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St. George's Church Vestry Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Vestry of St. George's Church took place on Easter Monday, in the school-room. The attendance was fair, Archdeacon Palmer presided, and Mr. Thos. W. Saunders was appointed Secretary. Messrs. Horsman and Walker, the retiring Church Wardens, presented the financial report, from which it appears that the total receipts from all sources for the year was \$3,025.20, and the disbursements \$2,063.74, leaving a balance on hand of \$891.55.

On motion of Mr. Chadwick, the accounts were referred to Judge Macdonald and Dr. Tuck, to audit the same, and report at an adjourned meeting of the Vestry, to be held on the 12th of April.

The Archdeacon, after paying a high compliment to Mr. John Horsman for the efficient way in which he had acted as Church Warden, nominated Mr. Wm. Reynolds as Church Warden for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Horsman, seconded by Mr. John Card, Mr. Charles Walker was also appointed Church Warden.

Moved by Mr. Chance, seconded by Mr. John A. Wood, that the Church Wardens be authorized to pay \$50 towards the salary of the Curate over and above his regular salary. Carried.

The Cemetery Committee, which did nothing during the past year, was re-appointed.

Moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Chance, that the Rector and Church Wardens be authorized to sign the receipt for \$400 in payment of the corners of the lot on which the church stands—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Reynolds, that this Vestry do affirm the necessity of coming to a decision as to the erection of a central parish church, and that a committee be now appointed to select a site, and to obtain plans for a commodious church capable of seating at least 1,000 persons, and to report at an adjourned meeting of the Vestry at an early day; that the report of such committee, if adopted, be binding on the Vestry, and that the building be then proceeded with at once.

Mr. Saunders and Mr. Reynolds spoke in support of the motion, and pointed out the necessity there was for decided and harmonious action. Mr. Reynolds believed that all parties would unite in carrying out the object of the resolution, if the Rector would pledge himself not to exercise his power of veto, but consent to carry out the decision of the committee.

The Rector said he had but one object in view, and that was to unite the congregation and adopt any of the schemes proposed. He was ready to acquiesce in any site chosen by a majority of the committee, and adopted and sanctioned by the Vestry.

Mr. Wood said that he had been deputed by Mr. Massey to say that he would give \$800 towards the building of a new church if it was put up on Woolwich-st., and he (Mr. Wood) would supplement that sum by \$400 more.

Mr. Chance said that he knew a gentleman in town, who, if the church was put up on Woolwich street, would give \$2,000 as a subscription in aid of its erection.

After some further discussion the motion was carried unanimously, and the following committee appointed to carry out the object of the resolution:—Messrs. F. J. Chadwick, J. A. Wood, John Horsman, F. W. Stone, Geo. Elliott, John Harvey, Judge Macdonald, George Murton, Jas. Davis, Thos. W. Saunders, E. Morris, Geo. Palmer, and Captain Vale.

After it was arranged that the preliminary meeting of the committee should take place to-night, the Vestry adjourned.

A Trip to the Western States.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE MERCURY.

SIR,—Owing to false reports being in circulation concerning our late tour to the West, which are said to have originated with us, and which we consider great injustice both to the country and people, you would favor us, Mr. Editor, by giving space in your valuable paper for a brief but faithful description of our observations while there.

We left Guelph on the morning of the 8th inst. On travelling through Michigan, as far as we could see from the train, the land was low and marshy and unfit for agricultural purposes. On entering Illinois the land for fifty miles along the line of railway is low and flat, and in appearance much inferior to the land in many parts of Canada; but through the rest of the State it is rolling, well settled, and very inviting, with many flourishing towns and cities. On entering the State of Missouri night overtook us, and we could make no further observations till we arrived at Shelbyna, a village about forty-seven miles west of Quincy. We stopped at Shelbyna all night and in the morning we started for Mr. J. W. Armstrong's on foot over the prairie. The first four miles was flat and wet. We then entered a narrow strip of woodland, on emerging from which the prairie was rolling and presented a most delightful appearance. We then entered another strip of woods—the wooded parts are very attractive, the timber generally oak, and standing much further apart than the trees in the forest land of Canada. Mr. Armstrong's farm is close to the last strip of woods. It is high and rolling and to all appearance is a very fine farm. We stopped at Mr. Armstrong's all night, and in his conversation with us he said he liked the country well. We started for Shelbyna on the morning of the 11th inst. There was about an inch of snow it having fallen in the night. Owing to an accident to the train we were unable to leave Shelbyna till the morning of the 12th, when we started for Kansas City, over a beautiful rolling country. We stopped in Kansas City all night and started in the morning for Leavenworth, a city about forty-five miles north-west of Kansas City. Here we called on two land agents to learn what land might be had and at what prices held. We were informed by them we could get land with in twelve miles of the city at prices ranging from twelve to twenty-five dollars per acre, according to quality and improvements. All this land was held by speculators. The only land held by government in the State of Kansas fit for agricultural purposes is in the south-west corner, and does not come into market until some time in May.

In our homeward route we took an

other course and the general appearance was the same as has been described. There was no appearance of vegetation in either Missouri or Kansas as far as we went, though some of the farmers had commenced sowing their grain. The fall wheat in some places looked well and in other places was killed with the frost. The soil is generally rich and productive and not easily exhausted. The staple productions are corn and tobacco. The prairies furnish excellent pasture for stock and they are very easily brought into a state of cultivation. The water generally used for drinking is cistern water, it being considered the purest they have. The people everywhere were kind and obliging, and contrary to reports were by no means disgusted with either the country or people. We would just say to those wishing to emigrate to the West not to build yourselves up with the expectation of getting land in Missouri or Kansas from the government and at government prices, as it is in speculators' hands, and ranges from ten to twenty-five dollars per acre, with the exception of that small tract that will be in the market in May. Yours,

HENRY TALBOT,  
JONATHAN TOWELL.  
Eramosa, March 25, 1869.

Goderich Correspondence.

The assizes opened before Justice John Wilson on Tuesday last. Very little business was done the first day. On Wednesday a number of civil cases and three criminal ones were disposed of. One of the latter is rather a hard one, viz., that of Victorine Humphrey, for larceny. She was indicted on two counts—first stealing a pair of boots valued at \$2.50; second, stealing a pound and a half of butter and half a yard of ribbon—all valued at \$1.25—thus making the total value of the goods stolen \$3.75, for which she was sentenced on one indictment to two years in the penitentiary with hard labour, and on the other indictment to two years and six days imprisonment—the time of both sentences to run contemporaneously.

Much sympathy is felt for her, as she is a married woman with four children. On Thursday Nicholas Melady and Thomas Donovan were tried for murder, and pleaded not guilty. Twelve jurors were then called, who took their seats in the box. The prisoners were then called to challenge jurors as the names were called and before they were sworn. Melady challenged first and then Donovan, until three jurors were challenged. The remainder of the panel was called, when only five of them answered their names, and the panel was exhausted. Prisoners were then sent back to jail until the fall assizes. The Sheriff was also instructed to return 72 jurors instead of 48, so that a similar difficulty would not occur again.

The rest of the business before the Court was of minor importance. A brief review of the murder case may not be uninteresting to many of your readers. The murder was committed by the evening of the 7th and the morning of the 8th of June last, and the prisoners were arrested on suspicion. Two tracks were observed leading from the house the murder was committed in, and traced to the houses of the prisoners; but at the same time a third track was discovered leading from the house in an opposite direction from the other two—Melady and Donovan, on the 20th of June, were committed to stand their trial for wilful murder at the fall assizes, but as the crown was not ready to proceed with the trial it was postponed till the next assizes. In the meantime a government detective was sent to ferret out the case for the government, and the result was that six more parties were arrested as being accessory to the murder. Soon after two of these were discharged by the magistrate; and on the 23rd of December the four remaining prisoners were discharged, except one who was sent back to gaol, where he lay for eight days more, when he was liberated on his own recognizance. Thus matters stood until the 8th inst., when this man, Jas. Keho, was again arrested on information said to have been given by one of the prisoners. Keho lay in gaol until the 17th, when he was again remanded for eight days more, and on the 24th inst. again a freeman; but a warrant for his apprehension was issued the next day, and the constable found him in his barn, covered up in the hay mow. On the next day he was examined before the Mayor and committed for trial for murder. Thus, to all appearance, the third track is accounted for. The most singular thing about this murder, for which there are now three prisoners in gaol, is that the strongest evidence for the crown has been got from the parties accused; and in Keho's case suspicion kept ever pointing to him as the third party; so that now, if rumor is to be trusted, all is clear as noonday.

Goderich, March 24th, 1869. D.D.

The Brockville Recorder says: "Who will believe that Ogle R. Gowen has received an appointment from a Premier calling himself a Reformer? And yet so it is. The Hon John Sandfield Macdonald has appointed the notorious Ogle R. Gowen to the office of Issuer of Licenses for Toronto and York, East and West. The Premier has lately taken to talk much of saints and sinners, and perhaps has learned to warble.

"For while the lamp holds out to burn, Well it would really be edifying to witness John Sandfield and the 'hero of the quarry hole' walking arm and arm along the streets of Toronto, the little boys enjoying themselves all the while at their expense, by shouting—O hookey! there goes a sad saint, but a sadder sinner."

New Advertisements.

BOARD WANTED.

A gentleman and wife wish to hire a bed room and parlor on ground that is possible with board. A private family preferred. Address with terms to C. G. H. Mercury Office, Guelph, Mar 29.

CAUTION, CHERLY.

The public are hereby cautioned against purchasing or negotiating a note of hand, note by Michael Cummings in favor of George Bolton, or bearer, for the sum of \$300, dated 10th inst. date, the 10th of March, 1870. The said note is supposed to have been lost in a fire which recently took place at Henry Bolton's, holder of said note, and no value has been obtained for the same. Also, another note for 200, drawn September 2nd, 1868, in favor of Cummings, against the said Michael Cummings, due September 2nd, 1869, and supposed to have been lost at the fire. HENRY BOLTON, do

RE-OPENING

SCHOOLS.

The Schools of the Town will re-open tomorrow—WEDNESDAY, except those taught by Messrs. Hutton, Hunter, Ferguson and Anderson, the pupils of these last are particularly requested to be present on

THURSDAY, AT 9 O'CLOCK, A.M.

at the new school building, for re-constitution according to the scheme of graduation lately adopted by the Board.

The Senior Girl's School, under Miss Walker, will not re-open before Monday next.

Guelph, Mar 29 02 R. TORRANCE, Secy.

Guelph, Ontario.

We have pleasure in making known to you the arrival of all of our IMPORTATIONS DIRECT FROM THE PLACES OF PRODUCTION, for the Spring Trade, and of saying that at no previous time have we been in the same position to offer you such an assortment to select from; the Varieties of Styles, Fabrics and Novelties in the various Departments are so varied and new that they call for an immediate inspection, in order that the taste and care shown in purchasing be fully appreciated.

We are safe in saying that no other House in the business in Guelph can approach the variety of our Stock to select from; and the prices at which our entire Stock will be offered must command immediate sale.

We are desirous of impressing this fact upon all intending buyers, that it is UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE for any other House in the Trade TO COMPETE WITH US, for this reason: We have no second profit to pay; we buy direct from the Manufacturers in Britain ourselves; and as all others in the Dry Goods business here purchase their Goods at second hand from wholesale houses in Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton, paying these importers their profit (as a profit they must have,) and then adding their own profit on before selling you the Goods here, it certainly cannot fail to convince you of the great truth that we assert, that our Goods must be at least twenty per cent under ordinary prices in other Stores in Guelph.

A call is respectfully solicited, when we feel confident that we will show you to your entire satisfaction that we are working for the mutual advantage of each.

Yours very respectfully,  
HOGG & CHANCE.

Guelph, March 29

APPLES AND POTATOES

A LARGE SUPPLY

AT J. & D. MARTIN'S

Wyndham Street, Guelph, 24th March.

GREAT REDUCTION SALE AT CUTHBERT'S COMMENCING TO-NIGHT, 30th MARCH, 1869.

SUGARS and SYRUPS

REDUCED IN PRICE

JOHN A. WOOD

Alma Block and Lower Wyndham-st.

FLOUR MILL FOR SALE.

The mill is situated in the Town of Brockville, within sixty feet of the Grand Trunk R. R., and close to the Freight Depot, is substantially built of stone 40x60, four stories high, covered with slate, has three runs of stones, with merchant bolts, cast-iron bed, and bolt for buckwheat flour, and a manual sifter, with machinery complete in every department, coopers in 4th and 3rd stories, with patent packer. The mill property consists of four acres, with stone dwelling house 2 1/2 stories, water for 3 or 2 months. There is also a high-pressure engine, 40-horse power, with locomotive boiler. Boiler house of stone, covered with iron, chimneys of brick rising above roof. No expense has been spared to make this the most complete mill in the country; everything about it is in perfect order. It will be sold at a bargain, and affords a rare opportunity to millers who may require a first-class mill cheap. For further information apply to E. MORRIS, Manager Ontario Bank, Guelph, or to the proprietor, J. I. SCUDFIELD, Brockville. Mar 30 dot-wat

MEXICAN EVER-BEARING STRAWBERRY

WM. STEVENSON, Nurseryman, Guelph.

HAVING been appointed Agent for the sale of this remarkable fruit for the County of Wellington, is prepared to take orders to be delivered this Spring at \$2.50 per Dozen.

Orders containing seven envelopes as to its perpetual bearing qualities from June until frost to be had on application.

WM. STEVENSON, Nurseryman, Guelph, 26th March. 4th st

YELLOW REFINED SUGAR

Dry Crushed Sugar, Pulverized Sugar, Maple Sugar,

AT E. O'DONNELL & CO'S

Guelph, 26th March. do

POSTPONED AUCTION.

Kare chabre to procure

AN EXCELLENT FARM

Auction sale of valuable farm property in the Township of Guelph, containing about 20 1/2 acres, with splendid stone dwelling House, and Frame and Stone Barn and outbuildings. This is one of the best farms in the Township, and is composed of Lots 10 and 11 in the 8th Concession of Division C, containing 37-7/10 acres more or less. Thirdly, parts of Lots Nos. 10 and 11 in the 5th Concession of Division C, containing 54 1/4 acres more or less. The property is in one block, bounded in the rear by the river Speed, is about five miles from the town of Guelph, and half a mile from the Eramosa and Erin gravelled road, well watered and in a good state of cultivation. There are 35 acres of woodland, about 1500 of which are excellent timber. There is also

A SPLENDID ORCHARD

on the premises, containing more than 100 choice fruit bearing trees, and a kitchen garden well stocked.

The Dwelling House is of Guelph stone, two stories high, 20x40, with a large stone kitchen is 2 1/2, with a good pump and soft water cistern. The following buildings are also on the premises: 2 Barns, one with a tart stone foundation 30x40, the other a new bank Barn 19x20, Woodshed 20x25, Root House, Straw House, Sheep and Granary Buildings, 70x24, Horse Stable and open shed buildings, 70x20, Hog Pen 20x20. So desirable a farm, and one so eligibly situated is rarely to be met with. Intending purchasers are requested to view the premises.

The above property will be offered in two parcels of about 12 or 10 acres each, to make two farms, under a mortgage, which will be produced at the time of the WEENESEYAY, 17th March next, at noon, at the Market House, in the Town of Guelph. Title good, and immediate possession can be given. For further particulars and terms apply to Messrs Lemon & Peterson, Solicitors, Guelph.

The above sale has been POSTPONED till Fair Day.

ON WEDNESDAY, 7th APRIL NEXT

at noon, when the same will be offered for sale at the place and in manner above mentioned. Offers will be received up to the 3rd April by the above named Solicitors.

Guelph, 26th March, 1869. do

BROOD LOST.

Lost yesterday afternoon, a Silver BROOD, Scotch Fold setting. The flier will be rewarded on leaving it at D. Naismith's, Wyndham Street, Guelph. Guelph, 26th March. do

FARM WANTED.

Wanted in the Township of Guelph or Eramosa a farm of from 150 to 300 acres. Address, giving all particulars, and stating price and terms, to J. C. C. drawer 25, Guelph. Guelph, 27th March. do

SALE BY AUCTION.

AUCTION SALE OF

Fancy Goods!

AND STATIONERY

AT CLARKE'S MUSIC STORE.

THIS EVENING.

Same to continue at seven o'clock. No RESERVE.

Guelph, March 29. do

W. WARNER CLARKE, Market Square, Guelph.

No. 2, 2000 Sap Buckets No. 2

At E. CARROLL & CO'S, No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

No. 2, 1000 Bbls SALT, No. 2

At E. CARROLL & CO'S, No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

No. 2, 1000 Bags SALT, No. 2

At E. CARROLL & CO'S, No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

No. 2, Tons Paris and Caledonia PLASTER, No. 2

At E. CARROLL & CO'S, No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

No. 2, CLOVER & TIMOTHY SEED No. 2

At E. CARROLL & CO'S, No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

Guelph, March 1, 1869. do

CARD.

JAMES JESSIE'S CO. having disposed of all their Retail Grocery business in the Alma Block and Day's Block, I beg to inform you that I have purchased their long established Family Grocery Business, No. 1, Day's Block, so successfully carried on under my management.

By keeping the very best class of Goods at the lowest possible prices, and by close personal attention to the business, I hope to receive the continued favors of all old customers, with an increased patronage from the general public.

Guelph, 16th March. do

JOHN RISK.

JUST RECEIVED, THE NEWEST STYLES OF HATS & CAPS

AT THE GUELPH CLOTH HALL, WYNDHAM STREET.

SHAW & MURTON.

Guelph, March 4, 1869.

CLOVER AND TIMOTHY.

FARMERS.

Buy your Clover and Timothy at

HUGH WALKER'S

Good Seed at a Small Price.

HUGH WALKER,

Guelph, March 24. do

Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-st.