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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 wom

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 BOSCOE, 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.

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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

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Of all kinds, made to order at

CROWE'S IRON WORKS, Norfolk Street, Guelph.

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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

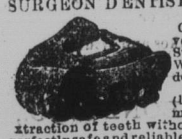
SCHOOL OF ART and General Education.

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. a30 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.

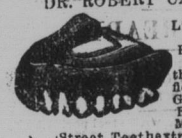


Office over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, Corner Wyndham and Macdonnell-sts. Guelph Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) administered for the extraction of teeth without pain, which is perfectly safe and reliable.

References kindly permitted to Drs. Herod Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Keating, Cowan and McGregor, Guelph; W. K. Graham, Dentist Brampton dw

PRIZE DENTISTRY.

DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL



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References, Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire Herod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph. Drs Buchanan and Phillips, Toronto Drs. Elliot & Mevers, 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 Ganlt Bros., merchants, Montreal; Senator F Smith (Frank Smith & Co.) Toronto; J M Millar, Esq., Perth, Ont. (late of J M Millar & Co. commission merchants, Chicago); W Watson, Esq., banker, New York; D Butters, Esq., Montreal; J Whitehead, Esq., M P., Clinton, Ont; C Magill, Esq., M P, Hamilton, Ont; T C Chisholm, Esq., Toronto 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

WANTED — A good general servant in a small family. Good wages to a suitable person. Apply at this office. 19-d

AGENTS WANTED — To sell Catholic Books. Business new. Profits $15 to $30 per day. Send for circular. a26-w4 A. H. MEGAFFIN, Guelph, Ont.

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

FLAG LOST—From near the Y.M.C.A. Rooms on Thursday night, a red ensign, with union-jack in corner, and printed concert advertisement affixed. Finder will please leave it at Anderson's Bookstore. 2t

THANKS—I hereby tender my hearty thanks to Wm. J. Paterson, Agent Citizen's Accident Insurance Company of Canada, for the prompt payment of $50.00, amount of my claim against the Company for injuries received by accident.

DAVID DICKSON, Clifford, Sept. 17th, 1873 d1w1

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

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

PRIZE SOUTHDOWN Sheep for Sale.

The Subscriber has two Southdown Shearling Rams for sale, which took the first prize as Lambs at the Provincial Exhibition at Hamilton last year. Also, 12 aged Ewes.

JAMES ANDERSON, Springfield Farm, near Guelph, on the River Speed. s15-d6

TOWER'S IMPROVED WASHER, (PATENTED 1873) Manufactured by L. Tower, Berlin, Ont.

Having manufactured and sold over 3,000 Washing Machines, I can confidently claim for this machine advantages possessed by no other. It is self-adjusting.

Does the Work thoroughly and easily, and at the same time it is so simple in construction that it cannot get out of order. Sept. 15, 1873. d6t

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, s15dw2,y 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

HOTEL CARD. *The Right Man in the Right Place.*

THOMAS WARD, late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has acquired possession of the Victoria Hotel, next door to the Post Office, where he hopes by courtesy, attention, and good accommodation, to merit a fair share of public patronage, both from old and new friends. The best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars &c., constantly on hand. A good hostler always in attendance. Remember the spot—next door to the Post Office.

THOMAS WARD, (Late of Crown Hotel), Proprietor. Guelph Dec. 5th, 1872. dawly

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FRIDAY EVEN'G, SEPT. 19, 1873

TO PRINTERS.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY, AT THIS OFFICE,

Two Good Compositors; and a Boy

about 16 years of age to learn the Printing Business.

To those that suit steady situations will be given.

Apply at once.

MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, Sept. 16, 1873. dtf

THE EXHIBITION.

CLOSING DAY.

DESCRIPTION CONTINUED.

Friday, Sept. 19.

The attendance to-day scarcely equalled that of the closing day last year—owing perhaps to the heavy rain during the night and threatening appearance of the weather this morning. The numbers on the grounds yesterday, however, exceeded anything before known at our Central Fair, nearly 12,000 tickets were sold, and there must have been a total attendance of between 14,000 and 15,000.

The silver cup for the best bull of any age or breed was won yesterday afternoon by John Snell & Son's Durham bull "British Baron," after a close competition. The other exhibitors were W Watt, Nichol, [2]; John Pipe, Guelph; A Campbell, Acton; Thompson Porter, Vaughan; Jas Brown, North Dumfries; F W Stone, Guelph, [2]; John Miller, Pickering; J & R Hunter, Pilkington; Geo Hood, Guelph; John Stone, Guelph. Great interest was manifested in the result, and it was the general opinion that a finer show of bulls was never seen in Canada.

Mr. Geo. Thomson, Whitby, got the diploma for the best fatted beeve.

Shortly after noon to-day the prize animals were led into the ring, and the farmers present flocked around to feast their eyes upon this magnificent exhibition of results from the breeders' skill and energy.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

At two o'clock, Mr. John Hobson, the President delivered the following address from the Judge's Stand:—

It is only in obedience to what has become an established custom that I venture to address you. So far as I am concerned, the duty which I am now called upon to perform is perhaps the least pleasing which has fallen to my lot since I was elected through the good feeling of the Agricultural Society of the South Riding of the County of Wellington to act as their President. For this reason, and because I have no right to suppose that anything that I can say will add to your knowledge, my remarks shall be brief. How quickly the time seems to have passed since my predecessor occupied the position which I now hold, and delivered to you the Annual Address. Another year has nearly gone by with all its changes; exhibitors have again met and have striven for victory; many have been disappointed, as must always be the case; others have been succesful beyond their most sanguine expectation; the fairest specimens from the flocks and herds of Ontario, with the finest samples of the produce of the country, including the farm, the orchard, and the garden, have been here on exhibition. In the manufacturing and mechanical there is again such a display of labour saving machines and implements, requisite for carrying on with advantage the various operations of agriculture and manufacturing, as perhaps has never been displayed in the Dominion, outside of Provincial show grounds. The ladies' department has been fully up to the high standard attained in former years, if we may be allowed to judge from the words of visitors who constantly thronged that section of the building, and the complimentary remarks which were to be heard on every hand. While congratulating ourselves upon the success of the Exhibition which is now brought to a close, let us not forget to offer up our most hearty thanks to the Ruler of the Universe for the abundance of food for man and beast which He has been pleased to bestow upon us. When in early summer there appeared to be the most imminent danger from the terrible drought which then prevailed—when the most hopeful looked forward with gloomy forebodings to the future, suddenly our fears were dispelled, for copious showers refreshed the dry and parched land, and the season's labor, through the divine blessing, has now been rewarded with an abundant harvest. One of the not least agreeable features of these gatherings is the opportunity which they afford for people of all creeds and of every shade of politics to meet upon neutral ground, free from sectarian or party strife, and from many of those causes of discord which so frequently mar the harmony of great gatherings. Here, on occasions like this, every man can join heart and hand in extending the influence and promoting the usefulness of an association in the success of which we may reasonably hope the whole community is interested. The influence of societies like this upon the farmers and upon the agricultural interests of the country can hardly be over-estimated. They encourage a laudable spirit of ambition and rivalry; they furnish opportunities for the exhibition of the best products of the soil; they bring inventors and manufacturers of agricultural implements and machinery together, and give them an opportunity of examining and criticising each others' worth; they disseminate much reliable information; they bring to public notice whatever is new and most valuable in a business of the foremost importance to the country; they dissipate narrow prejudices and give enlarged ideas. Who can doubt, for example, that if the farmers from many parts of the Province of Quebec were to see the stock and the implements that have been exhibited on our grounds during the present week, their prejudices would receive a rude shock, and they would probably feel disposed to give up in a large measure the opinion which people who had scarcely ever gone outside the boundaries of their own farm are apt to entertain—that the system and means which they and their forefathers had adopted were the best that could at this day be employed, and would perhaps be convinced of the benefits which science confers on agriculture.

Since we last met the Ontario Government has selected the site and purchased the property for the Agricultural College and experimental farm. I am sure we all wish that the Institution may prosper, and may be the means of doing great service in the advancement of agriculture by imparting the knowledge which is necessary in order to conduct farming on correct principles; that it may prove a great boon to the country and may materially promote our agricultural prosperity. We may look forward with pleasing anticipations to the time when our young men shall come out of this institution and show to us, who have never enjoyed a similar advantage, the great benefits to be derived from studying Agriculture as a science. We may reasonably hope and expect that he who makes himself thoroughly conversant with the correct principles of the science of agriculture, and has acquired a full knowledge of the practical operations connected with the cultivation of the soil and the management of stock, will make a better farmer than he who depends for all his information on what he has seen on his own or his neighbor's farm.

One of the most difficult problems to solve in connection with the agriculture of this country is how to keep our young men at home. The matter is of great importance, and is frequently discussed. It seems as if there were an inordinate desire to acquire wealth and position through mercantile, professional, and speculative pursuits; as if farm labour has been pushed into the backgeound and has been considered beneath the notice of intelligent and active young men. I would recommend our farmers' sons to pause and consider well before they give up the comforts and independence of the farm for the exciting and tumultous life of the city. Think seriously before you decide finally. In reference to this matter I cannot do better than quote the forcible words of an American politician. After speaking of the comparative advantages connected with a life on the farm he goes on to say:—"But recollect that in the mercantile pursuits where one man succeeds many fail. The great ocean of trade and commerce is filled with wrecks. A few only of those who embark upon it reach the haven where they would be, and to the innumerable hosts who sink in its turbulent waters but little aid is tendered and little sympathy extended. You who from your country home look upon this great mercantile ocean see none of many who have been engulfed within it. Rejoice that you are free from those perils to which they are exposed. None who own to till the soil fail to win, if they labour industriously to achieve an independent livelihood and honorable success. The crops may sometimes fail, the land may be parched, blight and disease may attack your cattle and flocks; but for one season of misfortune there will be many of abundance and prosperity. The providence of God may send you sometimes temporary disaster; but you can hardly be utterly ruined, as the merchant can be, by the folly or treachery of man. Envy not the smartly dressed clerk, nor even his rich employer, surrounded by the splenders of city life. The brightness of the outside wrappings is not always a guarantee that there are cheerfulness and peace of mind within." A very general impression prevails amongst the residents of towns and cities that the life of a farmer is dreamy and monotonous, particularly in winter, when they think the time must necessarily hang heavily on his hands. To these I would reply that successful farming requires intelligence and industry; that attention and vigor must be brought to bear on all the various operations of the farm from one end of the year to the other; that each season has its own peculiar work; that agriculture as a pursuit will be found to occupy the time with perhaps as little annoyance and anxiety as any other business; that its effect upon the mind is by no means so narrowing and contracting as many of the mechanical operations followed in large manufacturing establishments, where the division of labor is carried out to a great extent as it is an acknowledged fact that the performance of a particular act, day after day, and year after year has a most injurious effect intellectually. The farmer can and does generally enjoy as many social pleasures as the members of any other class; and he certainly has within his reach one of the greatest pleasures any man can enjoy—the pleasure of reading. He can by reading, if he feel so disposed, "communicate with the great minds of the world;" "he can enlarge his experience, he can live in remote ages and distant countries. Although the farmers have within their reach as many enjoyments, on the whole, as any other body of men, I am compelled to acknowledge that they do not always make the best use of their opportunities. Could we not do more than is frequently done to make our homes more attractive and thereby life on the farm more agreeable? Would the profits be less if the neatly kept and well stocked garden were to take the place of the rank weeds and confusion which are too often the surrounding of the farmer's dwelling? Could not a few hours or even days be spared from the work of the farm to plant trees and shrubs about our houses? Would it not be repaid a hundredfold by the extra enjoyment we should experience? We may depend upon it the rural embellishments are well worthy of attention. To the children growing up around us they would surely be an advantge; they would form and improve their taste, and would have a tendency to make home enjoyable. In conclusion I would express my most earnest wish that the future prosperity of this association may be equal, or rather I would say may exceed, that of the past; that each exhibition may show a marked improvement upon the preceding one; that the number of members belonging to the society may greatly increase, and that the increase may greatly tend to its usefulness.

Thus terminated the Central Exhibition of 1873, amid general congratulations upon its gratifying success.

Exhibitors commenced at once to remove their goods and live stock, and the buildings and grounds will soon resume their wonted quietude.

We continue our descriptive remarks:—

MISCELLANEOUS.

We notice that Mr. Griffith's name frequently occurs as prize taker in the professional pencil drawing, pen and ink, crayon coloured and plain and sepia drawing. Mr. F. M. Bell Smith is also a successful exhibitor in several of these classes.

In the collection of photograph portraits [plain] Messrs Eckerson and Bell Smith obtained the first prize; and the same artists are awarded the second for collection of photograph portraits [one set coloured].

In the collection of photograph portraits [coloured] Butler Bros., Chatham, deservedly carry off the first prize with a series of very highly finished and artistic portraits. These artists are first prize takers in the class of photograph landscape and views; unfortunately, however, the public had no opportunity of judging of their merits, the views being kept rigidly enclosed in a book. W. Marshall, Guelph, takes second prize in this collection with a very excellent collection of views of Guelph from various points of interest.

Butler Bros. are awarded first prize for a very superior photograph portrait finished in oil. These gentlemen have also a very extensive collection of photograph portraits of considerable merit.

Thos. Hunter, Galt, gets a second prize for a very nice collection of photographs [plain.]

Butler Bros. deservedly carry off first prize for a photograph portrait finished in water colours; also the second prize in this class, and exhibit other two in the same class of scarcely inferior merit. These artists exhibit a very large number of photographs finished in Indian ink, all of which deserve the most eulogistic commendation. They take first prize in this class.

W. Marshall has a very superior collection of photograph portraits, but which have failed to be included in the prize list.

Eckerson and Bell Smith obtain a second prize with a photograph portrait finished in Indian ink, the subject a bonnie wee toodles, being one of great interest to the lady visitors. In the class of photograph portraits finished in Indian ink we would make especial mention of a couple of portraits by Thomas Hunter, which cannot fail to challenge attention, and indeed to challenge the award made by the judges, large numbers of persons preferring them to the prize picture of Butler Bros. Taking this special portion of the fine arts department we have no hesitation in pronouncing it one of unusual excellence, and the Directors cannot but feel indebted to Messrs. Butler Bros. for rendering such valuable aid in seconding the laudable endeavors of our more local artists.

In crayons, coloured, Miss Mary Boyd carries off the first prize. Miss L. Mickle, Guelph, and Miss Coffee, Guelph, are also exhibitors of very nice pictures.

In plain crayons Miss L. Mickle carries off the first prize with a very finely executed figure; and in crayons coloured we are glad to perceive that the same lady is second. Mr. Alfred Smith, Guelph, is also an exhibitor in this class of an exceedingly pretty landscape view which deserves especial mention; so also does the same gentleman's other contribution of the gondolier and his lady love enjoying the blissful sweets of each other's society. Miss H. Harris, Durham, also deserves honorable mention in this class.

Miss K. E. Macdonald, Guelph, contributes an exceedingly tasteful, well executed group of flowers, which obtains for her a second prize, although there are not wanting critics who consider her entitled to the first place instead of Miss Sarah Strickland. We notice that in this class J. S. Armstrong, Eramosa, is an exhibitor.

In water colour landscapes [amateur, copies] C. J. Stewart, Derry, formerly of Guelph, takes the first prize; the same exhibitor takes the first prize for marine views [water colours].

Dr. Tuck, Guelph, is also an exhibitor of several pretty landscape views, executed by Mrs. Tuck; and the same exhibitor is particularly successful in any subject, [water colors], being awarded the first prize.

Miss K. E. Macdonald, Guelph, obtains the first prize for water colours, any subject, copies.

A group of geraniums in water color, by Miss Jeffry, attracted much attention.

Mr. Chas. Lemon, Guelph, also carries off first prize for a pencil drawing of undoubted merit; and also contributes a very fine drawing of the Minne-ha-ta falls, deserving of commendation.

Mr. Chapman, London, exhibits a pen and ink sketch taken near Guelph, which obtains a first prize. The spot seems familar to us as being on the banks of the Speed. In amateur [originals] flowers grouped or single, F. J. Chadwick carries off the second prize with a particularly well painted group of variegated convovolus. In pencil drawing [copies] Alfred Smith obtains a first prize with a finely executed figure. Wm Stevenson, Guelph, is also an exhibitor of four pictures in this class; so also is Miss Agnes Holliday with two rather nice contributions; Clement Leigh Reed, Guelph, also contributes several pictures in the same class. In pencil drawing [copy] Miss L. Mickle contributes an excellent picture representing a brace of wild ducks. Mr. Wm Wood, Rockwood, exhibits three pen and ink sketches, with one of which representing an ancient chapel in Prestbury, Cheshire, he takes the first prize. Miss Mary Leslie, Guelph, also exhibits two very nice pictures in this class, and is awarded a second prize for the smaller of the two, the subject of it apparently being an invalided lady confined to her chamber and reclining on a somewhat gorgeous bed. Throughout these various amateur classes, the names of Chapman, the Misses Strickland, and Boyd are the principal prize-takers, but we are unable to specify with more particularity their various successes. Suffice it to say that in all their contributions they have worthily sustained the position they have attained at previous exhibitions, and have done much to greatly expand the general features of this portion of the show, despite the determination of a large number of professional artists, who have been prominent exhibitors hitherto at the various principal exhibitions, to patronize them no longer. It is peculiarly gratifying to notice that a large number of the contributions in the amateur classes are from residents of this locality, and we trust that the encouragement and success received on the present occasion will lead to more extended efforts in future. Miss Palmer, Guelph, who has hitherto sent some of the best finished pictures, has been prevented from indisposition in completing in time the various specimens of her artistic pencil.

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. Johnston, Hamilton, exhibits two very beautiful recumbent figures of children, carved in stone, and which obtain for him the first prize. These figures command a very large share of the attention of visitors, who are very emphatic in the praises they bestow upon them.

A. Feast, Guelph, obtains an extra prize, for a prettily designed urn.

B. H. Lynn, Marden, exhibits some nice specimens of turning in wood, which have very deservedly been awarded an extra prize.

A. A. Baker exhibits a table that possesses quite an historical interest, having been manufactured from the wood of the first tree chopped down in the Town of Guelph, on the 23rd of April, 1827. This exhibit, as might be expected, was the source of much interest to the numerous visitors.

Mickle, Newton & Co. exhibit seven kegs of ochre and mineral paints, from their Credit Valley paint mills, at Lime House. These dry paints seem to be of a very superior quality, and have called forth many encomiums from those of the visitors having practical acquaintance with this article, and we are glad to learn that the proprietors of these paints are doing a fair business with several large leading houses; and, as a good evidence of the quality of these paints, orders previously executed have been repeated. We congratulate the enterprizing proprietors on the evident success which is awaiting their energy.

FRUIT.

The display in this department is simply magnificent, and we are safe in asserting that this portion of the show is fully one-third larger than any previous year. Most of the principal provincial exhibitors are represented here, and local exhibitors in increased numbers to previous years.

Beginning with the Grapes, than which it is scarcely possible to conceive anything more tempting and luscious looking than the superb and extensive specimens which are at present exhibited. As might be expected the Niagara district comes out in great force, Messrs. R. Currie and James Taylor being the principal exhibitors, but we think that it must be conceded that Brantford is this year *facile princeps* amongst grape growers. The various specimens of Robt Russel, Brantford, attracted vast admiring crowds, who seemed lost in wonder at the mammoth nature of their size. We were particularly pleased, however, to find that notwithstanding the disadvantages attending grape growing in this district, and despite the severe frosts of Saturday and subsequent nights, local exhibitors make an exceedingly creditable display. D. Allan, as usual is one of the most successful in the various classes; W. Stevenson also is a successful exhibitor with some choice specimens; so also is the Rev. W. F. Clarke, whilst Messrs C Davidson, J A Tovell, and J Mitchell exhibit some meritorious clusters of the luscious fruit. Sheriff Davidson, of Berlin, sustains his reputation as of yore; as likewise does D. Caldwell, Galt, and E H Stock, Brantford, adds to the reputation of that vicinity and his own by some very choice specimens.

The peaches exhibited are very fine, Niagara winning every prize. Mr. Currie and Mr. Miller, Virgil, carrying everything their own way as first and second prize-takers.

The plums are simply an unrivalled display of the very choicest fruit, and it is remarkable that the competition was devoid of exhibitors beyond the district of the *Central* proper. Those famed plum growers, G. Elliott, D. Allan, W. Benham, sen., N. Sunley, are here in overwhelming force and as heretofore asserting their well deserved pre-eminence as prize-takers. Amongst other exhibitors we observe the names of Thos McCullough, Eramosa, D. Caldwell, Galt, Chas. Davidson, Wm. Birney, Jas Kilgour, Geo Coram, Rockwood, Thos. Pritchard, Elora, John Morrill, Peel, John Jeffrey, Puslinch, Wm Sallows, L Parkinson, Jas Shaw, Waterloo, Daniel Allen, Galt, Geo. Sleeman, Jos A Tovell, T. J Vale, Guelph Township, Joseph Jackson, Thos Bolton, jr. Messrs. Birney and Sleeman, Guelph, and Mr. Caldwell, Galt, are amongst the prize-takers in several of the classes.

There is an extensive and valuable collection of pears; fall and winter, on exhibition. Niagara is here again well represented, Messrs. R. Currie, G. J. Miller, and D. Broderick being amongst the principal exhibitors and prize takers. Amongst the local exhibitors we find Messrs. W. Stevenson, John A. Wood, N. Sunley, Thos. Pallister, W. F. Clarke, D. Allan, Geo. Coghlan, Wm. Birney, W. Benham, sr., John Mitchell, Geo. Elliott, A. A. Baker, Thos. McCullough, and C. Head. Messrs. D. Allan, Geo. Elliott, Thos. Pallister, J. A. Wood, W. Birney, A. A. Baker, W. F. Clarke, W. Benham, sr., represent the prize takers from this locality, and have done admirably well to secure as many honours as they have done in the midst of such severe competition from the best fruit districts. Messrs. John Weir, W Flamboro and H. Fairgrieve exhibit some splendid specimens, which secure their owners a place of honour in the prize lists.

APPLES.

The show of apples is truly magnificent, far beyond anything of previous years both in quantity, variety and quality. Niagara meets a fierce contestant in the Brantford district, and we notice that the latter has reaped many high honors in the struggle. We are glad to notice that local exhibitors are awarded a fair share of prizes, although many unsuccessful exhibitors have forwarded specimens that reflect the very highest credit on the care and culture bestowed in the propagation of this valuable fruit. Messrs S. G. Miller, R. Currie, David Broderick, and John Richardson represent Niagara with great eclat, first, second and third prizes falling to their share in great profusion, whilst Messrs. Edwin Sims, H. Fairgrieves, W. M. Smith, and E. H. Stocks, represent the prize takers and chief exhibitors from the Brant district. Mr. James McCrone, Normandale, is an extensive exhibitor, and carries off a large number of prizes with some exceedingly choice specimens of fruit. The local prize takers and exhibitors are Messrs. Thos. McCullough, [prize], Jas. Crosbie, Marden, [prize], W. Stevenson, [prize] Jas. Shaw, Waterloo, J. Mitchell, W. Snider, Puslinch, Samuel Barber, George Snelling, Jas. Graham, H. Duffield, W. Benham, sr., Chas. Davidson, Jas. Parkinson, W. Alexander, [prize], Geo. Elliott, Jas. Armstrong, Geo. Coghlan, Wm. Dunn, Robt. Matthews, Geo. Atkinson, John Bolton, John Ramsay, Wm. Laight, Hugh Black, [prize], Thomas Harris, T. Croft, W. F. Clarke, John Isles, jr., Wm. Birney, [prize], E. A. Harland, [prize], Geo. Davis, jr., Henlock Young, [prize], Thos. Pallister, Jas. Anderson, James Keough, Mrs. Stifler, John Murphy, James Kilgour, Wm. Wright, John Moore, Geo. Coram, [prize] Thos. Bolton, jr., Geo. D. Porter, [prize] Douglas Sorby, Thos. Tansley, [prize], L. Parkinson, [prize], David Allan, Robert Kennedy, Garafraxa, J. S. Armstrong, Thos. Chisholm, Esquesing.

D. Caldwell, Galt, is a prize taker in