Guelph Evening Mercury

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Business Cards.

F. STURDY,

House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter

GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.

Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. f27-dwly

ROYAL HOTEL LIVERY STABLE.

The subscriber begs to notify the public that he has purchased the above livery from Mr Geo. W. Jessop, and will continue the business as heretofore. Having made considerable improvements, he will be able at all times to meet the wants of the travelling public. First-class Turnouts ready at the shortest notice.

Guelph, 6th Dec. dtf W. J. WILSON.

O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL,

IN THE

QUEEN'S HOTEL, GUELPH, OPPOSITE THE MARKET.

Refitted in the latest fashion. Five latest styles Phelan Tables. do

DOMINION SALOON.

Fresh Oysters in every Style

The table supplied with all the delicacies of the Season in a first-class manner.

☞ At the Bar will be found the Choicest Brands of Liquors and Cigars.

DENIS BUNYAN,

Guelph, Nov. 21, 1871. do

SODEN'S PUBLIC CAB.

The subscriber having purchased Mr. D. Coffee's splendid Cab, begs to inform the public that it will be at their service at all times, either by the hour, the day, or any other way, at the most moderate charges.

It will attend all the regular trains, also Concert and Balls, and can be engaged for Marriages or Funerals on the shortest notice.

Order slates kindly permitted at Mr. Harvey's Drug Store, Parker's Hotel, and Hewer's Western Hotel.

A careful and steady driver always with the Cab. A share of public patronage respectfully solicited.

Orders may also be left at the Owner's Grocery Store, Upper Wyndham Street.

Oct. 19, 1871. dtf R. SODEN.

DUIGNAN'S PUBLIC CAB.

The Subscriber begs to inform the people of Guelph that he has purchased a handsome and commodious Cab, which will always be at their service.

He will be at the Railway Stations on the arrival of all trains.

Parties wishing to hire by the hour or otherwise will be charged the most reasonable rates.

As he will make it his study to see to the comfort of all passengers he hopes to receive a share of public patronage.

Orders left at the Express Office, Mr. Hugh Walker's, and at the Post Office will be promptly attended to.

Sept. 4, 1871. do JOHN DUIGNAN.

PRIZE DENTISTRY.

DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL,

Licentiate of Dental Surgery. Established 1864. Office next door to the "Advertiser" Office, Wyndham - st., Guelph. Residence opposite Mr. Boult's Factory, Quebec Street. Teeth extracted without pain. References, Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph. Drs. Buchanan and Philips, Toronto; Drs. Elliott & Meyers, Dentists, Toronto. dw

W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S.,

SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH.

Office over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, Corner of 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

RAYMOND'S

SEWING MACHINES

Family Sewing Machine (single thread);
" Hand Lock Stitch (double thread)
" No. 1, Foot Power. " "
" No. 2, for heavier work;

Furnished with plain tables, half, or Cabinet Cases, as required.

CHARLES RAYMOND.

GUELPH, ONT.

July 12, 1871 dwly

PARKER'S HOTEL,

—DIRECTLY—

OPPOSITE the MARKET, GUELPH

First-class accommodation for travellers. Commodious stabling and an attentive hostler.

The best of Liquors and Cigars at the bar.

JAMES PARKER, Proprietor.

Guelph, Feb. 6, 1872. dwy

NEW MILLINERY SHOW ROOMS.

MISS ELLIS

Begs to inform the public that she has just received a fresh lot of

MILLINERY GOODS

In all the latest styles, and respectfully solicits an early call.

☞ One door east of the Royal Hotel.

Guelph, Oct. 5, 1871. do

ELECTRO AND CARRIAGE-PLATING SHOP.

The undersigned begs to inform the public that he has purchased the business of the late E. J. Robinson, and that he intends to carry it on in all its branches. Prices, &c., as usual. Small articles plated from 15 cents and upwards. Country orders promptly attended to. He has also moved his

New Machine & Repairing Shop

To the same premises, where all orders in that line will be promptly attended to.

JOHN KIRKHAM.

Guelph, Jan. 10, 1872 dtf

THORP'S LIVERY STABLE

STILL IN OPERATION

AT THE OLD STAND

First-class horses and rigs can be had at all hours by applying at the Stable, opposite the Grand Trunk Railway Station.

JAMES A. THORP.

Guelph, April 5th, 1871. yd

New Advertisements.

LOST. — On Thursday night last, on Norfolk Street, a Prairie Wolf Skin Robe. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at this office. 10-d6

HOUSE WANTED.—On or near the Waterloo Road. Address, stating particulars, to A. B., Drawer 30, Guelph P.O. f5-12

DOG FOUND.—Came on the premises of the undersigned, Ontario Hotel, about 5 weeks ago, a Couch Dog, with collar and name thereon. The owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses, and take him away. 7-d3w3 THOS. MERLIHAN.

BLACKSMITH WANTED IMMEDIATELY. — Good wages and steady employment to a competent man. Apply to James Laing, Blacksmith, Morriston. dwtf

TANNERY FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

The subscriber will either sell or rent his Tannery, on Surrey Street, Guelph. Possession given on the 1st of March. Apply, on the premises, to JEHU CLARKE, Proprietor.

Guelph, Jan. 9, 1872. dw

BAZAAR PRIZES

ON EXHIBITION

IN THE TOWN HALL,

On TUESDAY, from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m.

FARM FOR SALE.—Being the north-west half of Lot 98, Con. C, Township of Minto, containing 50 acres, from 40 to 45 acres cleared. There are two never failing spring creeks crossing the farm. Situate on the gravel road, three miles from the flourishing village of Harriston. For terms, apply to Alex. Meiklejohn, Harriston, or the subscriber, on the premises.

Feb. 5, 1872. d4t w4t MAL. MILLOY.

LOOK HERE.

Owners having horses suffering om Ring Bone, Bone Spavin, Blood Spavin, Curbs, Splints &c., can have these enlargments effectually removed in a very short space of time and at small expense by applying to

JOSEPH HIRSCH Union, Hotel.

Guelph, Jan. 31st, 1872. dw1m.

BERKSHIRE BOAR "JOHN A."

The Subscriber begs to notify the breeders of Swine that he has purchased the above Boar, imported from England by Geo. Roach, Esq., of Hamilton, which will serve sows this season. Terms $4 cash.

Pedigree—John A. was sired by Sampson out of Swindon 1, by 2nd Duke of Gloster; dam Sniper I. out of Bobtail I. by Tim Whiffler.

W. A. BOOKLESS, Royal Hotel,

Guelph, Dec. 8, 1871. Proprietor. dwtf

CASH FOR WOOL, HIDES, SHEEP-SKINS, CALF SKINS, and WOOL PICKINGS.

The highest market price paid for the above at No. 4, Gordon Street, Day's old block, Guelph.

Plasterer's Hair constantly on hand for sale at D. MOULTON'S,

Guelph, Feb. 3, 1872 dw

BAZAAR PRIZES

ON EXHIBITION

—AT—

PETRIE'S DRUG STORE.

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!

To lend, at reasonable rates, on security of real property, in sums to suit borrowers.

Apply to GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN.

Guelph, Dec. 27, 1871 3md

WANTED. —A strong boy to learn Blacksmithing, in all its branches. Apply to WRAY & HIRSH, Hespeler. f1w3

BULL FOR SALE.—For sale, a 2 year old thoroughbred Durham Bull. First-class pedigree. Apply to Alex. McPhederan, Lot 18, 4th con. Nassagaweya. f7-w4t

CEDAR FOR SALE. — A quantity of Cedar, suitable for rails and fence posts can be purchased from George Lush, east half of Lot 31, 5th concession, Eramosa. Price from $10 to $15 per acre. f7-4w

THOROUGH-BRED BULL for SALE.

For sale a thorough-bred Durham Bull, 3 years old, registered pedigree. Was bred by Arthur Hogge, Esq., Guelph Township. Apply to John G. Wright, Lot 7, 9th Concession, Garafraxa. f7-w4t

DURHAM STOCK FOR SALE.—The subscriber offers for sale three thorough-bred Bull Calves, and one yearling Bull. All the above Stock are registered, and have first-class pedigrees, without blur or any other flaw. WM. BATHGATE,

j31-wtf Con. 8, Div. C, Guelph.

FARM TO LET. — Lots 17 and 30, in Division D, Township of Guelph, on the Town Line, 75 acres, house and outbuildings. For particulars, apply to

EDWARD CARTHEW,

Jan. 29, 1872 wtf Waterloo Road.

BULL CALVES FOR SALE. — Three pure bred Short-horned Bull Calves, eight and ten months old, with good registered pedigrees. Four miles and a half from Guelph the Guelph and Erin Gravel Road.

JOSEPH PARKINSON,

j24-wtf Elmbrook Farm, Eramosa P.O

PURE BRED BULLS FOR SALE.—By the Subscriber, two thorough-bred Bulls, one the well-known Bull Breadalbane, 4 years old; the other rising two years old, all but pure red. Registered pedigrees complete. A. CAMPBELL,

F7-wtf Lot 26, Con. 7, Nassagaweya.

IMPORTANT TO MARKET GARDENERS. For sale, a House, Lot of 7 acres, and suitable buildings thereon; with young thriving orchard and nursery. A never-failing spring of water on the premises. Situate on the York Road, 5 miles from town, and at present occupied by Mr. William Sunley.

Apply to John Sunley, Lot 9, 3rd Con. Eramosa. f7-w3

FARM AND SAWMILL FOR SALE. —Being West half of Lot 2, in the 15th con. Township of Peel, consisting of 100 acres, 50 cleared, frame house, barn, and sheds. The sawmill is on Conestoga River, and is in good working order. This is a rare chance, as the present owner is about to retire from business. Terms as may be agreed on. Apply to the undersigned, or address to Bosworth P O, postpaid.

Jan. 24, 1872 8w JAMES SCROGGIE.

EDWARD OSLER, Law, Chancery and Conveyancing Office, Notary Public, Land, Loan and Insurance Agent. Office, next door to R. H. Perry's Drug Store, Fergus. Agent for "The Standard Life Insurance Company," of Scotland; "The Isolated Risk Fire Insurance Co.," of Toronto; "The Huron and Erie Savings and Loan Society," and "The Ontario Savings and Investment Society. Loans advanced on Farm and Village Property. $15,000 in private funds to invest on good farm security. No commission charged. F7-wy

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of ALBERT S. HARDY, an Insolvent.

The Insolvent has made an assignment of his Estate to me, and the Creditors are notified to meet at my office, in the Town of Guelph, in the County of Wellington, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of February, inst, at twelve o'clock noon, to receive statements of his affairs, and to appoint an Assignee.

Residence of Interim Assignee, Guelph.

Dated at Guelph aforesaid, February 7th, 1872.

EDWIN NEWTON, Interim Assignee.

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MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 12, 1872

Railway Time Table

Grand Trunk Railway

Trains leave Guelph as follows:

WEST

4:22 a.m.; 9.50 a.m.; 6 p.m.*; 8:30 p.m.†.

*To London, Goderich, and Detroit. †To Berlin.

EAST

3:15 a.m.; 7:30 a.m.; 11:04 a.m.; 3:45 p.m.

The 1.55 p.m. and 6.50 p.m. trains are cancelled.

Great Western---Guelph Branch

Going South depart at 6.50 a.m., 1.05 p.m, and 4.55p.m; also by mixed train every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 1.40 p.m.

Going North, depart at 11.45 a.m., 4.55 p.m., and 9.05 p.m.; also by mixed train every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1.05 p.m. Trains leave Harriston every morning at 10 a.m., reaching Guelph at 1.05 p.m, and in addition a mixed train every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9 a.m., reaching Guelph at 1.40 p.m. The train which passes Guelph going north at 11.45 p.m., runs every day to Clifford, arriving there at 3.15 p.m. and a mixed train which passes Guelph every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1.10 p.m., reaches Clifford at 5 00 p.m.

Town and County News

A FIRE was discovered at the railway station, Orangeville, one day last week, by which the tank-house was destroyed. The loss is estimated at $400.

THE Guelph MERCURY has donned a new dress, greatly improving its appearance. It is ably edited and neatly printed, and we have no doubt is increasing in circulation, as it deserves to.—*Owen Sound Advertiser.*

CHEAP SALE OF BOOKS AND STATIONERY.—We call attention to the great cheap sale of books and stationery at J. B. Thornton's. As the whole stock will be rushed off at cost price, intending buyers will have a chance of getting splendid bargains.

BALL AND SUPPER AT HESPELER.—A supper and ball were given at the Devitt Hall on Friday night by Messrs. Randall, Farr & Co., and Farrlong & Bisby, to their employees in connection with their extensive woollen mills in this place. It was a highly successful affair. Over four hundred persons sat down to the tables. A couple of hours were pleasantly spent in speechifying, after which the tables were cleared and dancing commenced, which was continued to a late hour.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT IN BERLIN.—An accident of a rather serious nature occurred at Berlin on Saturday afternoon, by which a woman named Dutzinroad came near losing her life. It appears that while two young men, under the influence of liquor, were driving through the town at an unusually rapid rate, they ran over the unfortunate woman, seriously injuring her. She now lies in a precarious condition. The parties were immediately arrested by police-constable K. Lippert, and are now in gaol.

BRITISH QUARTERLY. — The Leonard Scott Publishing Co. have sent us the *British Quarterly Review* for January.—The present is a very readable number and contains some able articles. The contents are: Langfrey's Napoleon the First; Beethoven; An English Interior in the 17th Century; Catullus and his Translators; Mahomet; The Speaker's Commentary; The Working of the Education Act; Last Words on the Ballot Question; Contemporary Literature. For sale at the bookstores in town.

HEAVY BEREAVEMENT.—Mr. Wm. Watson, cutter to Mr. Wm. Stewart, has met with a sore bereavement. His wife died this (Monday) morning at 2 o'clock, after a few day's illness, from inflammation of the lungs, and only twelve hours before that, his wife's mother, who lived with them, also died. Thus in the brief space of twelve hours two loved members of the family were removed. It is seldom we have to record such a double bereavement. Mr. Watson and his family have the sincere sympathy of their friends and acquaintances in this the hour of their trial. As will be seen by a notice elsewhere, both funerals take place to-morrow, at one o'clock p. m.

THE GRAND BAZAAR.—Our readers will remember that the drawing of prizes in connection with the Grand Bazaar in aid of the Church of the Immaculate Conception will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 p.m. The drawing is under the management of several well known gentlemen in town, whose names are a guarantee that it will be done impartially. The musical entertainment commences at 2 p.m. when the La Salle Band, of Toronto, will give one of their celebrated vocal and instrumental concerts, consisting of the best operatic selections. They will also give the thrilling drama "The Expiation," to be followed by an amusing farce. The performance will be repeated in the evening at half-past 7 o'clock. We are sure there will be a large attendance on both occasions. The prizes will be on view at the Hall to-morrow from 10 a.m. to 2 p. m.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE, No. 1444, for the week ending Feb. 10th, contains the following, among other notable articles: On Hibernicisms in Philosphy, by the Duke of Argyll, *Contemporary Review*; Wanted—A Religion for the Hindoos, *Fraser's Magazine*; Riquet a la Houppe, by Miss Thackeray, *Cornhill Magazine*; Clipt Wings, by the author of "Gideon's Rock," *St. Paul's*; Melting and Regelation of Ice, *Nature*; Thomas Fuller, *Cornhill Magazine*; The Russian Militia, *Pall Mall Gazette*; The Industrial Classes in Germany, *Examiner*; and the continuation of "The Maid of Sker." The preceding weekly number contained: Meteors—Seedbearing and Otherwise, *Cornhill Magazine*; Faradу, *Westminster Review*; French Children, *Blackwood's Magazine*; The Current Street Ballads of Ireland, by Wm. Barry, *Macmillan's Magazine*; The Buddhist Htee, *Pall Mall Gazette*; Russian Diplomacy in America, *Spectator*; the continuation of the "Story of the Plebiscite," by the distinguished French writers, M. M. Erckmann-Chatrian, with poetry, short articles, etc. The subscription price of 64 page weekly magazine is $8 a year, or for $10 any one of the American $4 magazines is sent with *The Living Age* for a year. Littell & Gay, Boston, Publishers.

NEWS ITEMS.

☞ The New Orleans *Times* styles a representative in Congress from Ohio the "great boreal blatherskite."

☞ Blennerhasset; the "home rule" candidate has been elected to the House of Commons for Kerry.

☞ The Bonapartists are active in the island of Corsica, where they have been causing some disturbances.

☞ Nelson Newcombe, a storekeeper doing business in Kincardine, absconded from that place on Wednesday.

☞ The Ohio State Journal calls Horace Greeley an "awkward old slommick, who manages to step into his own bucket like a blind cow."

☞ "Your dress," said a husband to his fashionable wife, "will never please the men." "I don't dress to please men," was the reply, "but to worry other women"

☞ In the debate in the Prussian Diet upon the educational question, Prince Bismarck stated that the policy of the Government was to Germanize the Polish schools.

☞ The trial of Kelly, at Dublin, for firing on a policeman terminated in the conviction of the prisoner, who has been sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment at hard labor.

☞ Two steamers came into collision in the English Channel on Saturday, and one of them, the *Electra*, sunk in a few minutes. The captain and eighteen others were drowned.

☞ The race between the Cambridge and Oxford boat crews is announced to take place on the Thames course on the 23rd March. Betting is two to one in favor of the Cambridge crew.

☞ Mr Hespler has been "prospecting" the Homedale water-power in Brantford, with a view to purchasing the surplus power of the Homedale Flour Mills for a large paper factory.

☞ The winter grain trade in Collingwood has been so very dull so far this season that merchants and traders are in great trepidation concerning the diversion of the trade into narrow-gauge channels.

☞ The temporary small-pox hospital in Toronto now contains eight patients, the sexes being equally divided, but there must be a number of persons afflicted with this dangerous disease in the city who have not been taken to it.

☞ A despatch from Cork says that a terrible storm has prevailed for the past few days on the southern coast of Ireland, and several disasters with serious loss of life are reported. Three vessels whose names have not been ascertained foundered off Ballycotton, and their crews perished.

☞ Mr. Summer, says that the American "case" before the Arbitrators at Geneva is prejudiced beyond all calculation by this particular circumstance, that while the voice of the London press is heard and headed in the capitals of Europe, the voice of the American press is not heard at all at a distance.

☞ A new method of eating philoponas has been introduced in St. Mary's. The lady takes the almond between her teeth, and the young man then comes and bites it off. The bashful editor of one of the "stone town" newspapers says he cannot speak personally as to the superiority of the new plan, but is willing to give it a fair trial.

☞ The French have queer ideas of Republicanism. They are prosecuting the press more actively than under the Empire. *Ten* unfortunate editors, who have had the misfortune to fall under the displeasure of that high and mighty body, the Assembly, are to be proceeded against and perhaps "deported" to Cayenne—or somewhere else.

☞ The stone cutters of Westerly, Rhode Island, have made the most successful "strike" on record. Their employers breached a rule of their Society, limiting the number of apprentices to be employed at each quarry, whereupon they struck work, formed a Co-operative Stone-cutting Association, subscribed to its stock, elected officers, leased a quarry, and resumed work on their own account, and are reported to be doing a thriving business.

☞ A young man in Columbus county, O., courted a girl for a week. Knowing that procrastination was the thief of time, he got a can of oysters and a license, invited the justice to his fair one's house at 8 o'clock, and then popped the question, was accepted, pulled out his document, and informed the maiden that the 'squire would be at 8. She pleaded delay; he couldn't see it. Her silk dress wasn't made; calico wouldn't do. There was no stove in the west parlour; off coat, and in ten minutes there was a fire roaring.—The 'squire came, the job was fixed, and the new made wife cooked the oysters.

THE MISSING ONE FOUND.—About ten months ago, the son of Alderman Boustead of Toronto disappeared in a most mysterious manner, and was given up by his parents as dead. He has at last been heard from. It seems that when he left Toronto he had about $11 in his pocket, and with that sum he paid his way to New York, and there shipped on board a vessel bound to London; since that time he has been employed on various ships, and is now on his way to Callao. Young Boustead is fourteen years of age, and appears to be possessed of a most adventurous spirit. The joy of his parents at hearing from their lost child may easily be imagined.

FIRES.—On Sunday morning the large dwelling house and stables occupied by Jas. Huston, store-keeper of Mitchell, was burnt down, with its contents. The same morning a fire broke out in the boot and shoe store of H. Wilkinson, Oshawa, which was totally destroyed, together with the flour and feed store of R. H. Hobb, and a dwelling house occupied by Mr. Wilkinson and another family.

BY TELEGRAPH

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

The Washington Treaty.

A Compromise Suggested.

Bismarck Tenders his good Offers.

New York, Feb. 12.—A special to the *Herald* from London says: The English Government is earnestly anxious to avoid any misunderstanding with the authorities at Washington, or to render the treaty a nullity, and not to yield a point which the public mind regards as involving national honor. The possibility of a compromise is contemplated and even hoped for at an early day, when the excitement is less than at present, and when a spirit of mutual conciliation will reconcile points that at the present time of violent discussion appear irreconcilable. The point of least resistance in the English position is the phrase, "indirect losses." The English people are not tenacious as to that phrase, and might not object to continue the arbitration with that phrase retained in the treaty if it were guaranteed that no award under that head, in any case, would exceed a certain figure. They would thus yield the principle of indirect losses and meet the views of the American people and the American interpretation of the treaty, and in exchange they would get certainly a known limit, and thus deprive the claims of their alarming character which their undefined nature now presents to practical minds. Should this idea reach the stage of negotiation, it may result in an arrangement to continue three arbitrations, proceeding satisfactorily at Berlin, Washington and in Canada, as if there were no difference, and to continue also the Geneva Arbitration, with an understanding as to the amount that will satisfy both sides under the head of indirect losses. This understanding might be put into the form of an additional rule or instruction to the tribunal, or a supplementary secret article.

Schenck has communicated a note to the English Government on the recent language of Gladstone, which is deemed an imputation on the Government of the United States.

Bismarck has offered to the Washington and London Governments his good offices for the purpose of effecting an agreement in relation to the Alabama claims in the Geneva arbitration.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

FULL TEXT OF THE DOCUMENT.

My Lords and Gentlemen:

I avail myself of the opportunity afforded by your reassembling for the discharge of your momentous duties to renew the expression of my thankfulness to the Almighty for the deliverance of my son from most imminent danger, and my lively recollection of the profound, universal sympathy shown by my loyal people during that period of anxiety and trial. I purpose that on Tuesday, the 27th inst., conformably to the good and becoming usages of former days, that the blessing thus received shall be acknowledged, on behalf of the nation, by thanksgiving in the Metropolitan Cathedral. At this celebration, it is my desire and hope to be present. Direction has been given to provide the necessary accommodation for the members of Parliament.

The assurances of friendship that I receive from foreign powers continue in all respects satisfactory, and I need hardly assure you that my endeavors will at all times be steadily directed toward the maintenance of these friendly relations.

The slave trade and practices, scarcely to be distinguished from slave-trading, are still pursued in more than one quarter of the world, and continue to attract the attention of my Government. In the South Sea Islands the name of the British Empire is even now dishonored by the connection of some of my subjects with these nefarious practices; and in one of them the murder of an exemplary prelate casts fresh light upon some of the baneful consequences. A bill will be presented you for facilitating the trial of offencee of this class in Australia. Endeavors will be made to increase in other forms the means for the counteraction of the evil.

Various communications have passed between my Government and that of France on the subject of the commercial treaty concluded in 1860. From the divergence in the views respectively entertained in relation to the value of protective laws, this correspondence has not brought about any agreement to modify that important convention. Both sides, however, have uniformly declared their earnest desire that nothing shall occur to impair the cordiality which has so long prevailed between the nations. The papers relating to these subjects will be laid before you.

The Arbitrators appointed pursuant to the Treaty of Washington, for the purpose of amicably settling the *Alabama* claims, held their first meeting in Genoa. Cases were laid before the Arbitrators on behalf of each party to the Treaty. In the case so submitted by the United States large sums are included which are understood on my part not to be within the province of the Arbitrators. On this subject, I have caused a friendly communication to be made to the Government of the United States. The Emperor of Germany has undertaken to arbitrate on the San Juan water boundary, and the cases of the two Governments have been presented to His Royal Majesty. The Commission to sit at Washington has been appointed, and is in session. The provisions of the treaty which require the consent of the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada await its assembling.

Turning to domestic affairs, I am glad to apprise you that, with a very few exceptions, Ireland has been free from serious crime. Trade in that part of the Kingdom has been active, and the advance in agricultural industry remarkable. I am able, also, to congratulate you, so far as present experience allows judgment to be passed, upon the perceptible diminution in the number of both graver crimes and habitual criminals in Great Britain.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons: The principal estimates for the coming year have been prepared, and they will at once be laid before you. I trust you will find them suitable to the circumstances of the country. The state of the revenue affords favorable indications of the demands for employment, and of the general condition of the people—indications which are corroborated by a decline of pauperism not inconsiderable.

My Lords and Gentlemen: Your attention is invited to several measures of acknowledged national interest. Among these are Bills for the improvement of public education in Scotland, for the regulation of the mines, for amendment of of the licensing system, for fixing the relations of the superior courts of justice and appeal. In particular, a Bill having for its main object the establishment of secret voting, together with a measure relating to the corrupt practices at Parliamentary elections, will be immediately presented. Several measures of administrative improvement in Ireland will be laid before you; likewise legislative provisions founded on the report of the Sanitary Commission.

You, my Lords and Gentlemen, will, I am confident, again apply your well-known assiduity to the work of legislation, which, from the increasing exigencies of modern society, still seems to grow upon your hands; and I shall continue to rely, under Providence, alike on the loyalty of my people and your energy and wisdom to sustain the constant efforts of the Crown to discharge the duties, uphold the rights, and defend the honor of the Empire.

Nassagaweya Council.

The Municipal Council met pursuant to adjournment, on Monday, the 5th of February. Members all present, the Reeve in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. On motion the Auditors' report for 1871 was received, examined and accepted, and ordered that the sum of $6 be paid to each Auditor for his services. On motion a by-law was introduced and passed, authorizing the Trustees of School Section No. 7 to borrow $700 for purchasing a school site, and building a school house, and other attendant expenses. On motion it was ordered that Jas. Menzies and the Clerk be paid $2 each for their services as returning officers for the municipal election. On motion the by-law appointing township officers was filled up and read the third time and passed. Mr. Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Kean, that having received the account of Wm. Chisholm for medical attendance on Mrs. Chisholm, caused by an accident on a bridge in this township: Resolved, that this Council having duly considered this claim, are of opinion that this Corporation cannot be made responsible for said accident. Carried. Mr. Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Kean, that the Council do petition the Legislature of Ontario, now in session assembled, asking them to pass the proposed amendment to the Act incorporating the Credit Valley Company, and that the Reeve duly execute said petition and forward the same. Carried. On motion a by-law was introduced and passed for the loaning of the Clergy Reserve Fund. Mr. Kean moved, seconded by Mr. Easterbrook, that whereas the Council having heard of the wounding and maiming of a span of horses, the property of Wm. Campbell, a resident of this Township, by some party or parties unknown: Resolved, that a reward of one hundred dollars, payable out of the general funds of this Township, be paid to any person or persons causing the arrest and conviction of the guilty party or parties. Carried. Mr. Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Kean, that the Inspector of Taverns be instructed to visit the several houses of parties applying for licenses, and to notify the said parties to be prepared with their bondsmen to receive a certificate for license at the meeting of this Council on Monday, the 26th inst. Carried. On motion the Council adjourned to meet on Monday, the 26th inst., for the purpose of granting certificates to Innkeepers for licenses and for other township business.

CORNERED.— On Friday in the House John S Macdonald stated that the Government of which he was the head had received numerous petitions from Kingston in favor of the appointment of Dr Barker as Registrar of that city. Mr. Robinson, the member for that city, rose in his place and corrected this statement, and said he had received from the late Premier three several communications asking him whom he should appoint as Registrar of Kingston; that he (Mr Robinson) had finally recommended Mr Samuel Shaw for the office, that Sandfield entered the name of that gentleman on his memorandum, promising that Mr. Shaw should be gazetted in three days; but immediately afterwards appointed Dr Barker. Sandfield, with his usual unscrupulousness and effrontery, denied the truth of Mr Robinson's statement, when the latter gentleman closed the mouth of Sandfield by stating he had Sandfield's letters on the subject in his desk to prove the truth of all that he had stated, and would produce them if he desired. Sandfield immediately subsided. He did not want to have the letters read, because they would have afforded the most complete evidence of his insincerity and his departure from truth.—*Hamilton Times.*

PAYING THE PIPER.—We see it stated that according to the French War Minister's budget, the late war with Germany cost France $1,720,000,000, of which amount $1,067,500,100 has been provided, leaving a further sum of $632,500,000 to be obtained; $361,320,000 has already been paid to Germany, and the amount still required to settle her claims on France, is stated at $635,000,000, besides the cost of maintaining the German army of occupation. Of the above sum $600,000,000 is not due till 1874, but it bears interest at 5 per cent. per annum during the interval. Ponyer-Quertier has announced his readiness to pay the fourth half milliard ($100,000,000) of the indemnity which falls due on 1st May, but this still leaves a heavy balance against France, and it would not be surprising if one of her colonies were given in lieu of more or less of it, Germany having, as reported, declared her readiness to accept thereof.

LEAP YEAR AGONY.—Rather a novel method of celebrating the advent of leap year has been adopted at Southville, Kentucky, and one quite unpleasant for the victims. This is nothing more or less than a public sale of the bachelors and widowers of that enterprising town by the young ladies of that vicinity. They brought the following prices:—Lawyers (an inferior grade), $5 a head; farmers, from $4.25 to $5.50; doctors (common stock, and evidently drugs in the market), $5; widowers, $1,000, bidding spirited; bachelors without any distinctive professions or trades, 75c to $1.05, and bidding slow. The high price paid for the widowers seems unaccountable to the bachelors. It is a pity to hold up so strong an inducement for men to wish to be widowers.