

# Guelph Evening Mercury

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GUELPH ONT., CANADA, MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 15, 1869.

PRICE ONE PENNY

## SITUATION WANTED.

Wanted by a young man a situation as Book-keeper in any business place in town or country. Would be willing to take charge of a commission business, and make himself generally useful in any capacity. Good references. Apply at the Mercury Office, Guelph, 9th February. dwt

## NOTICE—ACCOUNTS.

Notice is hereby given that all accounts due the late firm of Galbraith and Beattie, addressees, must be settled by the 1st of March. If not settled by that date they will be paid to the hands of A. Baker, Esq., Clerk of the Division Court, for collection. Guelph, 5th Feb. dwt

## MONEY TO LEND.

The undersigned are requested to obtain Farm securities for several thousand dollars, to be lent at moderate interest. LEMON & PETERSON, Barristers, Solicitors, &c. Guelph Dec. 9th, 1868. dwt

## PUBLIC NOTICE.

The subscriber begs to intimate that during his absence in England all orders left at the shop will be promptly attended to as usual. Parties indebted to him will please call at his home and settle as early as possible. W. H. JACOMB. Guelph, 6th Jan. dwt

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

The subscriber begs to inform his patrons and the public that during his absence in Scotland his business will be carried on as usual. Parties requiring work will please call at his shop, Market Square, where all orders will receive prompt attention. Guelph, 6th Jan. dwt JAS BARCLAY.

## INSOLVENT ACT OF 1864 & 1865

In the matter of George Lewis, late of the village of Acton, an insolvent. The creditors of the insolvent are notified to meet at my office, No. 8 Front Street, Toronto, on the 17th day of February instant, at one o'clock p.m., for the purpose of examining the insolvent and the ordering of his estate generally. And the said insolvent is hereby notified to attend the said meeting. Dated at Toronto this second day of February, 1869. THOMAS CLARKSON, Official Assignee.

## NEW METHOD FOR THE PIANO.

Ahead of all competitors is RICHARDSON'S NEW METHOD FOR THE PIANO. It is the only book the teacher requires, and the book every pupil is attracted to. 150,000 copies already sold and the demand greater than ever. 20,000 copies now selling every year. Its lessons are adapted to pupils of all ages, and its exercises attractive and useful in every stage of advancement. This book has on account of its actual merit, become the standard work of piano instruction, and the only one which every well-informed teacher and scholar uses. Price, \$2.75. Sent post-paid on receipt of price. O. DITSON & CO., Publishers, 277 Washington Street, Boston. G. H. DITSON & CO., 715 Broadway, New York.

## R. J. JEANNERET.

Established in London, Ont. 1842 and in Guelph 1863.

## WORKING WATCHMAKER AND JEWELRY DAYS BLOCK.

Opposite the Mark Guelph. Just received a choice variety of Cheap Goods suitable for Christmas and New Year's gifts. Particular attention paid to repairing of Watches, Clocks and Jewellery. Guelph, December 17th. dwt

## GREAT WESTERN HOTEL.

JOHN HEWEL, Proprietor. The subscriber having lately leased the above Hotel, would respectfully inform his friends and the travelling public generally that he has thoroughly renovated and refurnished the premises throughout, and is also making other improvements which will render its accommodations for guests second to none in town. The table will always be supplied with the choicest market articles, and the bar with pure liquors and the best brands of cigars. Nothing will be left undone to ensure the comfort of all who may favor it with their patronage. Extensive stabling attached, capable of accommodating 200 horses. An attentive hostler always in attendance. Stages call at all parts of the country at this hotel daily. Guelph, 9th February. dwt

## VICK'S FLORAL GUIDE FOR 1869

The first edition of one hundred thousand of VICK'S ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE OF SEEDS and GARDEN FRUIT. It is a more public than ever. It makes a work of 100 pages, beautifully illustrated with about 150 fine wood engravings of flowers and vegetables, and is a beautiful and useful work. It is the most beautiful, as well as the most instructive Floral Guide ever published, giving plain and thorough directions for the culture of flowers and vegetables.

## THE CULTURE OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES.

The Floral Guide is published for the benefit of my customers, to whom it is sent free without obligation, but will be forwarded to all who apply by mail for Ten Cents, which is not half the cost. Address: JAMES VICK, Rochester, N. Y. February 10. dwt

## HAMILTON DYE WORKS.

Two doors from the Royal Hotel. Established 1856. Silks, Satins, Merinos, Damasks, Mouslin Table Covers, &c., &c., dyed and finished. British and Foreign shawls cleaned and pressed. Kid gloves cleaned. Feathers cleaned, dyed and mended. JAMES CONNER, Hamilton. Or orders left at J. HUNTER'S Berlin Wool and Fancy Goods Store, Wyndham-st., will receive prompt attention. For price list and further information apply to J. HUNTER, Guelph, 5th Feb. dwt

## NEW AUCTION ROOMS.

GEO. LESLIE, Auctioneer and Commission Merchant. No. 3 Day's Block, Guelph. (Next door to Carroll's Grocery Store). Every attention paid to Sales of Merchandise, Household Furniture and Farm Stock.

## BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.

CHURCH-ST. GUELPH. MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will reopen (D. V.) on the 4th of January, 1869. Guelph, 24th December. dwt

## Explosion at Clark's Refinery. THREE MEN INJURED.

At a few minutes past 7 o'clock this (Monday) morning, a serious accident occurred at Mr. O. Clark's coal oil refinery, near the Great Western Railway Station in this town, by which three of the employees were seriously injured—the refusal. It appears that shortly after beginning work this morning, Wm. Pringle, and Thomas Smith went into the still for distilling the coal oil for the purpose of cleaning it out; and the cover of the still had just been taken off by another of the employees named Thomas Kirkby, who was on the roof of the building, when Pringle lit a match, and the gas which had been confined in the still since Saturday night at once ignited and exploded in a column of fire many feet high, throwing Smith from the still to near the edge of the roof, a distance of some fifteen feet, and burning him fearfully about the hands and face. Pringle was not thrown at all, but remained in his place, from which he was extricated by some of the hands, and was found to have received very serious injuries as to render his recovery very doubtful. The skin of the greater portion of his body was literally peeled off in strips, and his sufferings were intense—parts of his clothing having also been burnt off his body. Kirkby, who was on the roof at the time, was burnt about the face and hands, but less severely than the other two. The three injured men were at once taken home, and the services of Drs. Tuck and McGuire brought into requisition for their relief, and they are now doing as well as possible under the circumstances. It is rather singular that the building where the accident occurred was not in any way injured; and looking at all the circumstances, it is a wonder that either of the three men escaped with their lives.

## Erin Township Council.

The Council met at Town Hall, Erin village, on the 8th inst. Members all present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Mr. Johnson moved, Mr. Currie seconded, that \$20 be returned to Mr. W. Noble, being amount of on returned taxes. Carried. Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that the County Treasurer be directed to erase from his books the back taxes charged against lot 13, in the 11th Con. of Erin. Carried. The petition laid over from last meeting relative to the union of School Section numbers 4 and 15 was called and considered, and on motion of Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Johnson, a By-law was introduced uniting school sections Nos. 4 and 15, which was read a first and second time. Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Berry, that one dollar be returned to Ronald Johnson, he having been taxed for a dog he never owned. Carried. The Council on motion formed a committee of the whole on By-law No. 3 uniting school sections No. 4 and 15—Mr. Johnson in the chair. By-law filled up and boundaries defined—the committee rose. By-law No. 3 uniting school sections 4 and 15 was read a third time and passed. Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Berry, that Dr. Starr be paid \$18 for operating on James Clarke's eyes, an indigent blind man. Carried. Moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that leave be granted to introduce a By-law defining the duties of the Tavern Inspector, and that it be read a first and second time. Carried. Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Berry, that Mr. J. McEachern be paid the sum of \$6.45, for a sheep worried by dogs, including expenses. Carried. Council went into committee of the whole on By-law No. 4, defining the duties of the Tavern Inspector—Reeve in the chair. By-law filled up and committee rose. By-law No. 4 was read a third time and passed. On motion by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Currie, the collector was paid his salary, \$80, also \$2 discount on silver and \$1.50 for attending one session of Council. Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Berry, that a Benevolent committee be formed, and that the Reeve, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Currie, comprise that committee, and that the sum of \$100 be placed to the credit of the committee for the poor. Carried. Moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that Mr. J. H. Thompson be and is hereby appointed chairman to call a meeting of the ratepayers of the united school section (now called school section No. 4) for the purpose of electing Trustees of said section and that the clerk inform Mr. Thompson of the appointment. The Finance Committee met and reported as follows: Your committee would recommend that the following accounts which were under consideration be paid, namely, Robert Kennedy, for two trips to Milton with a tonnage, \$8; Messrs. McLagan & Innes, for printing, \$48.75; interest on borrowed money, \$24; M. Leith, for wood furnished to Betsy McFarlane, \$5; and to Bend. Aldous, \$4, for taking care of Mr. Rogers and child. Duncan McMillan chairman. On motion the report was adopted. Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Berry, that the Reeve employ the County Surveyor to run the line on the side road between lots 15 and 19, in the first concession of this Township, and that the clerk write to the County Surveyor to request him to attend to it as soon as possible. Carried. The Auditors brought in their report, which was read and, on motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Berry, the report was adopted and the clerk instructed to get 50 copies of it printed and distributed. On motion the Reeve ordered that the Auditors be paid for their services. Moved by Mr. Currie, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that leave be granted to bring in a By-law granting certificates of license to shop and Tavern Keepers, and that it be read a first and second time. Carried. Moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that the clerk be directed to give notice that all persons intending to apply for certificates of license must do so at the next meeting of Council to be held on the 1st day of March, and bring forward Inspector's certificates and money; in default no certificates will be granted. Carried. Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Currie, that in consequence of a petition laid before the Council from certain parties within this municipality, John Clarke is hereby required to give a lease of the hall, known as the Town Hall, Erin, for the term of 21 years for the use of the ratepayers of this Township whenever they may want it, and also to be open at all times for municipal purposes. Carried. The Council adjourned until Monday, March 1st. Wm. TYLER, Tp. Clerk.

## Saturday Night in Guelph.

For a town of its size and population, Guelph has no reason to be afraid of any comparison with other places in the matter of law and order on any day of the week; and as a rule, on Saturday nights—which by too many are looked upon as proper occasions for uproarious merriment and festivity—our town settles gradually and calmly down into its Sabbath rest. At six o'clock the tradesmen lay down the various implements of their craft; at seven, the bar-rooms close, and invitations to friends to "take just one more horn," with the stereotyped reply, "I don't mind if I do," are brought to a summary termination; and the thirsty crowds reluctantly leave the portals where Bacchus presides, loudly grumbling at the hard-hearted provisions of the liquor law. They cordially agree with the opinion of the hoary-headed old sage, who, as the song runs, being asked by a youth to "Smile threesome, sage, and tell 'What is bliss, and which the way? Thus I spoke, and speaking sighed, Scarce repressed the rising tear: When the hoary sage replied, Come, my lad, and drink some beer."

## MILITIA GENERAL ORDER.

The following General Orders have been published relating to the enrolment of the reserve militia, under the provisions of the 25th section of the Act respecting the Militia and Defence of Canada.—His Excellency the Governor General in Council has been pleased to direct that the day on which the taking of the enrolment of militia for 1869 shall be commenced in each of the several military districts shall be fixed for Monday, 22nd February. Officers of the reserve militia of the militia, are therefore to proceed as required by law.

## EXPORTING HIS WARES BEYOND THE SEA.

On the occasion of the visit to Stratford of Mr. Kennedy, Scottish Vocalist, says the Stratford Beacon, he visited the ware-rooms of his old friend Mr. David Campbell, cabinet maker and upholsterer, who halls from the same locality in and Scotland, and gave Mr. Campbell *carte blanche* to execute an order of from eight hundred to one thousand dollars worth of various articles of the best class of furniture for shipment to Scotland, which we learn will be forwarded early in the spring. Mr. Kennedy having by his splendid vocal accomplishments and unrivalled delineations of Scottish characteristics amassed a fortune, intended his return from California to sail for his native land, where he proposes for a time at least to live in retirement.

## FIRE IN BRAMPTON.

On Tuesday evening about 3 o'clock, a fire broke out in Brampton, by means of which the British Arms Hotel, with adjacent exhibition hall and stables, and the residence and tailoring establishment of Mr. Crozier, were destroyed. The fire originated in the loft over the stable, from some unknown cause. There were a number of valuable horses in the stable, but such was the rapidity with which the flames spread, that notwithstanding all, three animals perished. All of the buildings were of wood, except the hotel, which was a three-story brick. Fortunately the night was calm, or the fire would have been more extensive, as the firemen were embarrassed from want of water. Loss about \$8,000, insured for 3,800.

## A CONTENTED BREWER.

We find in the Ottawa Times the letters of a correspondent in Waterloo County, and in one of them appears the following Hamburg item: "Hamburg, the other day, I met with a very rare and valuable specimen of a German settler. He was very stout and very heavy, and the largest glass-case I ever saw would have cramped him, while there is no collection in this world with a shelf strong enough to bear his weight. Otherwise I would have liked to have purchased him on scientific speculation, and consigned him to such museum as would bid the highest for so marvellous an addition to its catalogue. He was—listen to it reverently—contented brewer! He had no complaint whatever against the working of the system under which he mashed. If there was one such other Canadian alive, what a pair the two would make together. But alas! it is unique, and from Dan to Beer's cha is his fellow wanting. With him everything was rose-colour. He never was annoyed, nor interfered with, and the inspectors were 'Just so nice men as never was.' Perhaps Mr. Brund knows his name, and perhaps too, either he or Mr. Roming, could satisfactorily unravel the mystery of his stolid satisfaction. 'Just so nice men would confer a great boon upon the curious world, if they only condescend to such an elucidation."

## ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE.

A large crop of titled individuals is shortly springing up, invested with the order established in April, 1818, by "his most sacred Majesty King George III., of blessed memory" and we may expect almost every day to hear that such-and-such a politician, railroad contractor, or scientific personage, is to have the title of "Sir" before his christian name. The country will be flooded with these car-pet-knights before long, and probably after we have got accustomed to see so many of our citizens decorated with the order of St. Michael and St. George, something new will be wanted, and real live lords will be created. This, with a king at the head, would make the farce complete.

## LUTHER COUNCIL.

The officers appointed at the last meeting of this Council are: R. H. Cole, assessor; A. Nunn, collector (west), and J. Davey, collector (east); W. Luxton, tavern inspector; R. Henderson, treasurer. Pound Keepers: W. White, W. Hollis, G. Henderson, J. Hunter, W. Simpson, A. Akenon, Edw. Farze, M. McMirey and J. Johnston. Fence Viewers: G. Middleton, S. Jackson, J. Quirt, W. Fitzpatrick, W. Hamilton, S. Robinson, J. McLuhan, D. Harnot, G. Todd, A. Crichton, S. Campbell, T. Simm, S. Graham, J. Locke, A. McLellan, R. Simpson, G. Deacon and J. Johnston.

## Intemperance is the great national vice of Sweden.

It has become so alarming that the Legislature is called upon to interfere. Even the victims, it is said, join the cry. The King of Sweden sympathises with the temperance men, but hesitates to act. The agitators call for a statute rigidly prohibiting the manufacture of liquor. A New York philanthropist attempted to reclaim a social evil by marrying her, but as he has been obliged at last to have her locked up on a criminal charge, it appears he didn't succeed.

## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

It is reported that Parliament is to be called together on the 3rd of April.

## "Judge and Jury," a humorous, though irreputable performance, has been suppressed by the London Police.

The old folio pulpit Bible, with its original binding and brass mountings, used by old Samuel Wesley, and his sons John and Charles, is now offered for sale.

## Accounts from Hants County, Nova Scotia, are very contradictory regarding Mr. Howe's prospects. The Repeal League are making great efforts, and the contest will evidently be severe.

The Owen Sound Advertiser gives full particulars about the mysterious threatening letters sent to Mr. Harrison of that place, for the detection of the author of which the Town Council have offered a reward of \$1,000.

A doctor in Missouri has been detected in poisoning his patients, which he has been accustomed to do in a cautious and stealthy manner. On examination he was found to be insane, and yet he had been practising for months in that condition.

A cold climate seems to be favourable to long life. According to a Russian journal, published during 1868, at Irkutsk, Siberia, included six persons over 110 years of age. Two had reached their 128th year, and one died at the age of 131. Three others were more than a century old.

An insane man named Hofer, living in the outskirts of Hannibal, Mo., murdered his daughter, ten years of age. He strangled her with a strap, then cut her body in two, and otherwise mutilated it. He was arrested, and when asked why he committed the deed, replied that he offered her as a sacrifice to Christ.

The abolition of the rank of Ensign, it is reported, has met with the particular approval of the Commander-in-Chief, who is most anxious to open more widely to the non-commissioned officers the door to the commissioned ranks; thus the captain is a necessity, the lieutenant is his deputy, but the supernumerary ensign will have his place in future occupied by a supernumerary sergeant.

## CHURCH ROBBED IN STRATFORDVILLE.

Some sacrilegious wretches entered the Presbyterian Church, Stratfordville, on Saturday night, by forcing one of the basement windows and abstracted therefrom a cash box containing the Sunday School collections for the past year. After partaking of refreshments in the shape of Sacramental wine, they carried away the remainder for future use. No trace has been found to the perpetrators of this mean action.

## THE WEATHER.

About three o'clock on Sunday morning a snow storm set in, which didn't amount to much after all, although the wind made a great fuss, and people who were snugly ensconced in bed, were deluded into the idea that we were having a regular old-fashioned snow-fall. Throughout Sunday it blew, hailed, and snowed at intervals, and by Monday morning another inch or two of snow was added to the previous fall. Today a thaw set in and the streets are sloppy and slippery. So far, the present winter has been the mildest, and in the ideas of some people, the most disagreeable, we have had for many years.

## PILKINGTON COUNCIL.

At the last meeting of Council the following officers were appointed: Clerk and Treasurer, J. Smith; Assessor, D. Wallace; Collectors, T. Marshall and W. By; Tavern Inspector, C. Strangway; Auditors, J. Kelly and T. O'Brien; Surveyor, H. Smith; Pathmasters, T. Pritchard, G. Binney, J. L. Kelly, P. Carroll; G. Ross, J. Haig, J. Jones, A. McCrea, J. Marriott, J. Ross, R. Faskin, G. Watson, R. Chambers, A. Ewing, W. Short, D. Bittner, R. Marshall, J. Stickney, J. Street, R. Hana, J. Findlay, W. Murdoch, P. Duffy, C. Amey, J. Isaac, S. Burnett, R. Irwin, R. Hunter, J. A. Hill, J. Hill, H. Howitt, W. Howard, J. Burkholder, J. D. Wallace, W. Blinco, T. Socket, F. Lasby, E. Burton, G. Nicklin, J. Hall, J. May, J. Keene, C. House, J. Hall, E. F. Passmore, J. Reminder, P. Farrer, J. Fry, R. Bain, D. Crimmins, G. Elliott, J. Shone, G. Newman, G. Hirst, and J. Astle; Fence Viewers, L. Short, A. Burnett, E. Hall, and W. Harrison; Pound Keepers, J. Miller, M. Vogt, G. Hirst, and J. Ayer.

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## LOCAL ITEMS.

Or, No.—It is not true that the editor of the Advertiser, in view of his able and consistent advocacy of Reform principles for the last score of years, is to be rewarded with the Registership of this County. The rumor is without foundation, as that office is not for brother Jonathan.

The Guelph Mercury announces the arrival of a new era in its existence—the time having come with it when it is compelled to use steam as a motive power. When the present proprietors took charge, the circulation was 318; but they anticipate that before the present winter is over it will reach 4,000 copies. The Mercury has well earned the enviable position to which it has attained.—Stratford Beacon.

NOT EXACTLY.—In a report of a lecture lately delivered by the Rev. M. S. Baldwin, of Montreal, we find the following as reported by the Daily News, of that city: "Sydney Smith said once of *Seichtmen*, that it was impossible to make one of them understand a joke, without first performing a surgical operation on his brain." The proper quotation is so well known that it is not necessary to point out the errors.

The Guelph Mercury announced in its evening edition the arrival of their new steam engine. This is the first steam engine used in a printing office in Guelph, and is another proof of the energy and enterprise which characterizes the proprietors of the Mercury. The weekly edition of that journal has increased its circulation from 318 subscribers in 1862, to nearly 4,000, in 1869, a very rapid increase indeed for a country paper.—Elmira Maple Leaf.

FIRE IN ORANGEVILLE.—About 11 o'clock on Monday night last, smoke was discovered issuing in large volumes from the dry goods and grocery store of Mr. D. Milloy, on East Broadway, and the alarm being given a number of persons soon assembled, and on entering the store found two bales of cotton batten ignited. One or two pails of water extinguished the fire, which but for its timely discovery, would probably have reduced the village to ashes. Mr. Milloy estimates his loss at \$300. The origin of the fire is unknown.

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## BY TELEGRAPH.

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

## Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

Paris, Feb. 13.—A despatch from Nica mentions the death in that city of Fued Pasha, the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs and the representative of that Government in the Conference recently in session here.

## Madrid, Feb. 13.—The proposition for a Directory has been abandoned, and a Regency and Council suggested.

London, Feb. 13.—There are over one hundred thousand signatures to the Fenian Amnesty.

## The Squabble among Curlers.

The following letter will explain the whole misunderstanding at present unfortunately existing between the Toronto and Guelph Curling Clubs: To R. H. Ramsay, Esq., Secretary of the Toronto Curling Club, Toronto.

Sir: In yesterday's Globe there is a paragraph headed "Squabble among Curlers," containing the deductions of the Toronto Club from facts which, however, they have retained from mentioning. The facts, however, are as follows: The Guelph and Fergus Clubs expected to play the Toronto Club at Guelph, on the 3rd of February, as previously arranged, provided the latter could make arrangements with London club to play them the following day. About noon on the 2nd a telegram was received at Guelph, stating that they had not made the necessary arrangements with London Club, signed R. H. Ramsay, and later in the day another telegram was received by the Secretary of the Guelph Club, as follows, viz: To Mr. McCrea—Will be up by early train to-morrow. Must return same day. Signed, J. A. Donaldson (Secretary not being attached to either signature of the aforesaid telegrams), which from its being addressed to the Secretary of the Guelph Club by the operator, was supposed to have been from the Toronto Curlers—hence the mistake. The few Guelph Curlers present exceedingly regret that, by misdirecting of the telegram, should have led them to parties to the resolution that was published, as they entirely exonerate the Toronto curlers from the charges therein made.

The Fergus curlers, especially, put themselves to a considerable trouble and expense in consequence of said telegram being wrongly directed and misinterpreted in preparing for their Toronto opponents, and when the train arrived and no curlers, the Secretary of the Fergus club telegraphed to Toronto to know the reason, when (as he, the Secretary of the Fergus Club reported), he stated that the answer came (*unpublished*). "He did not come," the mail duly arrived but no letter, when a number of the Fergus Club and a few of Guelph being present, the said resolution was drafted, they considering that they were not honorably treated and all on account of the telegram as before mentioned. We trust this will be considered a sufficient explanation and apology. We sign the same, being three of the four Guelph curlers present when said resolution was passed.

ADAM ROBERTSON, Sr. CHARLES DAVIDSON. JAMES BOBBIE.

Guelph, February 3rd, 1869.

P.S.—We may state that we believe the Fergus Curlers, could we have an opportunity of consulting, would fully agree with all we have stated in the above communication, as at the time the resolution was passed they (the Fergus Curlers) had the same impressions with regard to the telegrams as they had. A.R. C.D.

## DR. LIVINGSTONE.

Mr. Horace Waller has received letters from Zanibar, bearing date Nov. 26, at which time no intelligence whatever had been received for a long time respecting Dr. Livingstone. The latest news from our traveler, reported him in Cuzambé's country a year ago. Letters written previously to the despatch which announced this are still missing. To quote Dr. Kirk's words, "There is no knowing where he is." Mr. Waller, however, holds that there is no actual need for much anxiety on this account. Those who know Livingstone will feel the least alarm. They will remember his indomitable perseverance; they will collect he has in all probability now in his hands the solution of the grandest geographical problem; and they will feel thankful that the last positive information reported him sound and well, and within reach of fresh stores, medicines, &c.

CLEARED OUT.—An individual named Cornell, who kept a dyeing establishment on Tower street, near the bridge, took his leave of this village some time between Sunday evening and Monday morning last. It is alleged that before starting he forgot to return a couple of silk dresses, some valuable window curtains, and a quantity of yarn, which had been left with him by various parties. We understand that he has gone towards Mount Forest, and would suggest to the publishers of the local paper there, that if he wants any printing done, they get pay for the same when they take the order. Had we done this we would be a couple of dollars better able to meet our paper maker.—Fergus Record.

Speaking of preaching, Mrs. Whelan lately said, in reply to a gentleman who said he would like to see Whelan make an honest statement involving other parties, if there were any. "No," said she, "a thousand times rather would I see him die innocent than turn informer."

The shirt collar now regarded as the most aristocratic in point of style, is called "the Sandfield Macdonald." It is about eight inches high and inclined—when worn—at an angle of about 45° from the chin.

Owing to a decline in the price of breadstuffs, the bakers of Hamilton have reduced the price of the four-pound loaf from 12½ to 10 cents.

The result of the withdrawal of the State aid from the Colleges is that they are likely to be richer and better off than ever.

One man holds the office of Assessor and Collector in Galt, at a salary of \$140 for the former, and \$175 for the latter work.

There is not the slightest change to report in today's market, and little of anything came in.