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## Business Cards.

**LIVER & MACDONALD**,  
Barristers and Attorneys-at-Law, Soli-  
citors, Notaries Public, &c. Office—Corner of  
Wyndham and Quebec Streets, up stairs,  
Guelph, Ont. dw

**D. R. BROOK**,  
OFFICE AND RESIDENCE  
Directly opposite Chalmers' Church,  
QUEBEC STREET. dw

**FREDERICK BISCOE**, Barrister and  
Attorney at Law, Solicitor in Chancery,  
Conveyancer, &c. Guelph. Office, corner of  
Wyndham and Quebec Streets. dw

**STEPHEN BOULT**, Architect, Con-  
tractor and Builder. Planning Mill, and  
every kind of Joiner's Work prepared for the  
trade and the public. The Factory is on  
Quebec street, Guelph. dw

**CARVER & HATHERLY**, Contractors,  
Well Sinkers and General Jobbers.  
Excavations of all kinds undertaken by the  
day or job. Residence, Liverpool St., near  
Ryan's ashery. dw

**WILLIAM J. PATERSON**,  
Official Assignee for the County  
of Wellington.  
Office—Opposite Town Hall, Guelph. dw

**LEMON & PETERSON**,  
Barristers and Attorneys at Law,  
Solicitors in Chancery,  
Conveyancers and Notaries Public.  
Office, over the Bank of Commerce, Guelph.  
A. LEMON. H. W. PETERSON.  
CHAS. LEMON. County Crown Attorney

**GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN**,  
Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law,  
Solicitors in Chancery,  
GUELPH, ONTARIO.  
GUTHRIE, J. WATT, W. H. CUTTEN.  
Guelph, March 1, 1871. dw

**LEONARD ALLAN**, prize drum maker,  
and sign painter. Drums repaired in  
first-class style. Agent for THE GUELPH ME-  
CURY. Waldemar P.O. Co. Wellington. w

**IRON CASTINGS**  
Of all kinds, made to order at  
**CROWE'S IRON WORKS**,  
Norfolk Street, Guelph.  
154W JOHN CROWE, Proprietor.

**F. STURDY**,  
House, Sign, & Ornamental Painter  
GRAINER AND PAPER-HANGER.  
Shon next to the Wellington Hotel, Wynd-  
ham Street, Guelph. dw

**THORP'S HOTEL**, GUELPH, remodelled  
and newly furnished. Good ac-  
commodation for commercial travellers.  
Free omnibus to and from all trains. First-  
class lavatory in connection. May 14 dw

**O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL**,  
IN THE  
QUEEN'S HOTEL, GUELPH, OPPOSITE  
THE MARKET  
Refritted in the latest fashion. Five latest  
style Phelan Tables. dw

**PARKE'S HOTEL**,  
—DIRECTLY—  
OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH  
First-class accommodation for travellers  
Commodious stabling and an attentive  
hostler.  
The best Liquors and Cigars at the bar.  
He has just fitted up a room where Oysters  
will be served up at all hours, in the favorite  
styles.  
Pickled Salmon, Lobsters, and Sardines.  
Guelph, Feb. 1, 1873 dw

**NEW COAL YARD**.  
The undersigned having opened a Coal  
Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all  
kinds of  
**Hard and Soft Coal**  
At moderate prices. Orders left at the store  
of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham Street,  
will be promptly attended to.  
Guelph, Nov. 1, 1872 dw

**J. M. MARRIOTT**,  
Veterinary Surgeon,  
M.R.C.V.S., L.P.V.M.A.  
Having lately arrived in Guelph from Eng-  
land, and taken up his residence here, he  
tends consulting practice of his profes-  
sion. Orders left at the Mercury Office, or  
at H. A. Kirkland's, Paisley Street, opposite  
Howard's new laundry, will be promptly  
attended to.  
Having had great experience in all diseases  
of Horses and Cattle, all cases placed under  
his treatment will receive the greatest at-  
tention. Charges moderate. dw

**HOTEL CARD**.  
The Right Man in the Right Place.  
THOMAS WARD, late of the Crown Hotel,  
begs to inform the travelling public that he  
has acquired possession of the Victoria  
Hotel, next door to the Post Office, where he  
hopes by courtesy, attention, and good ac-  
commodation, to merit a fair share of pub-  
lic patronage, both from old and new  
friends. The best of Liquors, Wines, Cigars,  
&c., constantly on hand. A good hostler  
always in attendance. Remember the spot  
—next door to the Post Office.  
THOMAS WARD,  
(Late of Crown Hotel),  
Proprietor.  
Guelph, Dec. 19th, 1872. dw

**W. M. FOSTER, L.D.S.,**  
SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH.  
Office over E. Har-  
vey & Co's Drug  
Store, Corner of  
Wyndham and Mac-  
donald-sts. Guelph.  
Gentle Nitrous Oxide  
(laughing gas) ad-  
ministered for the  
extraction of both  
vital and non-vital  
teeth. Intending  
patients are referred  
to Dr. Herod,  
Clark, Tuck, McQuire,  
Herod, McGreggor, and  
Gowan, Guelph. Drs.  
Buchanan and Philips,  
Toronto. Drs. Elliot,  
& Meyers, Dentists  
Toronto. dw

**PRIZE DENTISTRY.**  
**DR. ROBERT CAMPBELL**  
Licentiate of Dental  
Surgery.  
Established 1864.  
Office next door to  
the "Advertiser" Of-  
fice, Wyndham-st.,  
Guelph.  
Residence opposite  
Mr. Boyd's Factory.  
b Street. Teeth extracted without pain.  
References, Drs. Clarke, Tuck, McQuire,  
Herod, McGreggor, and Gowan, Guelph. Drs.  
Buchanan and Philips, Toronto. Drs. Elliot,  
& Meyers, Dentists Toronto. dw

## New Advertisements.

**TWO GENTLEMEN WANTED**—As  
Boarders in a private family. Apply  
at this office. dw

**FOR SALE**—Lot 71, on Wyndham-  
Street, known as the Black-  
smith Shop Lot. Clear title and immediate  
possession given. Also, a first-class stone  
house to rent. Apply to  
Guelph, December 27th, 1872. dw

**SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE**.  
For sale, the Wanzel, Lockman and  
Howe Sewing Machines, all first class and  
cheap for cash. Enquire at the MERCURY  
Office. dw

**NOTICE**—All parties indebted to the  
undersigned by Note or Book Account  
are respectfully requested to make settle-  
ment of the same before the 15th of Febru-  
ary. Any remaining unsettled after that  
date will be handed into Court for collec-  
tion. GEO. SLEEMAN. dw

Guelph, Jan. 17, 1873. dw

**ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY.**  
The Annual Meeting of the St. Patrick's  
Society will be held on THURSDAY,  
18th FEBRUARY, inst., at DEADY'S Wel-  
lington Hotel, at 7.30 p.m. A full attendance  
of members is respectfully requested.  
By order of the President.  
EDWARD O'CONNOR,  
Guelph, Feb. 10, 1873. dw

**MRS. W. BOWERS**—Begg to inform  
the inhabitants of Guelph that she is  
prepared to do Dress and Mantle-making,  
Stamping, Braiding Straw and Felt  
Millinery, Bonnets and Hats made over in  
the latest styles. Also, Dresses cut and fitted.  
A large assortment of Ladies and Children's  
patterns for sale, with instructions. Charges  
moderate. Apprentices wanted. Residence  
—Opposite Knox Church, Guelph. dw

**TAKE NOTICE**—That an application  
will be made to the Legislature of Ontario  
at the present session, and also to the  
Legislature of the Dominion of Canada at  
its next session for an Act to incorporate a  
Company for the construction of a railroad  
from some point on the Ontario and Quebec  
Railroad in or near the Township of Man-  
vers, through or near to Port Perry, New-  
market, Orangeville, Arthur, and through to  
Goderich on Lake Huron.  
JAN. 31, 1873. JOHN FOWLER. dw

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AN-  
NUVERSARY.**  
A Tea Social will (D.V.) be held in the  
Lectern Room of the Congregational Church  
in this Town, on  
**Tuesday Evening, 11th inst.**  
To celebrate the anniversary of the Church  
Opening, and the extinction of the Church  
debt.  
Tea will be served from half-past six  
o'clock. After Tea addresses will be deliv-  
ered by the Rev. W. F. Clarke, W. Manches,  
recently from London, England, and other  
Ministers. Music by the choir.  
Admission 25 cents.  
The public are cordially invited. dw

**INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869,**  
AND AMENDMENTS THEREON.  
In the matter of John Robert Porter, of the  
Town of Guelph, Jeweller, an Insolvent.  
The insolvent has made an assignment of  
his Estate to me, and the Creditors are not-  
ified to meet at his place of business on  
MONDAY, the 24th day of FEBRUARY, at  
11 o'clock, a.m., to receive statements of his  
affairs, and to appoint an Assignee.  
W. J. PATERSON,  
Interim Assignee. dw

**INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.**  
In the matter of John McGregor,  
an Insolvent.  
Bankrupt Stock of Fancy and Woolen  
Goods, Toys, &c.  
Tenders will be received at the office of  
the Official Assignee, at Guelph, up to noon,  
on SATURDAY, the 16th day of February,  
inst., for the purchase of the stock-in-trade  
of the Insolvent, at Elora, at a dollar rate,  
consisting of Fancy and Woolen Goods,  
Toys, &c., amounting to \$1,000. The stock  
is valued at \$1,000. The inventory may be seen at  
the office of the Assignee, at Guelph, and the  
goods may be viewed on application to Mr.  
David Findlay, at Elora.  
THOMAS SAUNDERS,  
Official Assignee. dw

**\$20 REWARD.**  
The above reward will be paid to any one,  
who having ascertained a plug of  
"Myrtle Navy,"  
Has he given him a plug not stamped  
T. & B.  
Any person selling any Tobacco for Myrtle  
Navy, but the genuine article, renders him-  
self liable to a heavy penalty.  
N.B.—Keep the Plug and write to  
us.  
TUCKETT & BILLINGS,  
Feb. 10, 1873. 43m. Hamilton.

**AUCTION SALE**  
—OF—  
**Homestead, in Guelph,**  
ON  
**Thursday, 27th of Feb'y, 1873,**  
AT TWO P.M., AT THE PREMISES.  
Mrs. R. CORBET will offer for sale her re-  
sidence, corner of Norfolk and Oxford-sts.,  
Town of Guelph, comprising one quarter  
acre of land, Stone Dwelling of two stories,  
with the Drawing Room, Dining Room, Parlor,  
Library, and seven upstairs Bed Rooms in  
40 rooms; also kitchen, wood shed, &c.  
A stable for two horses, also a never failing  
well of pure water, and large cistern with  
pump.  
The Guelph is stocked with choice Fruit  
Trees.  
These premises are in excellent condition,  
suitable for a large family, and situated in  
the most pleasant part of the Town, within  
five minutes walk of all the Churches and  
Markets.  
Guelph being widely known for its healthy  
situation, enterprise, and excellent market,  
an opportunity rarely equalled—is now  
presented to persons desiring of procuring a  
property not only of increasing value, but  
one which will prove a most agreeable  
homestead.  
Terms—One-third cash, and the balance  
in five years at 7 per cent interest half  
yearly, secured by mortgage and fire policy.  
Possession given by the 1st May next, or  
sooner. This good.  
Intending purchasers are referred to  
LEMON & PETERSON, Solicitors,  
or W.S.G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer,  
Guelph, Jan. 17, 1873. dw

**PLASTER, PLASTER.**  
JUST RECEIVED,  
**500 tons Paris and Cal-  
cedonia Plaster.**  
Also, a large quantity of Land Salt, Wet  
Lime, and Seed Grain, at the Montreal  
Warehouses, below the Railway  
Crossing Guelph.  
GEO. BALKWILL, dw

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TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 11, 1873.

### Town and County News.

**CHANCERY CIRCUITS.**—These Courts  
will be held as follows:—Guelph, Mon-  
day, 24th March. Owen Sound, Wed-  
nesday 30th April. Walkerton, Tuesday  
8th April. Goderich, Friday, 16th May.

**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.**—The  
Board did not meet last night, for want  
of a quorum. The Secretary and some  
half dozen members were present, waited  
till the town clock struck eight, and then  
left the Council chamber.

**SPRING CIRCUITS.**—The Courts of Oyer  
and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery,  
and of Assize and Nisi Prius, will be held  
as follows:—Milton, Monday 10th March.  
Guelph, Friday 14th March. Berlin,  
Monday 31st March. Owen Sound,  
Thursday 24th April.

**ENTERPRISE.**—The complete poetical  
works of Burns, with memoir and mar-  
ginal glossary, bound in cloth, may be  
had at Anderson's Bookstore, Wyndham  
street, for the small sum of thirty cents.  
Surely the works of Scotland's poet are  
now within the reach of all. Six hundred  
pages of matter, together with numerous  
illustrations, for 30c. This is certainly a  
marvel of cheapness.

**GARDNER SEWING MACHINE.**—Mr Lum-  
gard requests us to say owing to the im-  
passable state of the roads for the last  
month, he has been unable to deliver  
machines ordered. But now that he is  
again able to be on the road, he will at-  
tend to any orders left. In order that  
the Gardner Sewing Machine may be  
speedily supplied with all, another agent,  
Mr. Fairgrieve, is assisting him in this  
service. See adv.

**UNLAWFUL PROCEEDING.**—A young man  
named Swartzberger took forcible posses-  
sion of a span of horses and sleigh, on  
the Market Square here, to-day, drove  
them to a hotel, and told the proprietor  
to keep them for him. He fancied that  
because the driver was indebted to him  
he could seize the team with impunity.  
Constable Nichols was informed of the  
fact, and arrested Swartzberger,  
and had much difficulty in getting him  
to the lock-up. The owner got back his  
horses.

**INHUMANITY IN ROCKWOOD.**—A cor-  
respondent sends us the following particu-  
lars which, if true, makes the blood  
curdle in our veins. The perpetrators  
deserve the most severe reprobation:  
A respectable and well dressed young  
woman about 18 years of age got off the  
train from the west at Rockwood on Mon-  
day, and was refused accommodation, also at  
a private house where she begged to be  
accommodated, as the pains of labour  
were on her, but was also refused, and  
on walking down the sidewalk lay down  
and gave birth to a child, a good many,  
I believe, looking on. Mrs. Bull, like a  
good Samaritan, took her in, where she  
now is. These are the particulars as I  
have just learnt them, and I think the  
conduct of the tavern-keepers is deserv-  
ing of the most severe censure, more  
especially as they have of late repeatedly  
refused accommodation to parties. This  
last act puts the climax to their inhu-  
manity.

**LOOK OUT FOR YOUR GAS METRES!**—The  
Hamilton Times says:—We are informed  
that a most extraordinary occurrence, as  
regards gas metres, took place in this  
city on Monday, but by a happy interp-  
etation of Providence, as it were, a dwel-  
ling was saved from destruction, and pro-  
bably human life also. About five o'clock  
a gas metre in the hall of the house of  
Mr. Isaac McMichael, residing at No. 54  
Napier street, exploded in the most un-  
accountable manner. Mr. and Mrs. Mc-  
Michael were asleep in the back part of  
the house, and there was no one else  
in the house, except a daughter, who pro-  
videntially had stepped into a room near  
the hall (where the gas metre was placed  
in a stout box) and where she heard what  
alarmed her as a muffled or deadened ex-  
plosion. On opening the hall room door  
she saw that portion of it near the metre  
all ablaze. At once giving the alarm,  
Mr. McMichael attempted to turn off the  
gas by means of the trap below the  
metre, but as the pressure was then on,  
the gas rushed through the 1 1/2 inch feeder  
with such force that nothing could be  
done until the flames were partially  
smothered under clothes. The gas being  
turned out, it was then discovered that  
an upper corner of the metre had been  
blown off, and the gas ignited—no one  
knows how—then rushed up the wall and  
rapidly set fire to the paper. The dis-  
covery was most opportune, for had not  
the explosion been heard, or had it oc-  
curred at night, the consequences at the  
least, could have been little less than  
most serious. There was no fire or even  
smoke in the hall, and as the weather was  
sharp and cold, and no one near the  
metre at or shortly before the time of  
the explosion—in fact no one was in the  
hall yesterday—the cause of the ignition  
of the gas is beyond solution. The  
metre is destroyed. Can any of our  
readers assign a reason? The occurrence  
is so rare, if not altogether unheard of  
here, that we have no idea how it could  
have happened.

**FAILURE OF THE DETROIT TUNNEL.**—It  
appears from a report by the Detroit  
Board of Trade that the attempt to tun-  
nel under the Detroit river is a failure.  
A committee of the Board waited on the  
President of the Michigan Central Rail-  
road and ascertained that the small trial  
tunnel, preparatory to the main tunnel  
is not half completed and that almost  
insuperable difficulties in the shape of  
quicksands, spongy earth etc, render the  
completion of the main tunnel a matter  
of great doubt, and that in any event at  
least five years will be consumed in its  
building. In view of these facts the  
Board urged the building of a bridge over  
the river, and have resolved to petition  
Congress to pass a bill authorizing the  
construction of such a bridge.

## THIS MORNING'S DESPATCHES

Important News from Spain.

**The King and People in  
Trouble.**  
**Thurlow Weed in the Flesh.**  
**Three Females Killed by a  
Wall.**  
**Two More Suicides.**  
**Another Railway Disaster.**

Madrid, Feb. 10.—Bands of Carlists  
have made their appearance in the Pro-  
vince of Toledo. The Senate has, by a  
vote of 59 against 6, passed a motion of  
confidence in the Ministry on the ques-  
tion of their course towards the artillery,  
with regard to the recent demonstrations  
of insubordination in that branch of the  
army. The Government has created an  
ordinance department. The bill for the  
abolition of slavery in Porto Rico will be  
taken up in the Cortes to-day for discus-  
sion. The snow-storm which prevailed  
here yesterday also extended throughout  
the Northern Provinces, where the fall  
was very heavy.

London, Feb. 10.—The following des-  
patch has been received here. It is  
marked urgent, and was not delayed by  
the Censor at Madrid. It is, therefore,  
believed to have some foundation:—  
Madrid, Feb. 10.—King Amadeus mani-  
fests a disposition to abdicate the Crown,  
in which case he will resign his power  
into the hands of the Cortes. The city  
is quiet.

The King's disposition to quit the  
throne is attributed to the difference be-  
tween His Majesty and the Ministry  
which arose in November last, when the  
General of the Artillery, Don Hidalgo,  
was promoted to the Captain-Generalship  
of the Basque Provinces. The majority  
of the officers in the artillery arm of the  
service resigned their commissions at the  
time, protesting against the promotion as  
irregular, unjustifiable, and refusing to  
serve under Hidalgo because he partici-  
pated in the massacre at Sangli Barracks  
in 1866. Don Hidalgo, meeting with so  
much opposition, finally resigned, and  
the officers withdrew their resignations,  
but the Ministry recently appointed him  
to a new and important command in  
Catalonia; the artillery officers renewed  
their protest, and again sent in their  
resignations. The Ministry disregarded  
them, and appealing to the Cortes, ob-  
tained nearly a unanimous vote of con-  
fidence. The King from the beginning  
disapproved of the promotion of Don  
Hidalgo, and feels affronted because his  
Cabinet compels him, through the crisis  
of the Cortes, to acquiesce in the last ap-  
pointment. It is given out that Zorilla  
will retire to private life if the King per-  
sists in his resolve to abdicate. A num-  
ber of the Cortes, belonging to the most  
advanced section of the Republican party  
held a meeting yesterday to consider  
what action should be taken in the crisis.  
About thirty persons were present.  
They resolved to maintain a pacific yet  
energetic attitude, and if the King's de-  
termination be irrevocable, encourage  
orderly manifestations in favor of the  
establishment of the Republic.

The snow interfered with the opera-  
tions against the Carlists. General Mor-  
iones, Commander-in-Chief of the Army  
in the North, is making a forced march  
in the hope of overtaking General Olio,  
who, at the head of 2,000 insurgents, has  
again entered the Province of Navarre.  
The Carlists bands under the command of  
Santa Cruz, Maesaga, and Irujo,  
have effected a junction in the Province  
of Guipuzcoa.

New York, Feb. 10.—The rumor of the  
death of Thurlow Weed is without founda-  
tion.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 11.—An old  
wall of the Ferguson House in this city  
fell yesterday afternoon, crushing a frame  
house alongside in which lived a family  
named Donahue. Mrs. Donahue and her  
daughter, together with a young lady  
named Keely, were instantly killed. An-  
other daughter had an arm broken in two  
places, one leg broken and her breast  
crushed in, but is still living.

Utica, N. Y., Feb. 10.—Richard W.  
Hughes committed suicide at New Hart-  
ford last night by cutting his throat  
while in a fit of temporary insanity.  
Andrew Gethman committed suicide by  
hanging in Columbia, this morning.  
Additional particulars of the Scrub Grass  
Railway give an enlarged list of wounded  
but only one more seriously injured. It  
is now positively known that there were  
but three persons killed, one news boy  
and two unknown men. The train was  
running on time and no blame is attach-  
ed to the officers of the Road. The dis-  
aster was purely accidental and unavoid-  
able.

**Great Fire in Goderich.**  
**Loss Over \$60,000.**  
Special to MERCURY per Dominion Line.  
Goderich, Feb. 11, 1873.—A fire broke  
out this morning, about half-past one, in  
rear of D. McKenzie's jewelry store,  
which spread to the adjoining  
buildings, and Wadell's Exchange  
office, Mrs. McMillan's restaurant,  
Knight, hair-dresser, Mrs. Warnock's  
fancy store, John Atchison & Co., dry  
goods. The heaviest loser by the fire is  
Mrs. Geo. Davis, store and dwelling, very  
little being saved. Loss about \$15,000.  
On buildings, besides tremendous loss of  
goods, which would amount to another  
\$15,000. As usual there was no water,  
&c. The fire department is in a wretched  
condition. Although the attention of  
the Town Council has been frequently  
called to the matter, up to the present,  
negligence to adopt any measures to  
remedy the evil is apparent. It was only  
by great exertions that the adjoining  
block, containing four stores and the  
restaurant, was saved. The cause of  
the fire is believed to have been ineen-  
diarism.

## Local and Other Items.

The Toronto winter trotting races will  
come off on the 18th, 19th and 20th of  
February.

The master tailors of St. Catharines  
have agreed between themselves to ad-  
vance the price for cutting garments,  
said advance to take effect on Monday  
the 10th inst.

The income Franchise Bill provides  
that all persons having an income of  
\$300 in towns, and \$200 in villages, will  
be allowed to vote at the local elections  
in Ontario.

New County.—Arrangements are being  
made for grouping the townships of Mus-  
koka for municipal purposes. Next year  
the Muskokaites look for the formation  
of a new county.

ON THE SAME EQUALITY.—The Agricul-  
tural Society of Muskoka is to be placed  
on the same equality with other similar  
societies in the Dominion, and will be  
entitled to a Government grant of \$700.  
This will be a great boon to the farmers.

HOTEL-KEEPING in St. Catharines must  
be a tip-top business when a man is less  
than three years can make over ten  
thousand dollars without any capital at  
the start.—This has been done, and  
speaks well of the business of the place.  
—Times.

ELDER VESSELS ROBBED.—On Sunday  
last eight vessels were broken into at  
Port Colborne, but the amount stolen  
cannot yet be ascertained until the  
several masters return to their ships.  
The arrests have been made, and more  
are expected.

RETURNED.—The Hamilton Times says:  
The buffalo-robe advertised by Mr. Now-  
lan, was returned by the honest little fel-  
low who had picked it up. He was liber-  
ally rewarded. We hope that the boy  
may live to become a man, and that his  
principle of honesty will never forsake him.

A DRUNKEN fellow had wandered into a  
Sunday School and took a seat among  
the primer scholars, when the teacher  
accosted him with, "Why, James, do you  
know what condition you are in?" "Yes,  
m'm,—in the gall of bit'ness," was his  
bonded 'niquity. Ask me some hard  
questions."

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.—At 12 o'clock on  
Monday a man by the name of Asia  
Wilsie, one of the firm of Wilsie & Press,  
was sawing shingle bands in a shingle  
factory when one end of the band flew  
from the saw, striking him on the face  
and breaking the jaw bone. Up to one  
o'clock he was living, but is not expected  
to survive.

SUSPECTED MURDER.—An old woman  
named Beggs, living in Faversham, is  
supposed to have been murdered in her  
bed, last week, by her husband, an old  
pensioner. As yet there is a great deal  
of mystery connected with the case.  
Beggs himself was under the influence of  
liquor at the time, and was just in receipt  
of his pension. When sober he bore a  
very respectable character.

APPALLING.—The New York Times of  
Saturday says that three new murders  
occurred since one o'clock yesterday after-  
noon! A jealous husband wreaking his  
vengeance on his wife, a hot-headed boy  
killing his playmate after a childish  
quarrel, and a laborer brutally assaulting  
another in Hoboken; such is the start-  
ling array of crime for the last twelve  
hours. Where is all this to end?

HAMILTON CENTRAL FAIR.—On Saturday  
last a meeting of the North and South  
Wentworth and Hamilton Electoral Divi-  
sion Agricultural Societies took place in  
Hamilton, at which the three societies  
amalgamated, for the purpose of holding  
a great Central Fair, such as was held in  
that city in 1871. Mr. Weir was appoint-  
ed Secretary in room of the late Mr.  
Cooley. An Executive Committee was  
also appointed to make the necessary  
arrangements for holding the Fair, which  
was appointed to be held the week after  
the Provincial Exhibition at London.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.—On Saturday  
morning last, says the St. Catharines  
News, the wife of Wm. R. Senior, residing  
on Fourth-Street attempted to destroy  
herself after the most approved Chinese  
fashion. The unfortunate woman stab-  
bed herself in the abdomen with an old  
chisel, inflicting a horrible wound, from  
which it is doubtful whether she can re-  
cover. Her husband was on business in  
Philadelphia at the time of the unfortu-  
nate occurrence.

A BIO PIG.—Mr. T. Kinmer of Schom-  
berg has in his possession a barrow weigh-  
ing 1,140 pounds. He stands about four  
feet high and resembles a hippopotamus  
more than a pig. Mr. T. Kinmer has  
been offered \$90 for this large specimen  
of swine, but he holds out for an even  
\$100. This beastly matter is a kin to the  
breed mentioned in Swinerton's Travels,  
which he met with in the interior of  
Africa.

GREAT STRIKE IN WALES.—Sixty thou-  
sand colliers are now on strike in Wales.  
It is the iron-workers' colliers that have  
just struck, and the iron-workers, who  
would have been kept to their employ-  
ment, are also thrown out against their  
will. Six months ago the colliers got an  
advance of ten per cent on their wages.  
Soon after they demanded another ten  
per cent. This was refused, and on a  
threat of a lock-out the demand was with-  
drawn. Now, the masters finding prices  
declining, insist upon taking off ten per  
cent, already conceded, and going back  
to the old scale.

WAS IT SACRILEGE.—The editor of the  
Brookbridge Advocate has recently re-  
ceived a communication, loudly com-  
plaining that the lamps were taken out  
of a Presbyterian church, to illuminate  
a tavern where a dance was held, on the  
24th ult. The editor becomes as indig-  
nant as his correspondent, and demands  
an explanation from the trustees. They  
are funny fellows up in that northern  
country, and require somebody to look  
after them. The bare idea of putting  
church to drive any man mad, and the  
indignant populace, no doubt, will have  
the perpetrator brought to justice at the  
earliest possible moment.

## THE LATE MURDER IN OSPREY.

Arrest of the Murderer.

**He Hangs Himself in his  
Cell.**  
SPECIAL TO EVENING MERCURY.  
Owen Sound, Feb. 11, 1873.

Last evening two constables arrived  
here, having in charge the man Beggs  
from the Township of Osprey, on a  
charge of murdering his wife in bed the  
previous Saturday.

He was placed in his cell in the gaol  
about five o'clock, and at eight was found  
dead, he having taken a sheet from the  
bed, tied one end round the grating above  
the door, then a turn round his neck,  
holding the other end in his hand.

When found he was still warm, and  
grasping the end of the sheet firmly, his  
head not being much more than two or  
three feet from the ground.

The prisoners in the adjoining cells  
did not hear any noise.

An inquest is being held to-day.

## Suspected Incendiarism.

Uxbridge, Feb. 11.  
The enquiry before the Magistrate  
into the suspected incendiarism of the  
Dominion Block, resulted in the com-  
mittal of J. C. Fawcett, who has been  
admitted to bail, and will be tried at the  
spring assizes in Whitchurch.

## Train off the Track.

Wonderful Escape.

(BY ONE OF THE PASSENGERS.)

As the 6:50 train leaving Guelph on  
Monday morning got about six miles  
south of the town, and within about two  
miles of Hespeler, a sudden jumping of  
the cars off the train gave the passengers  
warning that something unusual had oc-  
curred. The train, consisting of three  
freight cars, a postal and baggage car,  
and two passenger cars, continued on  
their way, not rejoicingly, but rocking to  
and fro in a frightful way. The engine  
whistled on brakes, but as some of these  
were broken by the jolting of the cars,  
the train could not be brought to a stand-  
still till about 400 yards had been trav-  
elled, with the mail and baggage car,  
and the front wheels of one of the pas-  
senger cars, off the track. On ascertaining  
the cause, it was found that one of  
the rails had broken by the severe frost,  
and a piece of it, about four feet, broken  
into small fragments. Fortunately the  
distance the train ran since leaving the  
rails was on the level, or the damage to  
the rolling stock and injury to passen-  
gers would have been great. Fortunately  
none of the passengers were hurt, except  
one, who received a bruised face through  
jumping off the cars into the snow. The  
mail van is badly broken, and the fish  
platform, &c., of the rails are broken off  
for a long distance. It is a wonder more  
damage was not done, as the two cars  
that left the rails jumped over a cattle-  
guard, and had the train gone a dozen  
yards further, it would have had to  
jump another guard, and at that point  
there was a deep embankment, the proba-  
bility being that the whole train would  
have been thrown over. Mr. Conductor  
Carey, who had charge of the train, made  
all necessary arrangements, and had the  
passengers stowed away on the engine  
and in one of the freight cars, till Hes-  
peler was reached, when a nice grain car  
was improvised for the use of the passen-  
gers, all of whom arrived at Harris-  
burg with about an hour's delay. Means  
were at once taken to have the road  
cleared with all despatch, and it was ex-  
pected the trains would run all right in  
the course of the day.

## Ontario Legislature.

Feb. 10.

A large number of petitions were pre-  
sented.

Mr. Meredith asked whether it was the  
intention of the Government during the  
present session to introduce a measure to  
provide for the consolidation of the gen-  
eral Statute Law of the Province of On-  
tario.

Attorney-General Mowat replied in the  
negative.

Mr. Lander moved for a return of all  
lands sold or leased by the Government,  
between the first day of December, 1871,  
and the present time, to members of this  
House, or to any firm or company in  
particular, including mineral locations and  
licenses to cut timber on the lands of the  
Crown, and also all renewals of such li-  
censes.

Carried.