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PRICE ONE PENNY

HALIFAX HOTEL, HALIFAX, N.S. The Hotel is the most complete in the city of Halifax, and being centrally situated will be found most convenient for business men and tourists.

AMERICAN HOUSE, BOSTON, MASS. The largest first-class Hotel in New England, offers to tourists, families and the travelling public, accommodations and conveniences superior to any other hotel in the city.

CANADA HOUSE, CALEDONIA SPRINGS, NEAR L'ORIGAN, ONTARIO. This elegant and fashionable first-class Hotel, with accommodations of a superior order for over 100 guests, is situated in the most beautiful and healthy locality in the Province.

DOMINION HOTEL, GUELPH. JOHN BUNYAN begs to inform his friends and the public that he has leased the above Hotel, in BRICK HOUSE, CALEDONIA STREET, a few doors above Highbottom's Drug Store, and immediately opposite Messrs. Sharp's Seedstore.

Anglo-American Hotel FOR SALE. THIS HOTEL is the only first-class building in the city of Guelph, and is situated on the Grand Trunk Railway between Toronto and London.

A CAPITAL FARM. Likewise there is a farm of 90 acres of the best land in the county, and the best cultivated, and will produce more per acre this season than any farm of the size in the county.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC. N. CROFT WOULD inform his friends and the general public that he has opened a shop in his old premises, on

CHURCH STREET, Two doors West of Deady's Hotel, Where he is prepared to make up Gentlemen's Garments in the newest style.

CUTTING DONE ON SHORT NOTICE. Agent for the best Sewing Machines. N. CROFT, Church-st. Guelph, 11th September.

FUNERALS. 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.

Public Notice. THE GLASGOW HAM CURER will re-open on Saturday, 12th of September. An ample supply of

Singing and Pianoforte. MISS L. RHEMMIE begs to announce to the ladies of Guelph and vicinity that she will be ready to receive pupils for the above accomplishments on the 15th of SEPTEMBER, 1868, at her residence, Waterloo Road, Guelph, Sept. 15th, 1868.

New Presses! NEW TYPE! NEW TYPE! NEW STYLES! LOWER PRICES! LOWER PRICES! LOWER PRICES!



JOB PRINTING. Orders of all kinds for the printing of Books, Pamphlets, and all other work, executed on the shortest notice.

Medical Hall. WALL PAPER—During the fair week Mr. Day, opposite the market, will sell an immense stock of wall paper, imported direct from Britain last summer, and will be sold at prices that will astonish every one, fully 50 per cent below what it can be retailed at by any other house.

E. HARVEY & CO. Just received, a fresh supply of MINCASEA. For the successful treatment of skin diseases.

Cocoa Nut Oil Soda Soap. For imparting a Beautiful Whiteness and Softness to the Skin. CAMPBELL'S Quinine Wine! A large supply just received.

E. HARVEY & CO. Cor. Wyndham & Macdonnell Sts. Guelph. Guelph, September 1st.

CASTLE GARDEN SALOON. MARKET SQUARE. GUELPH, ONT. 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.

THE BAR will be supplied with the best Wines, Liquors & Cigars. And the table with all the delicacies of the season. In fact no expense will be spared to make it a first-class establishment.

LUNCHEON! Every day from 1 to 3 o'clock. OYSTERS AND GAME, Etc. Dinner and Sapper parties provided short notice, at reasonable charges. JOHN MILLER, Proprietor, Late of the Commercial Hotel, Whitby. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN. Guelph Jan. 29, 1868.

Evening Mercury. OFFICE.....MACDONELL STREET WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPT. 30th.

Local News. Snow was seen falling in the neighborhood of Peel last week. There has been, nineteen new stores built in Elora this summer.

The wheat averages fifteen bushels per acre in Pilkington, Peel and Nichol Townships. At a meeting of the merchants in Elora there was only one voice against continuing the discount on silver.

There was no meeting of the Board of School Trustees last night for want of a quorum. Last week a bear destroyed four pigs belonging to Mr. Wm. Till, 10th concession, Garrafax. Bruin is still at large.

A child four years old was killed in London on Monday, by being knocked down by a team, and run over by the wagon. The Chancery case of Carpenter against the City of Hamilton has been adjourned till to-morrow, at the request of the counsel for the city.

HATS AND CAPS—The finest display ever seen in Guelph in Hats and Caps is on view at the Guelph Cloth Hall. Call and see A. Thomson & Co. St. Catharines is a lively town. A young butter from the suburbs appeared there a few evenings ago, and raised four fights and thrashed three men, before he got a meretricious but useful pummeling from the fourth.

GRAND TRUNK WEST—Mr. W. J. Spicer, Assistant Superintendent of the Grand Trunk Railway was up west yesterday on a tour of inspection. The travel on the west end of the road has never been better; the track is in good condition, and the trains keep excellent time.

SALE OF THROUGH-BRED STOCK. In our columns will be found an advertisement announcing that Mr. Stone's annual sale of through-bred stock will take place at Thorntons Lodge on the 15th of October. He will offer some of his fine sheep and pigs for sale. Read what he says, all ye who have a desire to improve your stock.

PRESENTATION OF COLOURS—The Waterloo Battalion under command of Col. Goodman assembled at Galt on Tuesday where they were presented by Mrs. Wm. Cooke, on behalf of the ladies of Galt, with a stand of colours. After some speeches delivered, appropriate to the occasion, the men were invited to a luncheon prepared for them on the grounds. The proceedings passed off with much pleasure to all.

BACKING DOWN—Sometime last winter the Waterloo Chronicle preferred some charges against Mr. E. Stephens, which occupied an important and confidential position on the Grand Trunk. Mr. Stephens at once brought an action for libel against the proprietor of the Chronicle, but as finding after due inquiry that these charges were entirely unfounded, has made a most ample apology, and the suit has in consequence been withdrawn.

ROBBERY AT BRANTFORD—The premises of John Humbergh, Mark Harrison and George King were entered early on Tuesday morning by robbers. They took about \$33 from King's and seized \$1,000 in bills which were in the same trunk. Mrs. King caught one of the parties by the neck, but he overpowered her and escaped. They did not succeed in getting anything but the other places. The Chief Constable immediately followed the suspected parties, and arrested one at Paris.

The Crops of Ontario. The annual crop returns, furnished the Grand Trunk Railway Company by their agents along the whole line, have been published, and show a satisfactory condition of the year's harvest. In one place the yield of any particular grain is more than in another, but take the Province as a whole the harvest has been a good average one.

Along the Buffalo & Goderich line, Fall wheat appears to have been sown largely, and the yield is fully 25 bushels to the acre. In the neighborhood of Fort Erie some fields have given as much as 40 bushels. From other parts there are returns as low as 15; the average will be at least 20. In the case of this year's crop, the case seems to be reversed as regards Spring wheat. In the west there was not a great breadth of land sown with this grain, whilst in the Eastern District it has been the staple crop, and has yielded well. It will average over 20 bushels to the acre. Several places give returns as high as 25 bushels.

Contrary to general expectation the hay crop has been large all over the country, with very few exceptions. Barley is over the average. Peas and Oats below it. The coarser grains have not turned out well. They have done better, however, than the root crops, which suffered terribly. We are sorry to see that, so far as these returns show, there was not much flax sown this year.

Danforth and Lee last manufacturers, Elora, took the second prize for last year's exhibition in Hamilton. The judges said they deserved the first prize, only their sets were not complete. One planter near Terry in Hinds County, Miss., has received \$4,000 this year from his shipments of peaches to the New Orleans market, and he is now engaged in shipping tomatoes to the same port.

The "Western Fair" opened at London on Tuesday and was a perfect success, there being no less than 2,014 entries. The number of tickets sold the first day was over 6,000. The revenue of the Great Western Railway during the Exhibition week at Hamilton amounts to the large sum of \$148,698.92, being an excess over the corresponding week of last year of no less than \$12,000.83.

NEW PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL. On Tuesday Senator Allison made his appearance at Ottawa, accompanied by Mr. McDougall. It now seems pretty certain that the office of President of the Council, vacated by the death of Mr. Blair, will be bestowed upon him. There is probably no means of preventing it, but it is Senator Allison's fitness for the office who could have been chosen.

BASE BALL AFFAIRS—A meeting of the Maple Leaf B. B. Club was held on Tuesday night at the Court House Hotel. The matters discussed were the approaching return match with the Elora Club, which takes place here on Saturday, and the concert which will be given at as early a date as possible. The B. B. Clubs have already been the best that have been given in town, and no effort will be spared to make that in contemplation equal to the foremost of its predecessors.

GARAFAXA COUNCIL—This Council met on the 19th Sept. John Dobbin, Reeve in the chair, all the members present. Resolved that \$3.50 be paid to R. Pochell and \$3.40 to J. G. Galt, and \$3.00 to Samuel McNab for stock killed by dogs as soon as funds are collected for that purpose; also that F. Durkee be paid \$4 for making coffin for Ann Brownlee. By-law for altering School Sections read a third time and passed as previously published, with some slight alterations. Resolved that H. Ham's petition respecting a dog killed be laid on the table. That the petition of David Black, and 81 others, praying that the side road between lots 15 and 16 in the 1st and 2nd con. be placed on the line surveyed by J. Milroy P. L. S. be granted, and that the Clerk notify Thos. Oglehorn and others encroaching on said road to remove their fences as directed by law. That the By-law be read a third time and passed granting to John Carroll 4 rods square or 16 square rods, of the original road allowance between lots 5 and 6, 19th con. Resolved that C. J. Whitelock P. L. S. be instructed to run the side line between lots 5 and 6 in the 19th con. and west half of 17th con. and report to the Council. Council adjourned to meet at P. Coussé's Hotel, Douglas, on the 16th of October next.

A person who had made himself obnoxious by obtruding his hobby—the degeneracy of the times—on the attention of others without regard to the propriety of time and place, asked the Rev. Dr. B. at an associational dinner, if he did not think that the martyr spirit had died out of the Church. "My observation assures me that it has not," blandly replied the divine; "for I noticed to-day, when dinner was announced, that the weakest of my brethren marched with ardor to the feast."

Accounts from the interior of New Brunswick speak of the potato disease, which makes great ravage. In some places the fields are completely blackened within a few hours. It is stated that Walter Brown will go to England in about two or three weeks, to win Kelly, the English champion, of the winner of the great race to come off on the 17th of next month, whoever he may be. The reassuring speech of the King of Prussia at Hamburg adds another to the reasons for believing that the peace of Europe is well calculated to be soon broken by any collision between France and Prussia. It was reported in Ottawa two weeks ago that Mr. McDougall threatened to resign in consequence of the Tory complexion of the Railway Commission. The resignation has not been announced yet, however. There is a rumor in Royal circles that Dr. Trupper intends making a tour of Nova Scotia, and addressing the people on "the situation."

Prentiss & Hepburn's "Powers." We are pleased to observe that Messrs. Prentiss & Hepburn have taken a fresh start in the manufacture of boots and shoes, they have infused fresh life and new blood into their establishment and are doing, and promise to continue doing, a very extensive business. Although they employ a large number of workmen, and although they have transpired bodily a first class custom shop from the lower end of Wyndham St. they still complain of being short of hands. For this cause huge piles of boots and shoes of various styles and sizes lie in a room, waiting for a finishing polish, and boxing up for consignment to the retailer. We have before described all the machinery in this manufactory. Those machines only are used containing the utility and efficiency of which there is no debate. The work on the uppers is all performed with sewing machines, but the bottoming is done by hand. The crimping, skiving, punching of diel holes, and the insertion of the olive are done by the most approved machinery in use for the purpose, and the sole is cut out with a die. The finishing depends upon the skill of twelve workmen, who are in a shop by themselves. When we add to this that we saw three men cutting, four sewing machines in operation, a man hammering away like mad on the die-cutting out edge, and another busy at the crimping machine some idea may be formed of the amount of work which Prentiss & Hepburn can turn out. They are at present making a very fine article in ladies' Balmoral boots which engage their attention and call for their energies at present are heavy boots for country wear. They are demanded by the fall trade, and most of the men are engaged on them for the time being. Hitherto the sewed work which Messrs. Prentiss & Hepburn have sold in their shop has been imported, but they have made preparations for beginning immediately the manufacture of men's sewed gaiter boots. They say that they can make them cheaper than they can import them, and if so the public will be the gainers, as they have certainly the power of making them as good or better. Little needs to be said about the stock used in the manufacture of boots, as no person can afford to use inferior material, but none who are acquainted with this firm would accuse them of doing so, even if opportunity offered. Altogether the establishment has an active thriving appearance. There is a nice division of labor which is a pretty sure guarantee of doing a good thing. The work will be well performed, while the whole business is really extensive for such a town as Guelph and does credit to the energy of the proprietors. Go on, gentlemen, we hope at the end of your career you may have no reason to find fault with the proverb, "There is honor in the sweat of the brow," but such cause to praise the sagacity of the individual who first uttered the famous sentence.

Silver and golden anklets for ladies are about to become fashionable. They will be worn outside the stockings. The erection of a monument to the volunteer who died in the Fenian raid at Ridgeway, is in a fair way of being abandoned. A Masonic Temple, to be built in St. John, and to cost about \$100,000, is proposed by the Masonic bodies of New Brunswick. It is reported that the iron steamer Dunbarton, which cleared from New York for 12 years been stealing its gas from the gas company. The proprietor long ago erected works as if to manufacture his own gas, and ran a pipe under ground and tapped the main pipe which supplies customers of the company. O'Farrell has written a letter to the papers, and says, if he attempt to do so O'Heilly's life can be traced to do so. He believes that he will retire from the defence of Whelan, and from all Irish affairs forever. WORTH A TRIAL—A farmer in Megantic, Quebec, informs the Witness that he sowed wheat on the 11th of May, and when it was about ten inches high, sprinkled wood-ashes over it, which had such an effect on its growth that he was enabled to harvest it in three months. He believes that if ashes were generally applied to wheat and perhaps other grain it would be beneficial to their healthy growth, and cause them to ripen earlier than usual.

THE CAMP OF INSTRUCTION.—The corps detailed to form the camp of instruction will concentrate at Toronto on Thursday next, and be immediately placed under canvas on the Garrison Commons. The forces embraced are the Toronto, Hamilton and Welland batteries of artillery, and the Gougeon, Markham, Oakridge, St. Catharines and Grimsby troops; and the Governor General's body Guard. It is expected that the muster of each corps of artillery will be about 65 men and 50 horses, that of the cavalry 46 horses and 15 men.

REVENUE DISTRESS.—We are informed, says the Leader, that the Commissioners of Public Works has sent forward to St. Paul a Mr. Snow, to carry out the determination of the Privy Council, with regard to the distress in the Red River Settlement. The same journal says that there is too much reason to fear that the Ontario Government will not make any grant in aid, as recommended by twenty-eight members of the Assembly, on the memorial adopted on the board of the Ontario.

The correspondent of the London (England) Mail, writing from Dublin, states that a meeting of the Magistrates of Tipperary, and the surrounding districts, had been held in the Court House, Tipperary, for the purpose of discussing the events connected with the late murders at Brallycooley, at which there was a numerous attendance. Resolutions were passed unanimously, condemning the conduct of Mr. Wm. Denham in the strongest terms, and recording approval of the courage and firmness shown by Constable Cleary and the men under his command; also expressing regret for the fate of Constable Morraugh, and proposing that a subscription be raised for his family. Contributions to the amount of £25, as a beginning, were at once handed in.

BY TELEGRAPH. Despatches to the Evening Mercury. THE PARAGUAYAN WAR. Explosion of a Mine, annihilating the Allied Troops. A Truce between the Contending Parties. MORE ABOUT THE EARTHQUAKE. Democratic News from New York.

New York, 29th.—A mine has exploded at Humata, almost annihilating the allied troops who had just taken possession. A truce between the contending parties had been partially arranged by the Italian and Bolivian ministers. It was probable that the Argentine Republic would not agree to the terms proposed, because it was not to be a truce, but a peace, because it was not to be a truce, but a peace, because it was not to be a truce, but a peace.

New York, 30th.—On Friday night the McClellan legion will surrender the General. They will be dressed in uniform, and will bear torches. The procession, it is expected, will number forty thousand. The Board of Aldermen, of this city, affected an organization to-day, after discussing four months. The Democrats gave way under a compromise, and the Republicans became united, and elected one of their number President of the Board. This action placed the Government of the city government in the hands of the Republicans. A large and magnificent meteor was seen in the north eastern part of the heavens last night. When about half way upon its course part of it exploded, the remainder continuing on its course and finally also exploded.

PER ATLANTIC CABLE. Paris, Sept. 29.—The 'Monitor' has the following news from Spain: The city of Cartagena joins in the revolt. Marshal Pavia of the royal army has been completely surrounded by the insurgent and is probably captured by this time. The insurrection is general throughout Spain. It is thought that Cancha himself will soon join the insurgent Gen. Serrano. The rebels have taken Santander. Cadix has been declared a free port by the Revolutionists. The Paris Journal despar of the Queen's cause.

Paris, Sept. 29.—The Queen of Spain still remains at San Sebastian. She is attended by Carlos Kerfort, one of the members of the last cabinet. The 'Monitor' says that Jose De la Comcha at the head of the government in Madrid, and Manuel De la Comcha in command of an army in the field, have both sent in their resignations to the Queen. In the communication they inform Her Majesty that her refusal to return to Madrid unless accompanied by her Minister Morfio, destroyed all hopes of checking the insurrection. The Queen has accepted the resignations of the Comcha, and has sent for the Count of Chacabuco to form a new ministry. The Queen has also summoned a Council of State to meet at San Sebastian.

Vienna, Sept. 29.—Mr. Henry M. Wetts has an interview with the Emperor of Austria at which he presented his credentials, and was received as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to the Court of Vienna. Bishop Serz has been indicted for issuing a pastoral address against laws passed by late diets.

London, Sept. 29, 10 p. m.—The following has been received from Spain to-night:—Espartero is sick and unable to take an active part in political affairs. General Prim is hourly expected to arrive off Barcelona. It is believed that the city will declare against the Queen as soon as the fleet appears. It is rumored the insurrection has at least broken out in Madrid, and that the Queen has left San Sebastian and crossed the French frontier.

It is now proposed that the British Government shall undertake the express business in connection with the letter, post and telegraph business, confining itself, however, only to small parcels. The suggestion is made by Mr. Chadwick, who was largely instrumental in procuring the passage of the act for the purchase of the telegraph lines. It is proposed that the charges shall be uniform for weight, irrespective of the distance, like the post office service.

One of the greatest Railway Companies of England is about to defend itself against several suits for damages in having set fire to crops along its route by sparks from its locomotives, by disputing its liability in such cases. The ground taken is that all necessary precautions were taken, but that the prolonged drought rendered them all useless. It is therefore contended that no responsibility attaches to the Company. The other lines, which have also many suits of this kind to answer, are awaiting the result with much interest.

An excellent apparatus for the purpose of informing travellers as to the names of stations, is in use on the Odenburgh and Lake Champlain Railroad. It consists externally of a box, surmounted by a bell, and having a glass plate in front, under which the name of the station appeared in letters of about three inches in length. On arrival at the station named on the indicator, the bell on the top rings and at the same moment the name of the next station on the line appears under the glass plate.

Omni: Harvey, the young lad who was rescued at the last Quarter Sessions to three years in the Reformatory, left town this morning in charge of the Deputy Sheriff, Mr. Frank Gange, for Penitentiary. The Government of Nova Scotia has dismissed officers of candidate settlements all over the Province, and are appointing Antia in their