer, Ponsonby; short-horn heifer, Duchess of Kent; short-horn heifer, Maid of Kent 2nd; short-horn heifer, Rosedale 2nd; short-horn bull, 3rd Duke of Kent.

FURTHER PRIZES FOR THE CANADIAN DISTRIBUTION.

POULTRY—SILVER MEDAL.—Daniel Allen, Galt, for a pair of black-breasted red game chickens. Duncan Kay, Galt, for a pair of silver-pencilled Hamburg chickens. Daniel Allen, Galt, one pair Rouen ducks. Richard Macmillan, Galt, for one pair golden-pencilled Hamburg chickens.

BRONZE MEDALS.—Daniel Allen, Galt, one pair of yellow duckwings game. Richard McMillan, Galt, one pair of golden-spangled fowls. Duncan Kay, Galt, one pair black Spanish fowls. Daniel Allen, Galt, one pair of black-breasted red game bantams. Daniel Allen, Galt, for one pair of black African bantam fowls; for one pair of Aylesbury ducks. Daniel Allen, Galt, for one pair of brown-breasted red game chickens.

In addition to the prizes which the Judge was authorized by the Commissioners to give, he has asked them to add a gold medal for Mr. Daniel Allen, of Galt, for an unusually fine display of high-class poultry, both of land and water fowl, the majority of which are birds of high merit.

The awards by the Centennial judges of prizes for cattle, sheep, swine, and poultry have not yet been promulgated, but will be made known so far as they concern Canadian exhibitors as soon as they reach the hands of the Commissioners.

Items of Interest.

St. Mary's is to have a new lodge of Odd Fellows.

Aylmer's ratepayers pay 1½ per cent. on their assessment this year.

Ex-Lieut.-Gov. Trutch, of British Columbia, has gone to England.

Hon. Mr. Cartwright sailed for Canada from England on Saturday.

The Duchess of Edinburgh has been confined of a daughter at Malta.

The official vote of New York State gives Tilden a majority of 32,980.

Mr. Lucius C. Smith has been appointed head master of Orangeville High School.

The Merchants Bank has declared a dividend of 3½ per cent. for the half year.

100 bales of hops were recently shipped from Hastings Co., Ont., to England.

The Lieut.-Governor of Bengal confirms the estimate that 251,000 perished in the recent cyclone in the south eastern part of the province.

There is a rumor that the G. T. R. car shops, employing three hundred men, will shortly be removed from Brantford to Stratford.

A Council has been appointed to assist Lieut.-Governor Morris in the government of the Province of Keewatin. Small-pox is raging among the Icelanders and Indians in that quarter.

It is stated that Woodsward, who was clerk of the Board of Supervisors in the Tweed days, will turn States' evidence and make a full confession of the entire transactions of the Ring, implicating many Republicans as well as Democrats.

The directors of the Brantford and Port Eurwell railway are asking the town of Brantford to sanction the sale of their road to the Canada Southern, with whom a provisional agreement has been entered into to complete the work of construction and run the road for a specified time.

The following militia order has been issued:—Adverting to No. 3 of the General Orders 21, 10th Nov., 1876, relating to the "long rifle exercise," it is intended to arm garrison batteries of artillery and rifle corps with the short rifle as soon as may be possible, but corps of those two branches at present armed with the long rifle will continue the short rifle exercise as heretofore.

BEEF CATTLE.—It is to be regretted that our farmers do not seem to recognize the constant demand which really exists for first-class beef. The extra expense would not be great, and the care should not be grudged which would yield to the feeder $4 to $4.50, where now he gets $3 to $3.75. More care in housing and feeding would do much to improve the quality of beef, and a short experience of the better prices possible to be had would pave the way for the improvement in the breed of cattle which is very much to be desired. The present open season is perhaps rather a disadvantage to those who desire really succulent beef. In former seasons the cattle have been forced indoors earlier and have had a long period of stall feeding, which produces a better fibre than the happy-go-lucky sort of grazing, or foraging, by which the cattle are ordinarily left to supply themselves with food in the late fall months.