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GUELPH, ONT., CANADA, WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 30, 1870.

PRICE: ONE PENNY

BUSINESS CARDS.

Boarding & Day School.

MRS. W. M. BUDD will re-open her School for Young Ladies and Little Boys, on Monday, the 5th Sept. Private lessons given on the Piano, Organ and Violin. Residence: Woolrich st., near the Guelph Marble Works. aug 24

BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.

Church St. Guelph.

MRS. WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her School will (re-)open on MONDAY, the 22nd AUGUST.

WILLIAM HART.

CONVEYANCER, Land and General Agent, Negotiator of Loans, &c. Office hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Office: No. 4 Day's Block.

A. H. MACDONALD.

BARRISTER AND ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Solicitor in Chancery, &c. Office—Quebec-st., over Dr. Clarke and Pugh's Office, Guelph.

STEPHEN BOLT.

ARCHITECT, CONTRACTOR and BUILDER. Residence: 100 Wellington-st., Guelph. Office: 100 Wellington-st., Guelph. March 17 1870 dwy

GEORGE PALMER.

BARRISTER AND ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Solicitor in Chancery, &c. Office—Quebec-st., over Dr. Clarke and Pugh's Office, Guelph.

W. E. BESSEY, M.D., C.M.

(LATE OF MONTREAL). GRADUATE OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY and Licentiate and Member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Q.C. Residence: that of the late Dr. PARKER, M.P. Hours of consultation—8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 6 to 9 in the evening.

DR. BROOK.

PHYSICIAN, SURGEON, &c. HAS RESUMED THE PRACTICE OF HIS profession in the Town of Guelph. Office in Healy's Drug Store, next door to the Post Office. Will be found, if required during the night, at Miss Card's, next door to Bolt's Factory, Quebec Street East.

DR. G. W. THOMAS.

V. S. Graduate Ontario Veterinary College. Office—Royal Hotel Livery Stables, Guelph, Ont. A vacancy for a pupil. November 15th

PARKER'S HOTEL.

(LATE LINDSAY'S) EAST MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH

The undersigned having leased the above well-known Hotel best adapted for all customers and the travelling community generally that it will be conducted as heretofore with every regard to the comfort and convenience of guests. Having had several years experience in the hotel, the subscriber trusts that his knowledge and efforts to accommodate them will merit and receive the large share of the public which this popular hotel has so long enjoyed. Every accommodation for boarders and travellers. Excellent stabling for horses. JAMES PARKER, Guelph, Sept. 27, 1870. dwf

UNION HOTEL.

JOSEPH HIRSCH, Proprietor, Macdonnell Street.

The subscriber having completed the erection of the above, respectfully solicits a renewal of the patronage of his friends both in town and country. The hotel is a commodious one, and provided throughout with new furniture. Every care will be paid to the table, and travellers will find the accommodation in all respects equal to any in town and at the lowest prices. Wine, Spirits and Cigars of the best brands, one trial of which will ensure continuance. Extensive stabling. JOSEPH HIRSCH.

LIVERY STABLE.

There is a Livery Stable in connection with the hotel. Horses and carriages can be had at a moment's notice. Guelph, Sept. 19, 1870. dwy

NEW GOODS.

THE LARGEST STOCK OF Berlin, Fleecy and Finishing Wools. West of Toronto at.

J. HUNTER'S.

FANCY GOODS in great variety At J. HUNTER'S

TOYS, TOYS, TOYS.

An immense stock At J. HUNTER'S

Stamping from newest designs. Knitting done to order. Butterick's celebrated patterns of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Garments at Hunter's.

DRESSMAKING.

At J. HUNTER'S, Wyndham Street, Guelph, Oct. 11, 1870.

FINE GOLD JEWELRY.

BRIGHT GOLD JEWELRY Silver Jewelry Coloured Gold JEWELRY Plated Jewelry Jet Jewelry Rubber Jewelry JUST OPENED D.SAVAGE'S, Wyndham Street, Guelph, Nov. 8, 1870. dw

LAMPS

A large assortment of Coal Oil Lamps just received by

A. B. PETRIE.

Call and examine them before purchasing elsewhere. Will be sold lower than by any other house in town.

COAL OIL

ALWAYS KEPT ON HAND. A. B. PETRIE, Chemist, Guelph, Oct. 18

ETNA

Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut. Incorporated A. D. 1820; Commenced business in Canada in 1850.

Accumulated assets, over \$12,000,000 Annual income, over 7,000,000 Deposited with Canadian Government 100,000 Already paid to widows and orphans 80,000 Assets \$135 for every \$100 in liabilities.

All Policies Strictly Non-forfeiting.

No money paid to this Company can ever be lost. After two payments have been made, a paid-up policy is issued for more than the cash received. Dividends paid annually, commencing at the end of the first year. Parties contemplating Life Insurance would do well to call on the undersigned, and ascertain the rates, &c., of the ETNA before closing elsewhere.

HIGINBOTHAM & WALKER

District Agents, Guelph, July 18, 1870.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR

FRESH GROUND AT JOHN A. WOOD'S, Alma Block

Glasgow Corn Flour

AT JOHN A. WOOD'S

NEW LEMONS

And Grapes at JOHN A. WOOD'S

Seedless Muscatel Raisins,

Sultanas, Loose Muscatels, Layer Raisins for Dessert—extra large New Patras Currants, Turkey Figs, JOHN A. WOOD'S

INCERSOLL FACTORY CHEESE

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL JOHN A. WOOD, Guelph, 26th October dw

PRIZE DENTISTRY

DR. R. CAMPBELL, OFFICE next door to the Advertiser's Office, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

References:—Dr. Clarke & Orton, Dr. Gaire, Herold and Guelph; Drs. Buchanan, Guelph; Drs. Elliott and Meyer, Dentists, Toronto. Teeth extracted without pain. Guelph, 18th Jan, 1868 dwy

GUELPH Confectionery WORKS.

ALMA BLOCK. BISCUITS and CONFECTIONERY of every description. Also a large lot of Imported FINE CIGARS. H. BERRY, Alma Block, Upper Wyndham-st, Guelph, Nov. 18 dw-12471

Cottage and Lot for Sale.

An exchange gives the following wrinkle to smokers—Always put a grain of common salt in the bowl of your pipe before introducing the tobacco. It absorbs the oil and renders the vapor cool and pleasant. Perhaps a better plan would not be to introduce the tobacco at all, but it is useless to aim at perfection.

Evening Mercury

WEDNESDAY EV'NG, NOV. 30, 1870.

Town and County News.

LECTURE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.—We are requested to state that a lecture will be delivered in the Catholic Church, Guelph, on Sunday next, at four o'clock in the afternoon; Subject: "The Pope Infallible." Admission 25 cents. Tickets to be had at the bookstores and at the door. The proceeds to be applied to the Hospital and St Vincent de Paul Society.

BEAVER CAUGHT.—The Walkerton Herald says that Mr. Hoelling, who lives within a half mile of Midway, succeeded in trapping a Beaver, which weighed 40 pounds. The animal, it appears, had got into trouble before, for one of his fore feet was off pretty short, and all healed over as perfect as if dressed by a surgeon. This is a rare catch in that part of the country.

CREDIT VALLEY RAILWAY.—A meeting was held of those interested in the construction of this railway was held at Brampton on Tuesday, when all the speakers expressed themselves highly favourable to the scheme, and promised active co-operation in obtaining the necessary bonuses. A petition was signed for a charter, and resolutions passed adopting the route via Brampton. The Mayor of Milton proposed an extension to Galt, a suggestion which met much favour.

THE ILLUSTRATED ANNUAL OF PHRENOLOGY AND PHISGONOMY.—We have received a copy of this truly interesting publication for 1871. It contains portraits, characters, and biographies of many distinguished men and women, with a large mass of instructive information upon phrenology and kindred subjects. It is a clever combination of knowledge and entertainment. Price 25 cents. Address office of Phrenological Journal, 389 Broadway, New York.

THE FESTIVAL TO-NIGHT.—The concert, supper and ball in honor of St. Andrew's Day comes off this evening in the Town Hall, when there will doubtless be a very large attendance. The Hall has been handsomely decorated for the occasion, the concert programme is one of the best and most varied ever presented to a Guelph audience, the ball programme has been carefully made up, the most pleasant amusements have been provided, and Mr. Miller of the Queen's Hotel has provided a capital supper. The entertainment will be a great success.

ACCIDENT IN PUBLICATION.—On the 26th inst., a little girl six years of age, daughter of Mr. John Bond (at the Puslinch Lake) while playing at the top of a stairway, with some other children fell to the bottom, thereby receiving a severe cut on the lower lip, and knocking in one of her lower front teeth. Dr. McIntyre, of Hespeler, dressed the wound, and she is progressing favorably. People should be cautious about the place where children play, as it is too late to see.

SCHOOL EXHIBITION.—The school-room in S. S. No. 20, Waterloo township, was filled to overflowing on Friday evening last, to see T. S. Arthur's "Ten Nights in a Bar-room" played by the teachers of the school, and several young persons of the neighborhood. The various actors went through their parts with credit, and deserving applause. Where all did so well it is difficult to particularize, but we may say, however, that Joe Morgan was there to the very life, making the blood of the audience fairly run cold with his attack of delirium tremens. Set well every appearance, when the signal for uproarious cheering. Cool, calculating Gamber Green was duly executed, while generous but misguided Willie Hammond received the sympathies of all. Simon Slade and his boy Frate acted their parts well. Morgan and Mary deserve great praise; Mable and Mrs. Slade came in for a full share of notice, and the stranger kept the play well connected. A little after 9 p.m. the play was finished, all returned home, pleased with the evening's entertainment.—Com.

A strange attempt at matrimony is made public by the Kingston Reporter. On the 16th ult., the Rev. Dr. Hodgins, Church of England minister, at that place, was called upon to perform the marriage ceremony for a couple whose names are not given, but who are described as the groom and his bride. The Rev. Dr. found the wedding party consisted of the stepfather of the bride, a village J.P., and one or two females; besides the principals, in a state of excitement, the witnesses were exceedingly anxious for the completion of the ceremony, and the bride elect crying and absolutely refusing to be married, saying she detested the man and would sooner be in her grave. In reply to the clergyman, she stated that her stepfather and friends were forcing the match upon her, against her mother's wishes as well as her own, because the man had a good farm, a certain sum of money in gold, and a number of sheep. Dr. Hodgins refused to continue the ceremony and the Rev. Mr. Hayhurst, W. M. minister, was sent for; but Dr. H. insisted on remaining until the Wesleyan minister arrived, and having informed him of the state of affairs he too declined to marry the couple. This put an effectual stop to the wedding, for before another clergyman could be found it leaked out that the expectant groom had a wife living, and three sons and a daughter grown up, and that he had been known to the stepfather and J. P. for over twenty years. It appears to have been a disgraceful conspiracy throughout, the motive for which does not appear to be all clear. Had the marriage ceremony been completed a great crime would have been committed.

The Beauties of American Custom Houses.

HOW AN AMERICAN FARMER WHO BOUGHT CATTLE IN CANADA

Mr. Wm. Hood has brought us a letter which he received from Mr. J. Whitaker, of the State of Wisconsin, in which he prefers a grievous and well-founded complaint against the Custom House officials at Port Huron, for the way they treated him when taking stock which he had bought in Canada across to the American side. We will give his statement, taken from his own letter.—He had bought a bull calf of Snell, a ran and three ewes, two pigs and some geese from the parties; also 13 sheep in Toronto, for \$130. On reaching Port Huron he went to the American Consul, who, on the payment of \$3.75, and on presenting his receipts paid for the stock, allowed him to cross the river. He then went to the Customs Officer at Port Huron, and paid 20 per cent. on value according to his receipts. After this the officer got some one to value them, which he did at the same figure as that given in his receipts. But it seems this did not satisfy the officer, who retained the stock which he had bought in Canada until Saturday morning. He then got another man to value them, and he valued the bull calf, for which Mr. Whitaker paid \$100, at \$300, three sheep bought for \$30, and a ram for \$40, valued at \$75 each, and the four rams bought for \$55 were valued at \$40 a pair, and the others in proportion. They then seized everything he had, calf, sheep, pigs and geese, and put them up at auction. He readily lists that the Customs officer and the second valuer, being relations, manage these things nicely for their own benefit. Any likely stock which comes from Canada are detained for some such reason as given above, they are then put up at auction, when the interested parties, one of whom owns a farm, bids them in, and thus gets cheap stock for his place. Mr. Whitaker is indignant at the treatment he received, and on having to leave for home without the stock he bought and paid for in Canada, and this because of the unfair dealings of an official under the pay of another Government. He states, moreover, that such outrages on proceedings deter people every day from crossing at that point, and thereby greatly injures the traffic of the Grand Trunk. He estimates that they lose in this way \$1000 a month, for during the four days he was detained at Port Huron he says he heard a number of persons declare they never would come by that route again.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

England and Austria Firm.

Russia eats the Leek.

She Agrees to a Conference.

Bismarckian Diplomacy.

Gortschakoff's Note to be Withdrawn.

London, Nov. 29.—The feeling to-day in money circles is pacific. The Times says that a violation of the treaty of 1856, cannot be permitted, and also gives a consoling picture of the neutrality of the Black Sea or a declaration of war.

It is officially stated this morning that Russia has decided to withdraw her demand and submit her proposition to the decision of the Conference.

Each Government will tender his resignation and the Queen will accept it.

Private advices from St. Petersburg say that the anti-England feeling is so strong that even old English residents find it necessary to absent themselves from public places.

Vienna, Nov. 29.—It is reported here that the recent declarations from St. Petersburg demand that preparations be made by the European powers for early action.

The Tribune's Vienna despatch says: The proposal of Prussia for a conference was submitted to the Austrian Cabinet, and accepted in principle, but the final agreement is made dependent upon a certain preliminary. A serious anxiety is now felt that the foreign office that a conference will be held. There is authority for saying that the English Government considers Prussia's intervention exceedingly useful. Prussia herself with regret and surprise of the Russian cabinet, and she concurs in the English view that if a conference is held its action must be wholly unimpeded. No doubt is left of Prussia's agreement to the principles of a conference. As for the question of withdrawing Gortschakoff's note, it will probably be avoided or evaded rather than forced to direct issue. England is disposed to be content with practical results, and if Russia agrees frankly to enter a conference opening up all questions, there will neither be difficulty about the phrases, nor unwillingness to meet her views. Bismarck's energetic cooperation elicits warm expressions from the English statesmen who a fortnight since distrusted his word.

At the Cabinet Council yesterday a despatch was read from Mr. Otto Russell, containing Count Bismarck's proposal for a conference to be held at London; also a note from Count Benetstrot to Earl Grey, stating that Prussia recommended Russia to withdraw Prince Gortschakoff's note on condition that a Conference be held. Prince Gortschakoff's second note was read a third time.

The Tribune's St. Petersburg correspondent, at six o'clock evening, says: at St. Petersburg, Turkey has not yet consented to a conference but it is thought she will, as she desires peace. Turkish statesmen are less excited than the English. It is said the Sultan has sent an autograph letter on the subject. The Exchange Gazette is glad a conference is to be held, stating that Prussia's recommendation of Russia to withdraw Prince Gortschakoff's note is not the hand which will be forced.

Erin Council.

This Council met on the 21st pursuant to adjournment—Reeve in the chair—members all present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Rott, that the Council go into Committee of the Whole on By-law No. 18, to divide the Township into Electoral divisions for Municipal elections, and appointing places for holding elections, and also appointing Returning Officers. Council in Committee—Duncan McMillan in the chair—By-law filled up, the Committee rose and the Council resumed business. Moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Rott, that By-law No. 18 be read a third time and passed. It was read. Moved by Mr. Rott, seconded by Mr. Berry, that leave be granted to bring in a By-law to appoint a place for holding the nomination, and that it be read a first and second time. It was read. Moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Currie, that this Council go into Committee of the whole on By-law No. 19, Council in Committee—Mr. Johnston in the chair—By-law filled up. The Committee rose and the Council resumed business. Moved by Mr. Currie, seconded by Mr. Berry, that By-law No. 19 be read a third time and passed. It was read and passed. Moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Rott, that Samuel Leeson of the Mobile House, Hillsburgh, be granted a certificate of licence for the remainder of this year.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Currie, seconded by Mr. Johnston, that the Treasurer be paid his year's salary, \$48, the Clerk be paid his half year's salary, \$25, and \$12 to the Tavern Inspector for his year's salary, and that the Reeve give his order for the same. Order given and cash paid. Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Currie, that the back taxes against west half lot 5, in the 5th con be struck off the Collector's Roll as it appears to be a mistake about them. Carried. Moved by Mr. Currie, seconded by Mr. Johnston, that James O'Neil's taxes, \$4.15, be refunded, on account of his barn and grain being destroyed by fire. Carried. The Finance Committee met and reported as follows:—Your Committee would recommend that the following accounts be paid, viz: Dr. Burnham for examining a lunatic \$5, Alex Smith for 5 weeks board for James Clark \$7.50. Your Committee cannot recommend the payment of J. McLean's Constable account, by this Council, in the case of G. Havenski Innis as said Havenski owns 44 acres of land and chat-

tel property likewise. All of which is respectfully submitted, D. McMillan, Chairman. Moved by Mr. Rott, seconded by Mr. Johnston, that the report of the Finance Committee be received, and the Reeve order payments. Carried. Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Currie, that the Collector be requested to charge James Sharp with 95c back taxes against lot 8, in the 6th con, as anything over that amount will be an overcharge. Carried. Moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Rott, that Thos Bennett be refunded the sum of \$1.55 overcharge on taxes for this year. Carried. Report of Benevolent Committee. Your Committee beg leave to report that the following individuals were paid the sum opposite their respective names, viz:—Becky McFarlane \$2.50, Widow McLean \$2.50, Alex Fraser \$2.50, Wm Cox \$4.00, Arthur Atkinson \$3.00, Mrs Dohall \$1.00, J. W. Hall \$1.00, Janet Brown \$7.00, Thos Lee \$2.00, Mrs Howley \$4.00, making a total of \$27.15 for the year. All of which is respectfully submitted, D. McMillan, Chairman. Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Currie, that the report of the Benevolent Committee be accepted, and that the Reeve give his order for the amount. Carried. Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Currie, that a Wheeler be refunded the sum of \$2.75 of his taxes as there is an over charge on his land. Carried. Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Berry, that the Treasurer be paid the sum of \$2 for two journeymen to the Assessor's office for the returns certified, and also 21c. for postage. Carried. Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Currie, that the account of the Clerk for special election, stationery, and registration of births, deaths and marriages, amounting to the sum of \$33.61, be paid and that the Reeve give his order for the same. Carried. Report of Special Committee appointed to make an agreement with E. Leeson, for a road around or over his pond on lot 21, con 3rd con. Your Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the proposed road around the mill pond and cannot recommend that it be accepted; but would recommend that the road be made on the 3rd line across the pond, a Leeson offers to bridge the pond at the same rate per perch as the rest of the swamp can be bridged for. Mr. Leeson at the same time is willing to allow any person or persons to pass through his fields until such time as the road is made passable across the pond. Your Committee would recommend that the sum of \$30 be granted to improve lot 32 in the 3rd con, as it is improvable at present. All of which is respectfully submitted, D. McMillan, Chairman. Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Currie, that the report of the Special Committee in reference to road across Leeson's pond be accepted, and that the Reeve and Mr. Rott be committed to expend the amount mentioned in said report. Carried. Moved by Mr. Rott, seconded by Mr. Currie, that the award of the arbitration between S. S. Nos. 5 and 7 be accepted by this Council, as it is doubtful if this Council would be justified in testing the legality of said award in the Court of Queen's Bench, and that the Reeve give his order for the sum of \$81.08; in favor of School Section No. 5. Carried. Mr. Currie was called to the chair, when Mr. Johnston moved, seconded by Mr. Berry, that the thanks of this Council are due and are hereby tendered to the Reeve for his courtesy to this Council during his sittings of the past year. Carried. To which the Reeve made a suitable reply, and on motion the Council adjourned.

WRITING CLASS AT MORISTON.

A correspondent informs us that M. Yarnard of Freehold has been teaching a writing class in Moriston, and the improvement they have shown in ten lessons is wonderful. He is about to begin another, which promises to be much larger than the last one, all those who attended the first course, being anxious to have another. Mr. Yarnard is a first class teacher, and to those who wish to improve their penmanship he is an opportunity rarely to be met with. His method is to teach the principle first, then explain the position of the body, the manner of holding the pen, and the right proportions of each letter. The pupil being once thoroughly grounded in that he soon becomes an accomplished penman.

SCHOOL EXAMINATION IN NASSAGAWAY.

The examination of the school in section No. 5, took place on Friday the 25th inst. It was conducted by the Superintendent, the Rev. J. Little. The examination reflected much credit on both scholars and teacher. The Superintendent was highly pleased at the progress of the school and congratulated Miss Black on her success for the past four years. As usual the school was filled with visitors, who after partaking of the refreshments provided by the ladies left for their respective homes, highly pleased with the day's proceedings.—Com.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

We cannot deny that we are suffering severely in our lumber regions for the want of a market for our coarse lumber. The Americans, on account of their troubles have not made any purchases in the Province the past year, and being unable to compete with the North of Europe we can't ship it to England, but serious as the matter is, it is gratifying to know that the "Canadian Pain Destroyer" is a great favorite among our lumbermen, for curing coughs, sudden colds, cramps in the stomach, burns, bruises, frost-bites, chilblains, &c and they do not depend upon a foreign market for it, it is sold by all Medicine Dealers at 25c per bottle.

The Buffalo brokers are running against each other to secure Canadian money, which is now quoted at one per cent premium, but the run is nothing compared with that after the Canadian Pain Destroyer, which the people have found out to be the very best thing for the cure of colds, rheumatism, sore throat, bowel complaints, &c. Sold by all medicine dealers at 25c. per bottle.

We have received a copy of the London Advertiser dated November 12th, as an exchange. We found the advertisements as interesting as ever, but the editorials and telegraphic news seemed a trifle stale.

The New York Independent states that the First Presbyterian Church of San Francisco has given a call to the Rev. J. K. Smith of Galt.

Goderich Correspondence.

Through the kindness of a friend I am able to furnish the following statement of the number of barrels of fish caught by the fishermen of the town during the past two months, including trout, white fish and herring. The fishermen could not get the number of each, separately, but stated that the "take" of white fish and herring was small; especially the latter, which was almost a failure. The number of barrels taken by Allan Murray was 200, Jas. Canby 250, A. McDonald 200, E. Wiggles 160, H. Bain 235, W. E. Leonard 200, H. McPherson 235, C. Dresser 75, W. Watts 200, N. McAulay 150, Neil McAulay 160, Geo. Murray 70, Jas. A. Murray 200, K. McKean 135, D. McLeod 170, Gordon & McCann 80, M. McAulay 200, D. Thorburn 100, J. Martin 50, S. Spilman 125, D. Dattwiler 75, J. McIntosh 35, N. McLean 50, J. Morrison 100, Jas. McIntosh 50, J. Macpherson 90, D. Benton 60, making a total of 5,390 barrels, exclusive of what was sent to market in a fresh state. It is to be regretted that some of the fishermen lost heavily in nets, but on the whole they have done better than they expected. The Signal, in noticing the "take," makes the following remarks: "It is generally thought by those who understand the question, that the fishing season ought to be closed on the 1st of October, as thereafter spawning commences, and the prosecution of fishing after that time would year by year diminish the success." The suggestion is timely and worthy not only of notice but of action thereon.

The County Council met on Tuesday last, and a very interesting meeting they had had. The gravel road question was the bone of contention. It stirred them up fearfully, and ended in the Council cutting off their noses to spite their faces, or in other words, instead of making the roads free they have changed the present system of collecting toll to that of collecting a full toll of 12 cents one way, and the privilege of returning toll free within 48 hours, and so the mountains has brought forth a monster. Mr. Isaac Frederick, who is about leaving here to take up his residence in the "sunny south," was on Thursday evening treated to a complimentary supper by the members of the Mechanics' Benevolent Society, of which he was the originator. The spread was in the Colborne Hotel, to which upwards of 60 of our principal townsmen sat down. The departure of Mr. Frederick leaves a vacancy that will not be easily filled. He carries with him the best wishes of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

There is not a word as to who is the successful applicant for the work in the harbor, but the general impression is that the Messrs. Brown, of Toronto, will receive the contract.

Our town is dull, and no wonder; step from the door and it is mud; go as far as you like in any direction, and it is still mud; then to the right about, and the scene is the same—nothing but mud. In our market the business is merely local—no life or activity.

The Messrs. Stanley are busy filling up the vacancy made by the late fire.

The Victoria Salt Well is now nearly ready for work again.

Goderich, Nov. 28th.

Knox's Church Social.

The social in Knox Church on Tuesday night was a great success. The attendance was very large, there being about 600 present. After an abundance of the best refreshments had been served, the company was entertained with choice pieces of music by the choir, under the leadership of Mr. Spiers. Miss Dorothy also gave her valuable assistance, and greatly delighted the audience with some beautiful selections, and feeling the evening was most pleasantly spent, and the two gentlemen who got up the social, Messrs. Robt. Mitchell and J. B. Thornton, must feel highly gratified at the success of their efforts.