

TO THOSE IN ARREARS.

All Parties who have had Accounts rendered them, for Job Printing or Advertising, or whose Subscriptions to THE MERCURY are due, are requested to call at the Office at once, and settle the same.

THE PROTON CASE AGAIN.

The Opposition are in very bad luck this session. Every attempt they have made to fasten a charge on the Government, or to embarrass them has been entirely futile, and the charge has, instead of injuring the Ministry, recoiled on the head of the Opposition. Look at the sad failure made by Mr. M. C. Cameron in his charge that Mr. Blake had endeavored to influence Mr. E. B. Wood to tender his resignation before the break up of the late Government. Then, we have another case in point in the attempt Mr. Lauder has made to prove that the present Government, through the late agent, Mr. Lewis, sought to intimidate and influence the electors in Proton into voting for Mr. Dickey, the Reform candidate. The matter was brought up some days ago by Mr. Lauder, who gave notice of motion, and when the orders of the day were called on Monday he was very conveniently absent. But Mr. Blake, determined not to allow Mr. Lauder get out of it in this fashion, gave notice of a motion for the appointment of a committee to inquire into the charges made against himself and Hon. Mr. McKellar, with power to send for papers, papers and records. Mr. Lauder, seeing that he was cornered, got up on Wednesday and moved for the appointment of a select committee to inquire into the truth of the affidavits published respecting the influence which it is alleged was used to induce the electors of Proton to vote against him. In bringing up his motion he said he was quite willing the Government would oppose the motion.

This at first would strike one as something curious, seeing Mr. Lauder affected to be so inquisitive at the alleged intimidation of his constituents. But, before Mr. Blake concluded his speech, the mystery was easily explained. The Premier made a most splendid speech, in which he not only showed up the hypocrisy of Mr. Lauder, but dealt the Toronto Telegraph a most telling blow for circulating so many falsehoods in reference to this and other cases. He showed that while Mr. Lauder professed to know nothing as to the truth or falsity of the charges, he was the real instigator of the accusations made by the Telegraph, which at the same time he was trying to get out of any responsibility attaching to them. But the Premier did not stop here. He turned the tables completely against the late Government by showing that they, and not the present Government, had sought to influence the electors of Proton, and in conjunction and at the instigation of Mr. Lauder had attempted to bribe these electors into voting for Lauder. This was proved beyond a doubt by reading a letter from Hon. Mr. Wood (then Provincial Treasurer) to Lauder in which the promise is made that the amount of the Improvement Fund paid in since Confederation on Grammar School lands would be paid over to the respective Municipalities. Also that on the very day the House met an Order in Council was passed, recommending that the valuations of Messrs. Lewis and Thornburn be taken up, and each individual case dealt with. Immediately following this, came out from the Crown Lands office the printed notice to settlers, giving promise of a reduction in the price of their lands, and Mr. Lauder's clerk, while the notice was in the printer's hands, came and got 150 copies to distribute through the South Riding of Grey.

A more crushing expose we never before witnessed. Here were grave charges brought against the present Government, at by an obsequious tool of the late one. But instead of fastening these charges on any member of the present Government they are thrown back on the heads of Mr. Lauder and the members of the defunct Combination, and it is proved on the most incontestible evidence that there was collusion between Lauder and the members of that Combination, and that they exercised every influence they could bring to bear in favor of Lauder's election.

The deliberations of the Geneva Conference seem to be creating some uneasiness in London. The pretensions of the Americans to secure excessive damages have created a good deal of indignation, and if they are pressed we think the old lion will show his teeth, and prepare for the worst.

FREDERICK FRIEND, one of the veterans of the war of 1812, died in New York on Monday, aged 82. He was born in Prussia in 1790, and came to this country when five years old, with his father, Angel Friend, who was the first maker and importer of clocks in New York. The deceased aided Robert Fulton in constructing the first steamboat that ascended the North River.

Messrs. Hay & Gordon, of Listowel, railway contractors, are getting everything in readiness to commence vigorous work along the line of the southern extension of the W. G. & B. R.

Having used Fellows' Compound Syrup Hypophosphites for some time in my practice, I have no hesitation in recommending it to my patients who are suffering from General Debility, or any Disease of the Lungs, knowing that even in cases of Lungs, it is a most reliable.

H. G. Ayer, M.D.

Working Men's Club.

An adjourned meeting of the Working Men's Club was held on Thursday evening, in the Temperance Hall, for the purpose of electing officers and confirming by-laws. The attendance was good, and the business of the evening gone into with spirit. Mr. M. McLean occupied the chair.

After the reading of the minutes, Mr. Read laid the constitution and by-laws, drawn up by the committee for that purpose, before the meeting, which with a few amendments were adopted.

The following officers were then elected, to hold office for the three months dating from January 1st:— President, John Read (of Inglis & Hunter's); 1st Vice-President, Osgood Anderson (of Crowe's Foundry); 2nd Vice-President, A. S. Hardy (of McLeod & Wood's Factory); Secretary, Matthew Tinker (of Raymond's No. 2 Factory); Treasurer, A. H. Goodeve (of Raymond's No. 1 Factory).

COMMITTEE.—J. B. Vernal (Bell's Factory); John Rudd (McLeod & Wood's Factory); Mills & Goodfellow's; J. H. Martin, H. H. Maddock (Raymond's No. 2 Factory); Jas. Curtis (Boul's); Jas. Sparks (Guelph Sewing Machine Co.); Wm. Horning (Sunley's); Wm. Bowmie (Guelph Machine and Tool Co.); Chas. Maddock (Raymond's No. 1 Factory); F. Barber (Harley & Murchy's); J. A. Davidson (MERCURY Office).

A large number subscribed their names to the roll, and the club is now in a promising condition, and to judge from the interest taken in the project by the working men of the town it will prove a decided success.

Jas. Fisk, Jr.—The London Telegraph speaks of the late James Fisk, jr., as "the most distinguished representative of American civilization." What a compliment! According to that, American civilization must consist of ignorance, vulgarity, pretension, adroit villany and licentiousness. No! Fisk was an excrement of our civilization, not its representative. He was a foul and monstrous growth out of a hotbed of corruption, and no more represented our best or civilized society than jimson weed does the vegetable kingdom, or Victor Hugo's sea-devil the whole finny tribe. What would have been said of an American writer who should describe the late George Hudson, member of Parliament, as a model of English mercantile character, or the famous woman Anonyma, to whom the Times devoted its laborious columns, as a specimen of the English "girl of the period"? Yet these creatures were for a time the most conspicuous objects in Hotten Bow, the clubs, the newspapers, and, if we mistake not, in some fashionable novels. The London writers do not seem to know the difference between the legitimate products and the notorious outcasts of society.—New York Post.

MANY suffer rather than take nauseous medicines. All who suffer from coughs, colds, irritation of the bronchial tubes or tendency to consumption, will find in Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry a remedy as agreeable to the palate as effectual in removing disease. The Balsam is a pleasant remedy; it is a safe remedy; it is a powerful remedy; it is a speedy remedy; it is a remedy that cures.

New Advertisements.

AUCTION SALE OF HORSES, HARNESS, CUTTERS, ON FAIR DAY. The Subscriber has received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON FAIR DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M. ON THE MARKET SQUARE, 1 dark bay mare seven years old, 1 light, 4 sets single harness, 2 sets double harness, 2 cutters, 1 pleasure sleigh, 1 pair bobs nearly new, Buffalo robes, &c., &c. No reserve. Terms cash. THOS. H. TAYLOR, Auctioneer. Guelph, Feb. 1, 1872.

COMFORTABLE HOUSE TO RENT. Containing 5 large rooms, near Allan's Bridge. Possession immediately. Apply to CHAS. COFFEE, near Hooper's Blacksmith Shop. 1-6t

LOOK HERE. I have horses suffering from Ring Bone, Bone Spavin, Blood Spavin, Curbs, Splints &c., can have these ailments effectually removed in a very short space of time and at small expense by applying to JOSEPH HICKOCK, Union Hotel. Guelph, Jan. 31st, 1872. dwlm.

BLACKSMITH WANTED IMMEDIATELY.—Good wages and steady employment to a competent man. Apply to James Laine, Blacksmith, Morrison St. dwf

TANNERY FOR SALE OR TO RENT. The subscriber will either sell or rent his Tannery on Surry Street, Guelph. Possession given on the 1st of March. Apply, on the premises, to JEHU CLARKE, Proprietor. Guelph, Jan. 9, 1872. dw

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY! To lend, at reasonable rates, on security of real property, in sums to suit borrowers. Apply to GEORGE WATT & CUTLER, Guelph, Dec. 27, 1871. 3nd

LOTS FOR SALE IN THE TOWN OF GUELPH.—Lots from 9 to 22, being the front on the Elton Road of the Catholic Church Glebe, in lots to suit purchasers. For terms and particulars of sale, apply to Messrs. McMillan & O'Connor, Barristers, Nos. 8 and 9, Day's Block, Guelph. 19-4w

TO THE TRADE. VALENCIA RAISINS Damaged by Fresh Water. 1,000 HALF BOXES Just Received, and for sale very cheap. Paterson & Co. Guelph, Feb. 2, 1872. 3st

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. dw R. SODEN.

DUGNAN'S PUBLIC CAB. The Subscriber begs to inform the people of Guelph that he has purchased a handsome and comfortable 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 the patronage of the public.

Orders left at the Express Office, Mr. Hugh Walker's, and at the Post Office will be promptly attended to. JOHN DUGNAN. Guelph, Nov. 21, 1871. do

GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER. Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph. 27-4wly

FRESH OYSTERS in every Style. The Subscriber 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 CIGARETTES. DENIS BUNYAN. Guelph, Nov. 21, 1871. do

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Splendid Quality and Cheap AT JOHN HORSMAN'S

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Will give one of their Choice and Select Entertainments on the above dates.

ALL ACTS NEW AND ORIGINAL!! Nothing said or done to offend the most fastidious. Doors open at 7; performance to commence at 8. Price of admission as usual. Guelph, Feb. 2, 1872. 43

Skating Carnival A SKATING CARNIVAL will be held ON THE RINK!

Friday Ev'ng, 2nd Feb'y ADMISSION 15 CENTS.

Tickets to be had at the Rink. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Season tickets the same as last year, to be had at the office of the Secretary. CHAS. DAVIDSON, Sec. Guelph, 30th Jan., 1872

Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway SOUTHERN EXTENSION Notice to Contractors

TENDERS are invited for the construction of the Southern Extension of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway FROM LISTOWEL In the Township of Wallace.

TO LUCKNOW in the township of Kinkos—a distance of 42 miles. Plans and Specifications may be seen at the Offices of the Company, Canada Life Assurance Buildings, James Street, Hamilton, on and after the 27th inst.

Tenders marked "Tenders for Construction of Southern Extension," addressed to the Secretary, will be received up to noon of Friday, the 16th of Feb., 1872 W. McCULLOCH, Secretary. HAMILTON, Jan. 27, 1872. President. td.

RAYMOND'S SEWING MACHINES Family Sewing Machine (single thread); Hand Lock Stitch (double thread); No. 1 Foot Power. No. 2 for heavy work. Furnished with plain tables, half, or Cabinet Cases, as required.

CHARLES RAYMOND, GUELPH, ONT. dwly July 12, 1871

WELLINGTON LUMBER YARD. NOTICE TO DEBTORS. We, the undersigned, beg to inform all those indebted to us, either by Note or Book Account, that they must pay up on or before the 15th FEBRUARY, and all accounts not paid on that date will be placed in Court for collection. GOWDY, STEWART & CO. N.B.—Accounts can be paid to Mr. Douglas, at our old office, opposite the Alma Block, who is authorized to give receipts for the same. G. S. & Co. Guelph, Jan. 31, 1872. 4136

POSITIVELY A FACT! Mustard's Catarrh Specific Cures Catarrh, Cold in the Head, Neuralgia, Toothache, Nervous and Sick Headache, Weak and Sore Eyes. This Specific is a new remedy, prepared from Medicinal Herbs, Roots, Gums, and Flowers. Free from poisonous drugs, it is harmless, novel, and philosophic in its operation. Try it if you are afflicted with the above diseases. It is also one of the best Cough and Croup Remedies extant. Mustard's Vegetable Pills should also be used in connection with the Specific for Sick Headache and Catarrh; and all those who are afflicted with Rheumatism should try Mustard's King of Oils. Sold in Guelph by McCullough & Moore, Druggists. Manufactured at Ingersoll by N. H. Mustard, Proprietor. 423-4wly

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Guelph, Jan 27 1872 dw

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REMEMBER THIS, LADIES! Our stock is all new, and composed of First Class Goods of every description. We must have the best Goods produced in the British and Foreign Markets in order to give our customers satisfaction. N. B.—The recent advance in Cotton Goods will not affect our prices for the present, as we have a large stock on hand. Come and see. A. O. BUCHAM, Fashionable West End Dry Goods Store, Alma Block.

FOR GOOD TEAS GO TO PERRY'S GROCERY STORE.

A New Stock of VERY CHOICE TEAS Received, Selling at the Lowest Possible Prices.

China Tea Sets from \$1.50; ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS— GREAT INDUCEMENTS IN CHINA

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LUMBER NOTICE WE, the undersigned, beg to inform the public that we have sold out our Lumber Yard on Upper Wyndham Street to MESSRS. DOUGLAS & BANNERMAN, and as they have been in our employment for a number of years we have much pleasure in recommending them to the public as our successors.

AND we also beg to inform our numerous customers that our business will hereafter be carried on At the GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY STATION Where we will as usual, wholesale and retail. Guelph, Jan 16, 1872 dw

Fire, Marine and Life INSURANCE Provincial, Lancashire and Phenix. Canada Landed Credit Comp'y Lower rates than any Loan Co. in Ontario. JOHN McCREA, Agent. Office over Bank of Commerce Building, Guelph Guelph, Nov 23rd, 1871. 466d

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A chance to draw any of the above prizes for 25c. Tickets describing prizes are enclosed in envelopes, and well mixed. On receipt of 25c, a sealed ticket is drawn without choice, and sent by mail to any address. The prize named upon it will be delivered to the ticket holder upon payment of \$1. Prizes are immediately sent to any address by express or return mail.

You will know what your prize is before you pay for it. Any article exchanged for another of the same value. No blanks. Our patrons can depend upon fair dealing. "Opinions of the Press"—"Fair dealing can be relied upon."—New York Herald, Aug. 28. "A genuine distribution."—World, Sept. 9. "Not one of the humbugs of the day."—Weekly Tribune, July 7. "They give general satisfaction."—St. Louis Globe, Aug. 5.

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One cash gift in every packet of 200 tickets guaranteed. Six tickets for \$1; 15 for \$2; 25 for \$3; 50 for \$5; 200 for \$15.

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