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Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing between F.W. Galbraith and George Beattie, as Saddlers, &c., under the style and firm of Galbraith & Beattie, of the Town of Guelph, was dissolved by mutual consent on the first of January, 1869.

NOTICE.

The subscriber in returning thanks to the public for the patronage bestowed on the late firm of Galbraith & Beattie, would beg to say that he intends carrying on the business in all its branches at the old stand, West Market Square, Guelph, and hopes by strict attention to business, and moderate charges, to merit a share of public support.

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Notice to Debtors.

Evening Mercury.

SATURDAY EVE, JAN. 30, 1869.

POETRY.

Spent and Mis-Spent.

Counting the happy chances strewn about.

Deep in the hills, and out of silence vast.

But when the idle pleasure ceased to please.

And so sometimes I can not choose but cry.

Local and Miscellaneous

A St. Louis reporter was lately robbed of \$25—the savings of a lifetime.

A man and woman were lately severely sentenced in Scotland for being married under false names.

Sixty National Glee, with pianoforte accompaniments, five cents each, just received at Clarke's music store.

We understand Mr. Wm. Elliott, Veterinary Surgeon, has purchased Vicker's Hotel, Elora, for which he pays \$5,300.

A dry goods clerk in Montreal had an infant presented to him a day or two ago by a woman who called at the store where he was employed.

At the meeting of the Waterloo County Council held on Tuesday at Berlin, J. Fleming, Esq., Reeve of Galt, was elected Warden by a unanimous vote.

John B. Gong's father was an English "Peninsular soldier," and his mother the village school teacher at Sandgate, Eng., where J. B. was born, in August, 1817.

The Percy and Campbell families, famous in English and Scottish history, were united on the 25th ult., by the marriage of Earl Percy with the Duke of Argyll's daughter.

The Montreal Witness recommends that libraries be attached to the Police Stations. Policemen in that city, when off duty, take to smoking and card-playing to while away the time.

NICE MANAGEMENT.—The Globe's telegraphic correspondent at Ottawa says that it has good authority for stating the specifications for the Intercolonial have again been altered by the Railway Commissioners.

A female recently paraded the streets of a western town, exhibiting above a pair of pretty ankles, a skirt upon which the indelible brand of the miller was still visible: "Ninety-six pounds extra superfine—warranted."

ACCIDENT IN SALEM.—On Tuesday last, Mr. Dower, of Salem, slipped upon a board, covered with ice, and fractured the inner bone of the right arm, just at the wrist. Dr. Griffith, of Salem, was promptly in attendance, and set the fracture.

Many of those ladies in England who were disappointed at being refused the franchise, are now contented to be without a vote, for they have been told that one of the questions electors are bound to answer at the polling-booths is, "What is your age?"

Robert Herrick, the cavalier poet of the Commonwealth, was a native of the same name, still flourishing in Leicestershire, and a search among their papers has disclosed letters and papers by the poet, throwing light on the Commonwealthers.

Of the three women who were recently sentenced to be guillotined at Marseilles, for poisoning their husbands, it was stated by their counsel for the prisoners, that the youngest and prettiest had a few years ago been crowned with the *prix de la jeunesse* (prize of virtue), and had been looked upon as the best match in her native village.

POPULAR READINGS.—The Express says that the people of Drayton, Hollin, Listowel, and other northern villages, will have an opportunity of listening to Dr. Griffith, of Salem, the doctor in charge during the coming week. The doctor is one of the best readers we have, and deserves, what we have no doubt his attractive and humorous program will secure, a good hearing.

A CASE FOR THE QUEEN.—A lady in Minto, says the Elora Express, with a long, unpronounceable name, requiring our gaelic neighbour, Mr. McMillan, to interpret it, has presented her loving lord with four handsome babies—two boys and two girls. Rather a big New Year's gift, but the recipient feels good over it. Minto is an ungrateful fellow if he doesn't. We understand that he intends to apply to Her Majesty for the four guineas. He deserves them.

A CHANGE.—After some ten days of indecision—some of which were cold and others warm—some cloudy and some sunshiny—the clerk of the weather concluded to let the rain fall last night, with the accompaniment of rather strong winds. The rain accordingly went in and won, taking from us the little remnant of snow left, and making puddles of wet where before ice "did muddle of wet."

YESTERDAY (Friday) a number of boys were observed engaged in a game of marbles in the street. One swallow, it is said, don't make summer, and we are certain it don't make "drunk" come, but may not one game of marbles prognosticate Spring? The "oldest inhabitant" may light his pipe, and like Andy Johnson in his inauguration speech in 1865, consider "a minute and an arf on that pint."

Wellington County Council.

Friday, Jan. 29th. Moved by Mr. Landerkin, seconded by Mr. Robertson, in amendment that the report be amended by adopting the petition from certain ratepayers of Peel and Maryboro praying for the assumption, grading and gravelling of the Town line between said Townships.—Lost.

The names were then put and carried, 10 to 14. Yeas—Broadfoot, Clark, Connell, Darby, Duffield, Fraser, Landerkin, Leslie, Prain, Rea, Roberts, Robertson, Spreuhlan, Stevenson, Swan, Whitelaw.—16; Nays—Cross, Dobbin, Gillespie, Goldie, Gordon, Hunter, Johnston, Jull, Mitchell, McInnes, McManus, McMillan, Saunders, Sutherland.—14.

Mr. Darby read a petition from R. S. Brodie and others, asking the Council to report on the construction of the act in reference to the legality of continuing to collect tolls on the road from Guelph to Card's Corner after the amount collected has paid expenses of its construction. A motion was made to refer it to a committee composed of Messrs. Leslie, McCurry and Fraser. An amendment however to refer it to County Roads Committee was carried.

A petition was read from Geo. Robinson, asking the back taxes on lot 25, 8th Con. Garrafrax to be reduced. Laid on the table.

The Council then adjourned till three o'clock.

The Council resumed at three o'clock. The Warden read a communication from the County Council of Peel, recommending the Council to act with that body in making better provision for the volunteers. Referred to a special committee.

The Warden read the report of the Committee on Printing, which recommended that the tender of Messrs. McLagan & Innes being the lowest, be accepted.

On motion of Mr. Rea, seconded by Mr. McCurry, the report was adopted.

Moved by Mr. Whitelaw, seconded by Mr. Leslie, that the consent of this Council be given to Chalmers' Church congregation to use the Court House for Divine service till such time as they erect a suitable place of worship, and the Warden is instructed to notify the Insurance Company or agent that the Court House is used for such purpose.—Carried.

Mr. Leslie presented the report of the Finance Committee.

The Committee recommended that the Treasurer be instructed to procure all books necessary for his office, so that all records may be kept in a proper and comprehensive manner; also that the Treasurer allow no large deposit to remain in the Royal Canadian Bank, Fergus, whilst an indebtedness remains at the Ontario Bank, Guelph, and that he be instructed to sell all silver as soon as possible after he receives it, including that already deposited. The Committee find that a large amount of county rate is still due, and the Treasurer is instructed to notify the several township and village Treasurers to have the amount paid up as soon as possible.

The report recommended that a by-law be introduced to postpone the sale of non-resident lands in arrears for taxes during the current year, not including those advertised; also that the Treasurer's financial statement up to 29th January be printed in the minutes; also that Col. Howat's securities be given up to him; Moved by Mr. Leslie, seconded by Mr. J. M. Shaw, account, the committee do not deem it advisable to take any action on it.—The committee cannot recommend the Council to take any action on the petition from the Fergus Council about Pat. Kavanagh. They recommend that \$12 be paid for books got for the Surrogate, and that the following accounts be paid: N. Higinbotham, \$6.98; E. H. Vevey & Co., \$5.45; G. M. Todd, \$3; J. an Foley, \$5.

Moved by Mr. Swan, seconded by Mr. Connell, that the report be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McInnes, seconded by Mr. Broadfoot, that the report be amended by striking out that part of the report in reference to Patrick Kavanagh, and that the Council grant \$10 a month till he is able to walk, as he is not a resident of Fergus. Lost, only mover and seconder voting for it.

The Council then adjourned till tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY, JAN. 30.

The Council met at nine o'clock, the Warden in the chair.

Mr. Mitchell presented the report of the Road and Bridge Committee, recommending that no action be taken by the Council in regard to any of the petitions for aid, till the June session. The report was adopted.

An account of \$2.37, for glazing the windows of Court House in 1865, was presented by the executors of the late Wm. Reilly. Referred to Finance Committee.

Mr. McCurry presented the report of the Committee to consider the memorial of the County Council of Peel, in reference to the volunteers, which recommends that a petition be sent by this Council to Parliament, praying that the Government meet the expenses of their clothing and conveyance to and from headquarters, in doing Battalion drill. Report adopted.

Mr. Goldie presented the report of the Education Committee.

The committee recommended that Emma Pratt, Salina Graham, Elizabeth Jane Birney, John Cook and Creighton Cassidy be continued as pupils at the Desat. Dumb and Blind Institute at Hamilton, also that Martin Gray be received again into the Institution, and that the sum mentioned in McGann's communication be retained and applied for their support. They also recommend that no change should take place in the grants to the Grammar schools for the present year, but that the same amounts formerly paid be appropriated.

On motion for the adoption of the report, Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Mr. Cross, that the report be amended by striking out that part of the report recommending a renewal of the grants to Grammar Schools, and that they be instructed to recommend that reports be laid before the Council at the June session, showing the number of scholars attending each school, also to which municipality they belong, also the amount received from local sources, also the amount received from government.

The Warden ruled the motion out of order and the report was adopted.

Moved by Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Cross, that the Trustees of Grammar Schools furnish to this Council at its June session a return showing the

number of pupils at their schools from each municipality in this county, and the number of pupils from beyond this County.—Carried.

Mr. Whitelaw presented the second report of the County Roads Committee: They recommend that the following members of the Council be appointed as Road Commissioners on the undermentioned roads:—Guelph and Dundas road, Leslie and McCurry; Guelph and Elora road to the town line of Erin, Goldie, Whitelaw and Duffield; county roads in township of Erin, McMillan, Johnston and Hunter; from Guelph to Card's corner, Darby and Mitchell; from Card's corner to Fergus, and Fergus and Douglas road, Broadfoot, McInnes and Dobbin; Fergus and Arthur, the Warden, Saunders, McManus; Arthur and Mount Forest road, Stevenson, Gordon and Swan; Elora and Saugeen road from Card's corner to Bosworth, Fraser, Roberts, Clark, Cross; from Bosworth to upper end of Minto, Robertson, Landerkin, Connell and Prain; Glenallan road, Cross and Sutherland.

The committee recommend that the commissioners shall perform their duties as defined in By-law 83 of the Council, and in addition, let all contracts by sealed tender or public competition, and all contracts for the laying on of gravel or broken stone shall be at so much per cubic yard, and that the commissioners shall appoint one or more overseers in each section, to see that all contracts are referred to commissioners of Erin road, with power to settle the same. With regard to the petition of Mr. R. S. Brodie referring to collecting of tolls on road from Guelph to Card's corner, from the limited time at the disposal of the Committee, and as no alteration can be made till the expiration of the present term, the committee recommend that the matter be left over till the next session.

Mr. Whitelaw read the following opinion from Mr. Guthrie: As regards the first Toll gate on the Guelph and Arthur Road, I am of opinion that under the act incorporating that Company the tolls shall in the annual receipts exceed in amount a sum sufficient to defray the expenses of maintaining and repairing that part of the road from Guelph to Card's Corner, and incidental expenses, and to afford an annual income of ten per cent profit on the capital actually expended in the construction of said part of road from time of construction, then the surplus annual revenue over and above these amounts should be charged against the County as so much received by it in the nature of a sinking fund to pay for the road to and for the use of the public in such manner and form as the Legislature of the Province may by Legislative enactment provide.

I think therefore if the revenue from the part of the road in question has yielded enough to repay outlays and interest and cost of construction, the Council should limit the tolls to an amount sufficient to repay the cost of maintenance and repair only—if the road was not deemed of sufficient importance to the County to abolish them altogether.

The County Roads Committee report was then adopted.

Moved by Mr. Darby, seconded by Mr. McCurry, that Mr. Guthrie's opinion in reference to the road from Guelph to Card's Corner be published in the minutes, and that the chairman of the County Roads committee be instructed to prepare a financial statement of the road, and present it at the June session.—Carried.

Mr. Leslie introduced a by-law to provide for not advertising and selling any non-resident lands in arrears for taxes this year. The by-law was read a first, second and third time.

Mr. Mitchell presented the report of the County Property Committee. It recommends that the articles mentioned by Mr. Mercer be purchased, also they recommend that the County purchase the office now occupied by Mr. Guthrie from the executors of the late Mr. Ferguson Blair, on the following terms, \$2,000 to be paid in January next without interest, Mr. Ferguson to collect rent for first flat of building to 1st January next, and the County to have immediate possession of second flat, the Warden and County Property Committee to carry the same into effect. They recommend that as an application has been made to the Council for accommodation for the Master in Chancery, a part of the upper flat of said building be used for that purpose, and the remainder retained or used for County purposes.

Moved by Mr. Cross, seconded by Mr. Manus, that the Treasurer furnish at next meeting of the Council a detailed statement of all moneys paid by this Council for printing for the year 1868.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned, to meet on 1st Tuesday in June.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Saturday, the 23rd inst., a young man about seventeen years of age, named John McIvor, of the township of Huron, was violently thrown from a horse whilst in the act of mounting, and dragged a quarter of a mile, receiving thereby such injuries as caused his death after twenty-eight hours of intense suffering.

An exciting game of curling took place at Newcastles, yesterday, between four crack players of different nationalities—an Irishman, an Englishman, a Canadian, and a Scotchman, against four Scotchmen, when the latter were beaten at their national game by one shot. The return match comes off on Thursday next.

Miss Hirst, daughter of G. Hirst, Esq., unfortunately overreached herself on Friday evening, while engaged in domestic avocation, and burst a small blood vessel. Dr. Tuck was sent for, and we are happy to say that she is now out of danger.

The following gentlemen have subscribed \$200 towards Queen's College endowment: Allan Gilmour, Mrs. Mallock, E. McGillivray, Mr. Wm. Stewart, Rev. D. Gordon, Dr. A. J. Grant, H. F. Bronson, Hon. Jas. Skead, Robt. Skead, and J. M. Currier.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

Madrid, Jan. 29.—It is stated that the members of the Provisional Government are unanimously in favor of the Duke Montpensier for the Spanish throne.

London, Jan. 27.—An invitation has been extended to Reverdy Johnson to dine with the Corporation authorities of Glasgow in February. Mr. Johnson has accepted the invitation.

U. S. Minister Tuckerman, in a speech delivered at a public dinner in Athens yesterday, expressed the kindest feelings of the American nation for Greece, and pledging the cordial sympathy of his Government for the Greeks in their anticipated trouble with the Turks.

Aversa, Jan. 29.—It is reported that Bulgares, Prime Minister, has resigned. The action of the King of Greece upon the terms submitted by the recent Conference is considered uncertain. Nothing definite as to his intentions relative to the matter is as yet known.

American Despatches

Havana, 29.—Details of news from Rio Janeiro show that the success of the allied powers in Paraguay has been most complete. All the Spargoran forts are in their hands. They have captured the artillery and baggage of Lopez's army, and 2,000 prisoners.—Lopez was a fugitive in the forests, and was surrounded by the allies.

New York 30.—Herald's Richmond special says that another outrage has occurred in Duplin County, N. C. A white, who fired upon a party of negroes attempting to violate the persons of some young ladies, was murdered in his house the following night, and his body cut in halves and hung up in the room where he slept.

Salem Correspondence.

The present unseasonable weather is producing in the minds of some would-be theologians strange and vague surmises. Amongst the most remarkable is, that it is a harbinger of the millennium and a precursor of that period when there shall be no inclemency of weather, but such a universal change upon the face of all nature, as will be consistent with the genial warmth of Christian love. This may be true or not, but from our knowledge of S. L. natural truths, we do not feel justified in jumping with fanatical minds at any such conclusion, because the mercury happens to stand above zero, or the roads are bare in the month of January.

In a late issue of the Daily Mercury you suggested to the Guelph people the advisability of manufacturing velocipedes, but as you will probably see by some of our local papers the ambitious people of this city of peace—Alisa Salem—originated the idea first, and the result is that two of these locomotives are now in actual construction here, one with three and the other with two wheels, the latter being used very generally in France and United States, but from what we understand requires the driver to be perfectly sober so as to maintain his equilibrium in dicing through space. We imagine we see the proprietors of the two wheeled vehicle (supposing of course that they are not top heavy) making their first experiment in this locality, and despite all efforts to balance themselves or steer their course safely, we think we behold them dashing headlong through a shop window or kissing the ground at the fence corners with legs erect in the air.

We learn that Wm. Whitley, Esq., an old resident of this village, has sold his stock of harness, etc., and his good will of the business to a young man from Stratford. Mr. Whitley having now amassed a fortune can afford to retire into private life. We are glad to hear he has succeeded so well.

The Battalion Band concert last night in Elora was, in point of performance, a brilliant success, but the attendance, we regret to say, was not by any means as large as we expected. This was doubtless owing to the want of advertising. The members of the band showed great proficiency under their talented leader, Mr. Vale, and it was considered that they had improved wonderfully since last year. The singing was excellent and the various selections were well sustained by each of the ladies and gentlemen who kindly lent their assistance on the occasion. After the concert was over, several of the elite of Elora and other places whirled in the mazy dance until the dawn of day. The Fergus people, it appears, are anxious that the Band should pay their village a visit, and no doubt they would receive a hearty welcome and a crowded house.

CURLING MATCH.—The Guelph and Speed Curling Clubs met on the ice of the Eramosa River yesterday for a friendly game. The day was very unfavorable, and the ice so soft that when the rinks had been shortened, fifteen yards, few of the players on either side could get up their stones. After the rinks had worked away for a couple of hours and the ice getting worse as time went on, it was mutually agreed that the match be postponed and considered a drawn game. The following is the score as far as played: Guelph, No. 1, John Scott, James Dobbie, A. Robertson, ar, Peter Gow, skip 20. No. 2, Wm. Roper, A. Armstrong, J. Anderson, C. Davidson, skip 4. No. 3, J. Davidson, Thomas Davidson, D. McCrae, A. Robertson, Jr., skip 17. Speed, No. 1, J. Davidson, J. Emslie, R. Galbraith, W. Mitchell, skip 10. No. 2, A. Pattison, A. Strowg, W. H. Mills, T. Dobbie, skip 24. No. 3, Geo. Moore, R. Emslie, Alex. Congalton, D. Kennedy, skip 17.

SEVERE TILT RIGHT.—A good story is told in a St. Mary's paper regarding a character there last week. A man named Martin having got married, some roughs instigated a charivari; and accordingly after making the night hideous with their yelling, they demanded \$2 from Mr. Martin, who handed them a four dollar bill, requesting them to give him the change, which they did in good current silver. Off the parties went to tavern and after the "drinks," it was found that the bill was one on the unfortunate Intercolonial Bank which failed some years ago. Instead of selling they were sold; instead of having a good time, they were four dollar silver dollars and the price of the drinks poorer.

Twenty of Bishop's best Glee, with pianoforte accompaniment, for five cents each, at Clarke's music store.