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F. STURDY, House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter. GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER. Shop next to the Wellington Hotel, Wyndham Street, Guelph.
CASH FOR WOOL, HIDES, SHEEP-SKINS, CALF SKINS, and WOOL-PICKINGS. The highest market price paid for the above at No. 1, Gore on Street, Day's Oil Block, Guelph. Plasterers Haircrops, ready on hand for sale at 17 WILSON & BIRD.
M. R. A. T. HEATHFIELD, Organist and Teacher of Music. Is now prepared, and will be happy to receive pupils for instruction in Music, both Vocal and Instrumental. Piano, Organ, Harmonium, Violin, also in Harmony and Composition. References kindly permitted. To the Rev. Canon Brent, Newcastle; Samuel Wilnot, Esq., Newcastle, and Mrs. Judge Boncher, Cobourg. For terms and particulars apply to Mr. Heathfield, Norfolk Street, opposite the New Baptist Church.
PRIZE DENTISTRY. **DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL**, Licentiate of Dental Surgery. Established 1864. Office next door to the "Advertiser" Office, Wyndham-st. Guelph. Residence opposite Mr. Boulton's Factory. References, Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Herod, McGregor, and Cowan, Guelph; Drs. Buchanan and McPherson, Toronto; Drs. Elliot & Meyers, Dentists, Toronto.
W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S., SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH. Office over E. Harvey & Co's Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham and Macdonnell-sts. Guelph. 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. S. Graham, Dentist, Brampton.
CRISTING, CRISTING! **CHOPPING, CHOPPING**—DONE AT— **The Phoenix Mills**, Waterloo Road. Farmers can always get their grists ground the same day. Extra Family Flour and Feed of all kinds for sale, and delivered to any part of the town. **MOWATERS & BUTT**, Guelph, Aug. 28th, 1872.
ONTARIO COAL YARDS. **MURTON & REID** Have received and are receiving a large stock of Delaware, Leckwanna and Western R. R. Co's COAL of all sizes. **EGG, STOVE AND CHICKEN, IN FIRST-RATE CONDITION, CLEAN AND DRY.** This Coal, for general use, is the best article in the market—low for cash. All other Coals, such as Briar Hill, Mount Morris, Lehigh and Blossburg, in large quantities. Order early and secure your stock at present prices. Office—James Street, one door south of the Canada Life Assurance Co., Hamilton.
TO CONTRACTORS AND OTHERS The subscriber keeps on hand Fresh Lime, Stone, Sand, Posts, Lumber, &c., which he will sell at reasonable prices to all who may favor him with their patronage. He also keeps teams on hand, to be let by the day or otherwise, at his residence near the G. T. station, where he will see to this new business in person in the usual way, and hopes to be patronized hereafter as he has been in the past. Orders promptly attended to.
GUELPH PUMP FACTORY. The undersigned begs to inform the public that he has now fitted up his new shop in the most complete manner, and has on hand a large stock of Pump timber. He is prepared to make to order, and furnish on the shortest notice, pumps of superior quality of all kinds. Having had long experience in the trade he feels sure that he can turn out work to the satisfaction of the public. All orders for new pumps or repairs promptly attended to. Remember the factory, on the banks of the Speed, near the Eramosa Bridge, and directly opposite the new English Church.
GUELPH, Aug. 12th 1872 **E. STOVELL**

New Advertisements.

TO LET—Two rooms and kitchen, being part of a cottage already occupied. Apply at Day's Bookstore.
WANTED—A first-class servant girl. Wage \$7 per month. Apply at this office.
SALESMAN WANTED.—First-class salesman wanted at fashionable West-End. Good salary. Personal application to be made to A. O. BUGHAM.
CARPENTERS AND JOINERS WANTED.—Five Carpenters and Joiners Wanted. High wages to good men. Apply at STEWART'S Planing Mill.
CAIRNER & HATHERLY, Contractors, Wall Sinks and General Jobbers. Excavations of all kinds undertaken by the day or job.
ITALIAN BEES. For sale, a few stocks of Italian Bees with pure queens. Apply to P. H. Gibbs, near the Dundas Bridge.
STOREHOUSE TO LET—On Switch connecting Grand Trunk and Great Western R. R. Capacity 2000 bushels, with horse-power Elevator. Apply to John McCrea.
TO STONE MASONS AND LIME BURNERS.—The undersigned offers for sale his valuable limestone quarry, or more parcels to suit purchasers. Terms easy.
HOUSE WANTED.—A moderately sized house wanted to rent by Dr. STEWART, Oculist, who wishes to purchase permanently in Guelph. Apply at Dr. Stewart's rooms, Royal Hotel, up till Monday next.
COW STOLEN OR STRAYED—Strayed from the subscriber's premises on the 1st inst., a Red and White Cow, with white face. Any one returning the same, or giving such information as will lead to her recovery will be suitably rewarded.
DESIRABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE.—The Cottage on Yarmouth Street, adjoining Mr. Marriott's residence, near Mr. Raymond's Sewing Machine Factory, with one-fifth of an acre of land, 60 feet frontage. Room for another building. For terms, apply on the premises to C. Ward, or Messrs. Hart & Speirs, Land Agents, Guelph, Aug. 20, 1872.
MUSIC TEACHER WANTED.—For the Senior Girls School, a Teacher of Music on the Piano, to enter upon duties in the beginning of October. Salary, a monthly fee of one dollar per pupil, to be collected and retained by the Teacher. Applications to be lodged with the undersigned by the 21st Sept.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS.—Persons having claims against the estate of John Stewart, late of Guelph, produce merchant, deceased, are notified to send full particulars of the same to his executors, A. Mackenzie and Edward Osborn, or to Guthrie, Watt & Cutten, Solicitors, Guelph, and all persons indebted to the estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness at once to either of the same parties. Dated 11th September, 1872.
INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869. In the matter of JAMES T. MITCHELL and ANAS CLAYTON, of the Town of Guelph, trading under the style and firm of Mitchell & Clayton, merchants, Insolvents. The Insolvents have made an assignment of their estate to me, and Creditors are notified to meet at their office in Guelph on Tuesday, the 1st day of October, at ten o'clock, a.m., to receive statements of their affairs, and to appoint an assignee.
EDUCATION. **The Misses Rhonnie's** School of Art, Music, and General Education, for Primary and Finishing, day or Boarding Pupils, will reopen after the summer vacation on Monday, the 2nd of September, 1872.
LONDON Commercial College—AND— **TELEGRAPHIC INSTITUTE.** The oldest and most practical business school in British America. Book-keeping, all its branches taught by means of actual business transactions. Plain and ornamental Penmanship, Business Correspondence, Telegraphy and Phonography, Business Arithmetic, mental and commercial, all taught in the most careful manner. The great superiority of our system of training has secured us continued success, and added yearly to the popularity of our Institute. A Business Education has become a necessity of the age. There are 30 Book-keepers, 30 Telegraphic Operators, 29 Ship-hand Writers needed to-day, where one of each would have sufficed a few years ago. Send for circular.
GUELPH **FALL RACES** 1872 1872 Will take place over the Guelph Course, On Thursday and Friday, 26th and 27th September. Premiums - \$1,900.00
ADMISSION—Entrance to the course, each person 50 cents; Saddle Horse and Puggy, 25 extra; Double cartages 25 cents extra; Grand Stand, 25 cents extra.
FIRST DAY. Race No. 1, \$200, Dominion Handicap, open to all Dominion bred horses, mile heats, 1st horse \$150, 2nd horse \$50. Race No. 2, \$300, open running race, mile heats, 1st horse \$225, 2nd horse \$75. Race No. 3, \$500, trotting race, open to horses that have never trotted better than 2m 38s, mile heats, 1st horse \$225, 2nd \$75. Race No. 4, \$100, trotting race, open to all horses owned and in the County of Wellington at the date of the bill, mile heats, 1st horse \$70, 2nd horse \$30.
SECOND DAY. Race No. 5, \$300, Grand Steeple Chase, open to all handicap weights, half forfeit, over about two miles good ground, eight jumps, 1st horse \$225, 2nd \$75. Race No. 6, \$500, open running race, mile heats, 1st horse \$225, 2nd \$75. Race No. 7, \$300, open trotting race, mile heats 1st horse \$225, 2nd \$75. Race No. 8, \$100, running race, open to all horses owned and in the County of Wellington at the date of this bill. Mile heats, 1st horse \$70, 2nd \$30.
W. A. BOOKLESS, Sec-Treasurer

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Town and County News.

The *Harrison Tribune* is happy to announce the steady progress of the narrow gauge, and hopes to see produce moved by it this fall from Harrison.
GOOD WORDS AND SUNDAY MAGAZINE.—Mr. John Anderson has received the September numbers of these popular periodicals.
The Messrs. Preston of Harrison have lately made great improvements in their mills, which are now in first rate trim for the fall and winter work.
TROUBLE.—Aged about 12 years, of Mount Forest, was charged on Saturday with stealing a gold watch chain from the house of the Rev. Thos. Cobb. He admitted the charge and was sentenced to two months in Guelph gaol.
The Rev. John McMillan, of Mount Forest, after his return from a ten weeks trip through New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, was presented by the members of his congregation with a purse of \$100 accompanied by an address.
OBITUARY.—We do record the death of Mr. Richard O'Brien, farmer, of Eramosa, who had almost completed a century of life. Mr. O'Brien settled in Eramosa 24 years ago, following the occupation of a farmer, and was the progenitor of a large number of descendants, having 10 children (6 of whom survive) 53 grand children, and 36 great-grand children.
The Mount Forest Examiner regrets to learn that a little boy aged about eighteen months, the son of Mr. William Boyd, of Arthur Township, was drowned on Tuesday morning last, under some singular circumstances. It seems that the little one had been playing near the doorway of his father's house, and during an absence on the part of Mrs. Boyd of not more than five minutes, he fell head first into a tub of water which was standing near at hand, and when discovered life was extinct.
The great increase in the numbers of potato bugs this present season is sufficient to cause grave anxiety as to our next season's potato crop. From all parts of the country reports of their great prevalence reach us. They have stripped the leaves off all the potatoes within their reach, and they may now be seen crawling about on the streets in hundreds. We see that in Berlin it is impossible in some residences to keep a window open—the disgusting reptiles are crawling about in such numbers.
THE PEACH FESTIVAL.—The Peach Festival held in the Drill Shed last night was a very charming entertainment. The variety and quality of the eatables, the tastefully arranged and brilliantly lighted tables, and the happy faces of the lady waiters all combined to make it a most enjoyable evening. Unfortunately the rain prevented as large an attendance as might otherwise have been present. The ladies have therefore resolved to open it again this evening, having a large quantity of fruit, cakes, etc., on hand. Entrance to-night 5 cents.
Y. M. C. A.—The regular meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association was held in their rooms last evening. President Dr. McGuire in the chair. Mr. Wm. Watson gave a very good reading, and Mr. W. T. Jones, an excellent essay "Past, Present and Future," which was enjoyed by all present. Mr. E. Martin presented the Association with a very good book, "Anna Clayton, or the Inquirer after Truth," for which the thanks of the Association was tendered. We would again remind friends of the Association that books for the library will be thankfully received.
NORTH RIDING SHOW.—This Show, as we have already stated, comes off on the 8th October at Drayton. We are requested to say that entries of stock or articles for the Show may be sent to the Secretary, Robt. Mitchell, Esq., to Arthurpost office, on or before Saturday the 5th of October. The Secretary will be in attendance at Markle's Hotel, Drayton, on Monday, 7th of October, from 10 o'clock a.m. until evening, and on the morning of the Show until 10 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving entries, after which no entries will be received. Mr. N. Higinbotham, M. P., has presented the Society with a donation of \$20 to be given as prizes for dairy produce and needlework.
POLICE COURT. Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., P. M. Friday, Sept. 13. John Graham, charged by Chief Constable Kelly, with injuring an ornamental tree on Suffolk street, belonging to Thos. Smith. It being proved to the magistrate's satisfaction that the damage was unintentional, the case was dismissed. It may prove useful to know that those guilty of injuring ornamental trees, &c., are liable to a fine of \$20.
A new line of British steamers is about to be established between Cardiff and New York, chiefly by the aid of the Marquis of Bute. The first steamer, the *Glamorgan*, is about to start. The Marquis has permitted the wharfage dues of the vessel for one year, and has engaged to supply them with coal for a like period.
The *Manitoba* understands that the land-grant claims of the half-breeds in that Province, with the exception of those down the river, have been defined.

Local and Other Items.

The annual exhibition of the Elma Agricultural Society will be held in Newry, on Friday, the 1st October. The Galtonians had a holiday on Thursday, when a large number went to Hamilton to see the Cricket match. In a few days the St. Cloud and Pembina Railway will be in operation to a point within 100 miles of Fort Garry. A volcano on the island of Hawaii is in active eruption and presents a magnificent spectacle. Heavy rains have prevailed throughout the North-western States for the past week, and the wheat harvest has been damaged in some places. The Annual Exhibition of the Wallace and Elma Branch Agricultural Society will be held in Listowel, on Tuesday, the 8th of October. The Listowel Corporation are grading roads and building sidewalks to the railway station. A new hotel is being put up at the station. TUGGERT & BILLINGS, of Hamilton, shipped the other day to one firm in Manitoba, 800 caddies of their well-known Myrtle Navy tobacco. Mrs. STREET, mother of the late T. C. Street, who never recovered from the shock received at her son's death, died on Thursday morning. In the last number of the *Paris Transcript* the editor announces the suspension of that journal. The continued ill-health of the proprietor is given as the reason. An influential meeting of the citizens of Kingston, was held the other evening, for the purpose of petitioning the Government of Ontario to locate the Normal School intended for Eastern Ontario in that city. Some blackguard committed a series of wanton outrages in the Primitive Methodist Church, Hamilton, on Sunday night last. He was in search of money, but failing to find that, destroyed and carried away several hymn books, cushions, pulpit covers, &c. MESSRS. NICOLL & FITZPATRICK, of Toronto, have purchased the flats in Goderich, and will proceed at once with the erection of a large distillery. They propose expending about \$30,000 at present, and to double that amount next year, with a further increase should circumstances warrant. CANADA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—The annual convention of the Canada Medical Association in Montreal came to a close on Thursday evening. It was decided to defer further consideration of the proposed Medical Act for the Dominion for two years. The next convention will be held at St. John, N.B., on the first Wednesday in August. THE ENGLISH CRICKETERS IN HAMILTON.—At Hamilton, on Thursday, the English Eleven took the first innings, and kept up the play all day pretty steadily, notwithstanding the rain. At 5:30 the wickets were drawn, the Englishmen having scored 115, with Grace, Hornby, A. Lubbock and Hadow out. Grace was bowled for 17. Otway followed him and held the bat till the stumps were drawn, scoring 42. The Listowel Banner says that one night last week, a daughter of Mr. Alexander Montgomery, of Mornington, aged 9 years, was killed by lightning in bed. It appears that deceased and another child were sleeping up stairs, and being afraid of the thunder and lightning, their parents brought them down and made a bed for them along side of their own. Shortly after the lightning came down the chimney, passed through the kitchen into the bed room, killing the deceased and slightly injuring the other child. **The Great Portland Breakwater.** The following account of the opening of the new Portland breakwater is taken from our English exchanges:—The Prince of Wales arrived off Portland at 12 o'clock on Saturday for the purpose of opening the breakwater, and was received by the lords of the admiralty, captains of the fleet, and other officials. The completed stone, weighing nearly four tons, was adjusted by the Prince, who then declared the breakwater to be opened. The inscription on the stone is:—"From this spot, on the 25th June, 1849, His Royal Highness Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, deposited the first stone of this breakwater. Upon the same spot, on the 10th August, 1872, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, laid the last stone and declared the work complete. These are imperial works and worthy kings." The breakwater is a great sea-wall, which stretches with a bend towards Weymouth for a mile and five-eighths from the east side of the island of Portland, and shelters from every wind an area of 2,100 acres of water, 1,290 of which have at low tides a depth ranging from five to eleven fathoms. It consists of an inner breakwater, 1,900 feet in length, divided from an outer or isolated breakwater, 6,200 feet in length, by an opening 400 feet wide. The whole is built in nine to ten fathoms of water, the material used being rough blocks of Portland stone, quarried by convicts from the shore close by. This work has been the labour of 600 convicts for 23 years. As much as 2,800 tons of stone have been sent down the incline along the scaffold railway and tipped into the sea in one day, and the exact quantity excavated, quarried, loaded and used for the breakwater mound reaches the immense total of 3,781,376 tons, to which must be added the 72,347 tons of dressed stone required for the pier-heads &c. The vast quarry, from which a portion of this material was drawn, is of 18 acres, excavated to a mean depth of 40 feet. Somebody says in a letter to the *Chicago Independent*, that the fire is still smouldering and smoking in the debris of one of the elevators burned last October.

THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

Land Slide in Spain. Sir Alexander Cockburn on the Arbitration. **Life Boat Found.** Hurricane at the Windward Islands. **Coal from France.** French Republic Anniversary. Madrid, Sept. 11.—A great land-slide is reported near Fraja, Arragon, on the banks of the River Cinca. The bed of the river was filled with earth and rocks, the water was forced from its course and the country around the town inundated. A barge which crossed over at that point was carried away. A barge with 40 men women and children taken from a flooded house was swamped, and all on board drowned except three. Many other lives were lost, and the destruction of property is very great. Geneva, Sept. 12.—Sir Alexander Cockburn, British member of the Board of Arbitration, will deliver an elaborate opinion on the points wherein he differs from the decision of the Court. His secretaries are now engaged in the work of copying the opinion. Havana, Sept. 12.—Captain Wilson, of the British brig *Hunter*, from Jacksonville to-day, picked up near Abaco on August 29th, a life boat bottom up, supposed to be the missing boat of the steamer *Beinville*. The storm had broken her. She had patent books which were worked by a rod along the boat hooks. The boat was marked 810, and was painted white, the gunwale boards black and the thwarts white on one side. The boat is about 30 feet long. Kingston, Jan., Sept. 11.—A hurricane has visited the Windward Islands. Vessels are ashore at St. Kitts, Guadaloupe and Martinique, and great damage has been done at Dominica. Vessels were dashed to pieces and many lives lost. On the 10th inst. a severe storm passed over Valparaiso, doing much damage to shipping. Paris, Sept. 12.—The proprietors of several collieries in the Department of Pas de Calais, have executed their first contract for furnishing coal to England. The quantity sent is 250,000 tons. Gontarf Biron is expected at Tronville to report to Thiers what passed in his interview with the Emperor of Russia at Berlin. The Radicals are determined to celebrate the anniversary of the first Republic, with banquets in Paris and in the provinces. Gambetta promises to speak at one of these banquets in the South of France. Thiers has been informed by Bourquier that the Pope has abandoned all ideas of leaving Rome. San Francisco, Sept. 13.—The fourth jury trial of Laura Fair was obtained yesterday. Honolulu advices have full particulars of the massacre of the crew of the steamer *Lavonia* by the natives of Solomon Islands, in revenge for the kidnapping of natives by whites. It was a horrible affair. At Maceo a duel was fought between the Spanish Consul and the Consul of Peru, growing out of a dispute about a gambling debt. Senor Torruco Beno was severely wounded in the arm. Principals and seconds were arrested. The Japanese embassy to China to effect a change in treaties, will return to China on the arrival of the Embassy now in Europe. New York, Sept. 12.—A Washington despatch says that it was said yesterday in official circles that the Government was without advices from Geneva as to the exact amount of the award, and that until the arbitrators presented to the agents of the two Governments their decision, it will not positively be known definitely what the sum was. It is known that the President thinks less of the pecuniary award, more of the principle established. The example given of peaceful, speedy settlement of grave questions by means of arbitration. Bern, Sept. 12.—The arbitration tribunal arrived this morning from Geneva. They were met at the railway station by the President and members of the Federal Council. **GOOD OUT OF EVIL.**—In consequence of the high price of agricultural labor in the South of England, farmers, it is expected, will lay out more of their land in grass, the number of cattle will be increased, and meat will be cheaper. Thus the rise in agricultural wages will be a benefit to the country generally, for surplus agricultural laborers can be drafted into other employments, and grain importations can be increased to any amount. A desideratum by natural laws will thus be enforced on the farmers of increasing the home meat supply.—*Daily News.* INDIAN FARMERS are painting their names on their front gates. Canadian farmers could do likewise without disadvantage to themselves or the persons who have to look for any particular one amongst them. One noticeable feature in Canadian farms is the fact that so few of them have distinguishing names. If a stranger enquires for any farmer, he is directed to the north or south half of such a lot in such a concession in the township of so-and-so. If each farm had a name by which it would be known it would be much better. **POLITICAL ITEMS.** The Ottawa Times understands that Sir George Cartier is likely to sail for England for the benefit of his health sometime towards the end of the present month. The election of Sir Francis Hincks by acclamation for Vancouver District must have been a funny affair. The surprise arose from the fact that the electors had probably never heard the name of Hincks before. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Yorke, with the remark that "he knew but little of Sir Francis, but would take Mr. Bunster's word that he was the right man." Upon this very indefinite recommendation the electors, who, of course, knew less of Sir F. Hincks than Mr. Yorke did, accepted Hincks as their member. 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Smith is not to be allowed to walk the course in Selkirk, Manitoba; Mr. E. A. Wilson, merchant, of Winnipeg, has been chosen to contest the seat with him. The Ottawa correspondent of the St. John's (N. B.) News says that if Cartier is obliged to retire, Mr. Languevin would, by virtue of his tact and moderation, naturally become Sir George's successor; but among the leaders of the French Canadians is Mr. Cauchon, representing a very formidable element of strife. Mr. Cauchon was never satisfied with being shelved in the Senate, and has taken the opportunity of the general elections to get into the Commons. We may be sure that a man of his determination and ability is not going voluntarily to play second fiddle to any one. Large additions are being made to the library of the Ontario Legislature. The latest comprises all the standard American political works, including full files of the *Congressional Globe*, and a complete report of the debates in the State Conventions in 1870, on the adoption of the Federal Constitution. An additional room has been added to the library, shelves have been put up, and other improvements made. Mr. Watson, lately on the *Globe*, has been appointed Librarian. The *Galt Reformer* says:—"Mr. G. Alexander, of Woodstock, stated at some half-dozen meetings in this Riding, when peripatetic South Waterloo on his celebrated missionary tour, that he had sent in his resignation of the office of Postmaster. Of course the position was a petty one, and the emolument too insignificant for a statesman with the abilities of the Hon. Geo. to occupy, but then we have not heard whether the Government has seen fit to accept the resignation or not. 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IRON MINES OF CANADA.

It is perhaps not generally known, but nevertheless a fact, that iron is being exported by Canada to Europe. During the past few months several cargoes of iron have left the port of Quebec for England. This week sixty tons were sent to France, the magnetic iron ore found in the black sand along the North Shore of the Lower St. Lawrence is of most excellent quality and brings remarkably high prices. The iron is extracted by a machine on a new principle the invention of Dr. Larue, who has brought the machine to a high state of perfection. An order has been sent by an extensive firm in England for one hundred tons of the purified black sand, so that we may now calculate on having another valuable article added to our exports.—*Quebec Budget.* **Barmid.**—We never serve anybody who's had sufficient; you've taken too much already. Thirty customers—You'll 'xhaust me, maram! I may've ad too much (his), bu I aren't ad enough. The troops enlisted for active service in Manitoba are ordered to report at their respective head-quarters on the 30th inst.