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THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has leased the above premises for a term of years, and has refitted it in a very superior and substantial manner, and hopes to share a portion of the patronage of the public.

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will be supplied with the

Best Wines, Liquors and Cigars

And the table with all the delicacies of the season. In fact, no table will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

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Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock.

OYSTERS AND GAME,

Dinner and Supper parties provided on short notice, at reasonable charges.

JOHN MILLER,

Proprietor, Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whitty, GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

DOMINION SALOON,

(LATE GRAND'S SHADES SALOON,) OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH.

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DENIS BUNYAN,

Guelph, December 2, 1867. dally

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Barber SHOP.

IN THE REAR OF

Castle Garden SALOON,

West Market Square.

SHAVING, HAIR CUTTING, SHAMPOONING, and HAIR COLOURING, Done in First-Class Style.

Making an Evening up Girls for Ladies. Guelph, February 6th. 41m

JOHN HARRIS,

CONFECTIONER, and BISCUIT Manufacturer.

Wholesale and Retail!

MY Goods are all made of the best material, and under my own supervision, and having no cost to pay, am prepared to offer to

Wholesale Purchasers

Goods as cheap, if not cheaper, than any other house in the trade.

JOHN HARRIS,

Market Square, Guelph, Guelph, 7th Dec., 1867.

Store to Let.

TO LET, a store on the Market Square. Apply to SMITH & BOTSFOED, Guelph, Feb. 15, 1868.

Wool, Hide and Leather DEPOT,

No. 4, Day's Old Mill, Garden Street, Guelph, July 21, 1867. G. D. MOLTON

NEW LAW OFFICE.

FREEMAN & FREEMAN

BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY, CONVEYANCERS, & C.

S. B. FREEMAN, G. C. G. O. FREEMAN, Office over Berry's Confectionery Store, Wynham Street, Guelph, Guelph, 4th December 1867. 4w

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WEDNESDAY EV'NG, FEB. 19, 1868.

Local News.

Remember the Amateur Theatrical performance in the Town Hall this evening.

Another competitive examination of the schools in Nassagaweya will be held in the beginning of March.

Mr. Alex'r Bowie was last week presented with a splendid family Bible by the congregation of Knox's Church, Mount Forest, for his services as proctor. A smaller Bible was also presented to Mrs. Bowie.

HONOURING THE DEAD.—On Saturday last the members of the Incorporated Church Society, London, erected a beautiful tablet in St. Paul's Cathedral, dedicated to the memory of the late Mrs. Cronyn, wife of His Lordship the Bishop of Huron. The tablet is of fine Italian marble, 6 feet by 4, with the inscription set in letters of gold. The design is Gothic.

THE NEWMARKET ERA.—The last number of this journal has come to hand with new clothes on, and it becomes them most amazingly. The Era is an excellent local journal and deserves the "helping hand" which the editor solicits, in order to increase the circulation, so as not only to remunerate him for his recent expenditure, but to warrant him in enlarging. With all sincerity we wish brother Jackson success abundant and enduring.

THE WESTMINSTER REVIEW.—The January number of this clever periodical has been received from the Leonard Scott Publishing Co., New York. The contents are very attractive, and are as follows:—Dangers of Democracy; Physiological Psychology; Two Temporal Powers; The Church in Scotland; Extradition; The Origin of Electricity; Indian Writings; The Abyssinian Difficulty; The Land Tenures of British India; Contemporary Literature. For sale at the book-stores.

THE ROCKWOOD CASE.—Mr. John McLeod, merchant, Rockwood, who was on Saturday last arrested on a capias at the instance of a wholesale house in Montreal, was released on Monday. There is now a fair prospect that his affairs, which at one time assumed an ugly appearance, will be satisfactorily settled. He has made an assignment, and we understand that the creditors are willing that the estate should be wound up as speedily as possible and a composition made with Mr. McLeod.

THE AGRICULTURAL BANK.—A meeting was held in Hamilton, on the afternoon of last Saturday, to take into consideration the means to be adopted for the organization of the new Agricultural Bank. A resolution was carried to limit the subscribed capital of the Bank in the first instance to \$250,000, in shares of \$50 each; but that power be obtained to increase the amount, as the legitimate extension of the business may require. It was further resolved, that the operations of the Bank should commence as soon as the amount of \$100,000 of the capital was paid up, and that stock lists should be opened immediately.

STOCK SALES.—Mr. John Grieve last week bought a thorough-bred two year old heifer from Mr. J. Parkinson for \$116. A few days ago Mr. Joseph Kirby, near Milton, bought the thorough-bred young bull "Braedalbane"—eleven months old—from Arch'd Campbell, Esq., Warden of the County of Halton, for \$100. His girl round the heart is five feet ten inches. Mr. Wm Caulfield, of lot 18, concession S, Egremont, has procured at considerable expense a thorough bred Hereford bull, from the herd of Mr. F. W. Stone. This is the first of this fine breed, we believe, which has been brought north of the Grand River.

BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.—The Board of Public Instruction for the South Riding of Wellington met in the Council Chamber on Tuesday for organization, the Secretary, Rev. Mr. Torrance, presiding. Edwin Newton, Esq., was appointed Chairman, and Rev. Mr. Torrance, Secretary. The first half yearly examination of teachers was fixed to commence on the 26th of May. Moved by the Rev. Mr. Ball, seconded by Mr. Innes, and resolved, that a committee be appointed to consider the whole subject of admission of pupils to the Grammar School, and report to the Board at its next meeting, the committee to consist of Mr. Peterson, the chairman, Rev. Messrs. Torrance, Kilgour and the mover. The Secretary was instructed to purchase for the use of the Board a complete set of the new national series of school books, and a copy of the national manual. The Board then adjourned.

Sabbath School Soiree.

The Presbyterian Sabbath School soiree held in the Church, Edna Mills, last (Tuesday) evening was a perfect success, the tables were filled to their utmost capacity by an intelligent and respectable auditory. The juvenile choir from Knox's Church, Guelph, under the direction of Mr. Charles Thain, opened the proceedings of the evening by singing in fine style the 100th Psalm, after which the Rev. Mr. Wilkinson led in devotional exercises. The Rev. Mr. Barrie discharged the duties of Chairman, in that easy and pleasant style which is peculiarly his own. In his opening address he recounted the various difficulties young people in his early days had to contend with in obtaining knowledge, and enlarged upon the opportunities offered to the young of this country at the present day of storing their minds with that wisdom which even time cannot efface. Refreshments were then served, and the Superintendent of the School, Mr. John A. Davidson, made a few pointed remarks upon the gloomy work in which he was engaged. He had been an ardent labourer in the Sabbath School cause for 40 years, and in that time many a one had crossed the river of life, others were scattered to the four quarters of the earth. But he sometimes felt like desponding, as he never saw any manifest result of his labours. However he trusted that at the proper time the "bread cast upon the waters" would bring forth its fruit. Rev. J. Little next addressed the meeting. He applied himself specially to the young, and gave them some wholesome advice as to the course they should pursue in passing through life. Mr. James Ferguson, Guelph, then delivered in capital style an appropriate recitation entitled the "Bachelor." Mr. McLennan made some lengthy remarks upon various topics in connection with the object for which the soiree was held. He was followed by Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, who expressed himself highly pleased as a Wesleyan, in being able to mingle with his brethren in the Presbyterian persuasion upon the present occasion. He eulogised the singing of the choir very much. He believed their music to be as good as any ever heard in Canada, and he had heard juvenile singing from Montreal in the East to Madras in the West, none of which was equal to what he had listened to that evening. Mr. Peter Watson followed with a pithy recitation, and some of the juveniles in the choir delivered appropriate and mirth provoking dialogues. Mr. M'Caig, of the Rockwood Academy, in the course of an excellent speech, made some very good points, specially showing the necessity of making us: of some portion of every book read, and also of laying up something that would "never fade away" from the instructions imparted in the Sabbath School. A little lad about eight years old, sang in a style that took every one by surprise, that beautiful hymn, "Just as I am, without one plea, O Lamb of God I come to Thee."

Mr. Wm. Weir was the last speaker, but not by any means the least. He kept the audience in laughter at his "olds and ends," and upon drawing his speech to a close made some excellent suggestions in reference to the selection of books that should be made in order to have a proper effect upon the minds of children of tender years. Mr. James Ferguson and Mr. P. Watson brought the proceedings to a close by each delivering in excellent style appropriate recitations. The choir sang many beautiful pieces at intervals during the evening, and enhanced the interest in the meeting very much by their presence. Votes of thanks were proposed to the choir, chairman and the speakers, and after singing the National Anthem, the benediction was pronounced and one of the most pleasant meetings we have ever attended dispersed at about 11 o'clock, all being highly satisfied with the evening's entertainment. The proceeds netted about \$40.

Agriculture.

To the Editor of the Mercury.

Sir—From a reliable source I have heard that in the estimation of our worthy Professor and now also assistant Commissioner of Agriculture, Mr. Buckland, to pull up at Guelph for a day or two on his return from Huron next Saturday, for the purpose, if agreeable to the farmers of Wellington, of having communion with them on agricultural matters.

Now, Sir, it strikes me that the sooner this intelligence is publicly made known to my brother farmers the better, as it will give them the opportunity of making arrangements to be present on such an interesting occasion. And as the much and justly respected, worthy Professor has, as I have read and heard, been received in those counties where he has, for a length of time, been lecturing, with the utmost cordiality and friendly hospitality, I trust the farmers of Wellington will not be behind hand in extending the right hand of fellowship and hearty welcome which his unimpeded worth, zeal, and position justly entitle him to, and which may prove alike acceptable to him and creditable to themselves.

The President, with other officers of the County Agricultural Society and its friends, and of Horticulture too, will, I hope, take the matter in hand and announce through your Daily and the Daily Advertiser, some place and hour on Monday next for the worthy Professor to meet them, as I am informed the hour will be immaterial to him. I think it well to say that he will be the guest of the Rev. Mr. Clarke on Saturday evening, and part of Sunday, and will then visit an old friend in the country, and remain till Tuesday morning, when professional engagements require his presence in Toronto.

Yours respectfully, A. TICOLA, Guelph Township, Feb. 19, 1868.

Police Court.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate

WEDNESDAY, 19th.—Nancy Dolan was brought up this morning for her old offence, vagrancy. She told a doleful tale of the treatment she had received in gaol at the hands of Kate Ogilby, who "laid her" and broke a dish on her head, and left a lump on it as big as her hand, and would have scolded her only for the mistness." Notwithstanding these annoyances Nancy was obliged to return for the space of 21 days.

BRUSHES.

Whitewash, Cloth, Scrubbing, Hat, Stone, Hair, Horse, Shoe, and Bath Brushes.

JOHN HORSMAN.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

TORONTO, Feb. 18.

Mr. Lander presented a report from the select committee appointed to inquire into the affairs of the Toronto General Hospital. The committee suggest that, in the event of a Parliamentary grant being made to the institution, the city of Toronto should contribute to such an extent and with such permanence as would seem to be consistent with the special local advantages which that city obtains from the Hospital, and they are inclined to recommend that the Parliamentary grant should to some degree be made dependent upon such local contributions.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

From Mr. Wood then made his financial statement. The estimated revenue of the Province of Ontario was made up as follows:—First there was the subsidy from the Dominion Exchequer of \$80,000 per annum; and 80 cents per head on the population of the Province according to the census of 1861, amounting annually to \$1,116,872.80; the two sums making together \$1,196,872.80. From Crown Lands the estimated revenue was \$745,064, which after deducting from this receipts on account of special funds, such as common and grammar school funds, would leave \$419,447. In addition to these, there were certain small revenues which did not vary much from year to year, judging from the Public Accounts for several years back. Education, \$25,000; Provincial Lunatic Asylum, \$4,500; Maiden Asylum, \$600; Opera do, \$200; Reformatory, Penitentiaries, \$300; fines and forfeitures, \$2,770; tavern licenses, which were estimated at the amount received last year, deducting 10 per cent for the collection, \$20,250. He did not include law stamps, as no revenue could be counted upon from that source. Taking these sums together, they gave a clear revenue, not subject to any doubt or contingency, of \$1,553,539.91. In this estimate, the Government would be observed, had entirely set aside any account of trust and special funds peculiarly belonging to Upper Canada. Deducting the estimated expenditure for the current year, and balancing up the account for the past half year, there would be about half a million of surplus. It was the intention of the Government, as already announced by the Premier, to bring down some supplementary estimates, but even allowing for these, there would still be a surplus of half a million on the statement he had now made.

But the statement he had given thus far, was the most unfavourable statement that could be made of the public revenue of the Province. If we took into consideration the special funds, we would arrive at a very different result. The first of these was the Municipalities Fund. This, on the 31st of December last, amounted to \$339,223.50, but of course afforded no revenue to the Province. There were some other Trust Funds in a similar position. But, on the other hand, there were special funds which he thought we had a right to take into consideration. First, there was the Common School Fund, the amount at the credit of which on the 31st of December last, was \$1,792,037.17. Then there was the Grammar School Fund, amounting at the same date to \$368,963.93. Next, there was the Upper Canada Building Fund, which was peculiarly an Upper Canada property, amounting at the same date to \$1,590,933.96, against which there was an outstanding debt of only \$36,300. 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